

Common, Useful Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-able/-ible	capable of	believable, collectible
-al/-ial	pertaining to	personal
-ance	state or condition	performance
-ant	one who (occupation), a condition	consultant, compliant
-arium	a place for	aquarium
-ate	quality of, to act upon	literate, calculate
-cian	one who	musician
-ee/-eer	one who	employee, volunteer
-ent	causing an action, one who	absorbent, student
-er/-or	one who, that which	pitcher, inspector, clipper
-ful	full of	joyful
-ic	relating to or marked by	academic
-ion/tion/-sion	a thing, noun; condition of	companion, intuition, passion
-ish	pertaining to, being	brownish
-ism	belief system, doctrine, practice	communism
-ist	believer in a system, doctrine	anarchist
-ity	state, quality of	abnormality
-ive/-tive/-ative	performing or tending toward a specific action	demonstrative
-ize	to cause to be or make	dramatize
-less	without	childless
-logy/-ology	study of	biology
-ly	resembling, having the quality of	happily
-ment	result of an action or process	excitement
-ness	quality or state of	softness
-ous, -ious, -cious	full of, having	joyous, curious, delicious

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