## **Adjective Suffixes List**

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## -able (capable of)

## Examples:

Dependable (capable of being relied upon) Valuable (capable of having value)

## -al (related to, pertaining to)

## Examples:

Cultural (related to culture) Personal (pertaining to a person)

## -ful (full of)

## Examples:

Beautiful (full of beauty) Playful (full of play)

## -ic (related to, characteristic of)

## Examples:

Scientific (related to science)

Athletic (characteristic of athleticism)

## -ous (possessing, full of)

## Examples:

Courageous (possessing courage) Joyous (full of joy)

## -ish (resembling, characteristic of) Examples:

Childish (resembling a child) Reddish (somewhat red)

## -ive (having the nature of)

## Examples:

Creative (having the nature of creativity) Active (having the nature of activity)

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## -y (characterized by)





**Examples:** 

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centeredness)

Cloudy (characterized by clouds)

Cheery (characterized by cheerfulness)

## -ant (one who, that which)

**Examples:** 

## Brilliant (one who is brilliant)

## Vibrant (that which is full of life)

## -ent (having the quality of)

Selfish (having the quality of self-

## **Examples:**

Foolish (having the quality of being foolish)

-ed (having undergone a certain process)

-ing (currently performing a certain action)

## Excellent (having the quality of excellence) Different (having the quality of being distinct)

## -ish (having the quality of)

Painted (having been covered in paint)

Running (currently in the act of running)

Exciting (causing excitement)

Stressed (having experienced stress)



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## -ive (tending to)

## **Examples:**

## Talkative (tending to talk)

## Restorative (tending to restore)

## -ate (possessing, characterized by)

## **Examples:**

## Elaborate (possessing complexity)

## -able (suitable for)

## **Examples:**

## Comfortable (suitable for comfort)

-ive (causing)

**Examples:** 

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-ous (having the quality of)

Dangerous (having the quality of being dangerous)

Fabulous (having the quality of being fabulous)

Sensitive (causing sensitivity)

Mythical (related to myths)

Historical (related to history)

## Presentable (suitable for presentation)

# -ical (related to, characteristic of)



## **Suffixes Used To Form Adjectives**

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## -ly (in the manner of)

## **Examples:**

Quickly (in a quick manner) Slowly (in a slow manner)



-ward (in the direction of) **Examples:** 

-less (lacking, without)

Economic (pertaining to economics)

-ary (connected with, relating to)

Organic (pertaining to organisms)

Literary (connected with literature)

Culinary (relating to cooking)

Sleepless (lacking sleep)

Endless (without an end)

Hopeless (without hope)

-ic (pertaining to)

**Examples:** 

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**Examples:** 

Forward (in the direction of the front)

Downward (in the direction of down)

-ward (toward a specific condition) **Examples:** 

Awkward (toward a state of awkwardness)

Backward (toward a state of being behind)

## **Adjectives Suffixes Examples**

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## -like (similar to, resembling) **Examples:**



Childlike (similar to a child) Lifelike (resembling real life)

## -ible (capable of)

## **Examples:**

Flexible (capable of bending) Accessible (capable of being reached)

-ine (relating to, characteristic of)

**Examples:** 

Divine (relating to the divine) Serpentine (characteristic of a snake)

-ive (pertaining to, having the nature of) **Examples:** 

Argumentative (pertaining to arguments) Positive (having the nature of positivity)

## -ly (having the characteristics of) **Examples:**

Manly (having the characteristics of a man) Womanly (having the characteristics of a woman)

## -some (tending to, characterized by) **Examples:**

Awesome (tending to inspire awe) Troublesome (characterized by trouble) **Adjective Suffixes** 

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## -like (having the characteristics of) **Examples:**

Lifelike (having the characteristics of life) Childlike (having the characteristics of a child)

-ary (relating to) **Examples:** 

Ordinary (relating to the ordinary) Explanatory (relating to explanation)

- -ate (to make, become)
- **Examples:**

Separate (to make separate) Desperate (to become desperate)

-ive (tending to, inclined to) **Examples:** 

Talkative (tending to talk)

Sensitive (inclined to sensitivity)

-ish (somewhat, like)

Yellowish (somewhat yellow)

Sweetish (somewhat sweet)

**Examples:** 

-en (to make, become)

## **Examples:**



Lengthen (to make longer) Brighten (to become brighter)