

Suffix	General Meaning	Examples
al	to do with	global, national
ance, ence	quality, result of an action	performance, preference, patience
ant	ing	dormant, defiant
ary	connected to	anniversary, bicentenary
ate	make into, become	complicate, differentiate
able, ible, ble	can be done	comfortable, sensible, audible, reliable
cian	person with a skill	musician, electrician
ent	ing	emergent, convergent
er, or	person or thing performing an action	teacher, actor, predator, consumer
er	comparative	higher, bigger
fy	make into, become	personify, exemplify
graph, gram	written, drawn	autograph, paragraph, parallelogram
ic	to do with	endothermic, chronic
ical	to do with	chronological, mathematical
ise	make, become	standardise, personalise
ism	a system, belief	communism, Hinduism, racism
ist	person	dentist, abolitionist
ity	state or quality of	infinity, generosity
ive	having the nature of	supportive
less	without	careless, penniless, homeless
logue	words	monologue, catalogue
ly	in this way	quickly

ment	result of an action	enjoyment, encouragement
ness	state of	kindness, happiness
ology	study of	biology, psychology
ous	full of	joyous, famous, dangerous
phobia	fear	hydrophobia, arachnophobia
ply	folds, layers	imply, multiply
pose	place, put	compose, impose
tion, sion	act, process or result	attraction, comprehension