Test Your Grammar Skills

100 of the Most Common Suffixes in English
(the vowel sound on the suffix is shown in red)

Suffixes with a Schwa sound (uh)

-al	animal	-er	writer	-ple	apple
-an	human	-es	buses	-ra	zebra
-ance	appearance	-est	biggest	-ren	children
-ant	important	-ful	joyful	-sion	explosion
-ar	lunar	-ial	initial	-son	person
-ard	wizard	-in	raisin	-tain	certain
-ate	accurate	-le	little	-thon	marathon
-cian	musician	-less	pointless	-tion	position
-cious	delicious	-ment	entertainment	-ule	schedule
-dom	freedom	-ness	happiness	-um	album
-ed	added	-on	cotton	-ure	measure
-en	wooden	-or	doctor	-us	focus
-ence	licence	-our	colour	-ward	forward
-ent	student	-ous	famous		

Suffixes with an i sound:

-age	bandage	-is	tennis	-it	prohibit
-ic	basic	-ish	finish	-ive	passive
-im	maxim	-ism	racism	-ship	worship
-ing	meeting	-ist	pianist		

Suffixes with an ii sound:

-cy	fancy	-ie	cookie	-ly	quickly	-ty	party
-ey	trolley	-ies	ladies	-ry	very	-y	windy

Suffixes with two vowel sounds:

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-ably	comfortably
-acy	democracy
-amy	monogamy
-archy	monarchy
-ary	dictionary
-ery	pottery
-ity	purity

-ogy	technology
-omy	astronomy
-raphy	geography

uh / uh

-able	available

i / uh

-ible	responsible
-ical	economical

uh / i

-ative	talkative

Suffixes with other sounds: **iy** -eous, -ia, -ian, -ier, -iour, -ious, -ium **eu** -o, -ow, -phobe **ai** -fy, -ise **a** -gram **o** -logue **oy** -oid

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Suffixes which are stressed:

-aise	mayonnaise	-esce	coalesce	-ette	cigarette
-ane	mundane	-ese	Chinese	-ique	unique
-ee	trainee	-esque	picturesque	-teen	nineteen
-eer	engineer	-ess	princess		