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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Examples:

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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Examples:

-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)