

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	anim <u>al</u>	-er	writ <u>er</u>	-ple	apple
-an	human	-es	buse <u>s</u>	-ra	zebra
-ance	appear <u>ance</u>	-est	bigg <u>est</u>	-ren	childr <u>en</u>
-ant	import <u>ant</u>	-ful	joyf <u>ul</u>	-sion	explosi <u>on</u>
-ar	lun <u>ar</u>	-ial	initi <u>al</u>	-son	pers <u>on</u>
-ard	wiz <u>ard</u>	-in	rais <u>in</u>	-tain	certain
-ate	accur <u>ate</u>	-le	littl <u>e</u>	-thon	marath <u>on</u>
-cian	music <u>ian</u>	-less	pointl <u>ess</u>	-tion	positi <u>on</u>
-cious	delici <u>ous</u>	-ment	entertainm <u>ent</u>	-ule	schedu <u>le</u>
-dom	freed <u>om</u>	-ness	happin <u>ess</u>	-um	album
-ed	add <u>ed</u>	-on	cotton	-ure	measur <u>e</u>
-en	wood <u>en</u>	-or	doct <u>or</u>	-us	focus
-ence	lic <u>ence</u>	-our	col <u>our</u>	-ward	forw <u>ard</u>
-ent	stud <u>ent</u>	-ous	fam <u>ous</u>		

Suffixes with an i sound:

-age	band <u>age</u>	-is	tenn <u>i</u> s	-it	prohibit
-ic	bas <u>i</u> c	-ish	fin <u>i</u> sh	-ive	pass <u>i</u> ve
-im	max <u>i</u> m	-ism	rac <u>i</u> sm	-ship	worsh <u>i</u> p
-ing	meet <u>i</u> ng	-ist	pian <u>i</u> st		

Suffixes with an ii sound:

-cy	fanc <u>y</u>	-ie	cook <u>i</u> e	-ly	quickl <u>y</u>	-ty	part <u>y</u>
-ey	trolle <u>y</u>	-ies	ladi <u>es</u>	-ry	ver <u>y</u>	-y	wind <u>y</u>

Suffixes with two vowel sounds:

<u>uh / ii</u>				<u>i / uh</u>	
-ably	comfort <u>ably</u>	-ogy	technol <u>ogy</u>	-ible	respons <u>ible</u>
-acy	democr <u>acy</u>	-omy	astron <u>omy</u>	-ical	econom <u>ical</u>
-amy	monog <u>amy</u>	-raphy	geogr <u>aphy</u>		
-archy	mon <u>archy</u>				
-ary	diction <u>ary</u>	<u>uh / uh</u>	<u>uh / i</u>		
-ery	potter <u>y</u>	-able	avail <u>able</u>	-ative	talk <u>ative</u>
-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	mayonn <u>aise</u>	-esce	coalesc <u>e</u>	-ette	cigar <u>ette</u>
-ane	mund <u>ane</u>	-ese	Chines <u>e</u>	-ique	uniqu <u>e</u>
-ee	train <u>ee</u>	-esque	picture <u>esque</u>	-teen	ninet <u>een</u>
-eer	engin <u>eer</u>	-ess	princ <u>ess</u>		