

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:

<u>uh / ii</u>			<u>i / uh</u>		
-ably	comfortably	-ogy	technology	-ible	responsible
-acy	democracy	-omy	astronomy	-ical	economical
-amy	monogamy	-raphy	geography		
-archy	monarchy			<u>uh / i</u>	
-ary	dictionary	-able	available	-ative	talkative
-ery	pottery				
-ity	purity				

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

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		