

Suffixes -ment, -less, -ness

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-ment	-less	-ness
payment	worthless	darkness
fondness	replacement	restless
employment	punishment	politeness
government	priceless	friendliness
neatness	flawless	emptiness
useless	tireless	breathless
speechless	agreement	kindness

Prefixes un-, in-, dis-, mis-

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un-	in-	dis-	mis-
uneasy	insincere	dishonest	misspell
Unknown	indirect	unaware	misleading
informal	disbelief	disease	mistrust
unfasten	invisible	untidy	misbehave
inexpensive	disorder	disconnect	discourage

Adjective Suffixes -ful, -ous, -ious

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-ful	-ous	-ious
cheerful	dangerous	envious
furious	courageous	studious
wasteful	delightful	humorous
marvelous	nervous	wonderful
outrageous	poisonous	rebellious
successful	vigorous	mountainous

Suffixes -ary, -ery, -ory

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-ary	-ery	-ory	Oddball
imaginary	bravery	category	mystery
machinery	dormitory	secretary	
ordinary	directory	stationery	necessary
scenery	February	century	history
factory	stationary	inventory	victory
		delivery	

Sort 4: Suffixes -ary, -ery, -ory

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-al	-ial	-ic
fictional	colonial	magnetic
industrial	poetic	comical
territorial	accidental	arrival
tutorial	alphabetic	heroic
patriotic	dramatic	logical
memorial	rhythmic	angelic
musical	global	editorial
burial	coastal	

Adding -ion to Base Words, No Spelling Change

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Base -ct	-ct + -ion	Base -ss	-ss + ion
correct	correction	confess	confession
express	possess	instruction	impress
possession	depress	elect	process
discuss	election	discussion	select
expression	collect	impression	procession
selection	subtraction	subtract	protection
collection	instruct	depression	protect

Sort 6: Adding -ion to Base Words, No Spelling Change

Adding -ion and -ian (With No Spelling Change)

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Base -t interrupt	-t + -ion interruption	Base -ic music	-ic + -ian musician
digestion	prevent	magician	electric
exhaust	invention	optician	suggestion
clinic	digest	adoption	clinician
magic	invent	optic	suggest
exhaustion	electrician	adopt	prevention

Adding -ion (With e-Drop and Spelling Change)

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reproduce	creation	calculate
introduction	hibernation	fascinate
coordination	reduction	concentration
generation	decorate	reproduction
imitation	coordinate	reduce
imitate	concentrate	create
calculation	generate	hibernate
decoration	fascination	introduce

Consonant Alternation: Silent and Sounded

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haste	bombard	limb	moist
limber	resignation	crumb	muscle
designate	soften	column	columnist
resign	crumble	soft	hasten
muscular	design	moisten	bomb

Vowel Alternation: Long to Short

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mine	athlete	breath
breathe	revision	natural
nation	crime	athletic
grateful	ignite	nature
precise	precision	ignition

Vowel Alternation: Long to Short or /ə/

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Base Word Long Vowel	Derived Word Short Vowel	Base Word Long Vowel	Derived Word /ə/
reptile	compose	relative	composition
compete	cavity	volcanic	rite
serenity	define	reside	definition
flame	flammable	volcano	competition
confide	confidence	ritual	cave
serene	relate	majority	residence
major			

inspection	support	portable
perspective	deport	speculate
import	spectator	transport
report	prospect	portfolio
inspector	heliport	spectacle
spectacular	spectrum	opportunity

audible	contradict	auditorium
unpredictable	auditory	verdict
audience	audiotape	dictionary
predict	audition	dictator
audit	diction	audiovisual

Greek Word Parts tele-, phon-, photo-, -graph-

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tele-	phon-	photo-	-graph-
television	phonics	photograph	graphic
autograph	telegram	calligraphy	headphones
homophone	microphone	phonograph	photographer
telegraph	symphony	telephone	photocopier
telephoto			

Sort 14: Greek Word Parts tele-, phon-, photo-, -graph-

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Adding the Suffix -ity: Vowel Alteration (/əl/ to Short)

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individual	neutral	individuality	general
brutal	original	fatality	generality
normal	personality	formal	neutrality
brutality	originality	personal	normality
mental	mentality	fatal	formality
inequality	nationality	inequal	national

Adding Suffixes: Vowel Alternation (With Spelling Change)

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Base -m or -n	-ation	Base -e	-ption
exclaim	exclamation	assume	assumption
proclamation	acclaim	acclamation	consumption
presume	explain	presumption	proclaim
consume	resumption	explanation	conception
reclamation	conceive	reception	resume
reclaim	receive		

Adding the Suffix -ation: Vowel Alternation (With Spelling Change)

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verification	identification	notification
justification	simplify	simplification
verify	identify	magnify
qualify	notify	justify
clarify	clarification	purify
purification	magnification	unify
qualification	unification	multiply
multiplication		

Latin Word Roots gress, rupt, tract, mot

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gress	rupt	tract	tract	mot
progress	interrupt	attract	attraction	motion
subtract	contract	remote	regress	
erupt	distract	promotion	attraction	
rupture	traction	demote	digress	
abrupt	transgress	promote	motivate	
disrupt	tractor	emotion	extract	
motor	corrupt	interruption	bankrupt	

Sort 18: Latin Word Roots gress, rupt, tract, mot

reject	discredit	injection
eject	objection	manuscript
subject	manage	manufacture
credit	maneuver	credible
projectile	rejection	manicure
manipulate	credentials	

Latin Word Roots scrib/script, fac, struct, vid/vis

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scrib/script	fac	struct	vid/vis
scribe	factory	construct	visible
postscript	inscription	facsimile	describe
facilitate	provide	construction	visionary
televise	description	vista	transcribe
improvise	supervise	video	restructure
structure	prescribe	prescription	inscribe
manufacture	vision	visit	transcript

Sort 20: Latin Word Roots scrib/script, fac, struct, vid/vis

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duc/duct	ver/vert	fer
introduction	reverse	transfer
prefer	converse	reduce
deduct	refer	educate
convert	conduct	conductor
vertigo	conversation	defer
conversion		

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Latin Prefixes intra-, inter-, intro-, circum-

intra-	inter-	intro-	circum-
intrastate	international	introspection	circumference
intravenous	interact	intrapersonal	intracellular
circumscribe	interchange	interpersonal	intercept
introvert	intranational	circumnavigate	Internet
intramural	introduction	intragalactic	interstate

Sort 22: Latin Prefixes intra-, inter-, intro-, circum-

Adding Suffixes -ent/-ence, -ant/-ance

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-ent	-ence	-ant	-ance
different	difference	fragrant	fragrance
abundant	dependent	resident	brilliant
dependence	abundance	brilliance	residence
assistant	dominant	obedience	excellence
confidence	obedient	dominance	patient
prominent	excellent	prominence	distant
distance	relevant	patience	confident
relevance	assistance		

Sort 23: Adding Suffixes -ent/-ence, -ant/-ance

Adding Suffixes -able, -ible

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Base + -able	Root + -ible
dependable	edible
remarkable	agreeable
adaptable	laughable
plausible	profitable
legible	tangible
preferable	favorable
breakable	predictable
terrible	punishable
decipherable	eligible
feasible	possible
horrible	compatible
gullible	invincible

Adding -able and -ible (*e*-Drop; γ → i)

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e-Drop + -able	Keep e	Change y to i	e-Drop + -ible
adorable	agreeable	reliable	sensible
defensible	valuable	reusable	manageable
reversible	replaceable	undeniable	identifiable
variable	enforceable	excusable	undesirable
knowledgeable			responsible

Prefix Assimilation: in-

Sort
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in-	im-	il-	ir-
incorrect	immobile	illegal	irreplaceable
inactive	insecure	immortal	incapable
irremovable	immoral	inaccurate	irresponsible
illiterate	inescapable	immigrate	illegitimate
immature	irrational	illegal	irresistible
injustice	illogical	immeasurable	immodest
			irregular

Accent and Doubling

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Double beginner	Do Not Double canceled
leveled	forgetting
conferred	limited
quarreling	omitted
preferred	propellant
editing	magnetic
modeling	robotic
forbidden	referred
benefited	orbited

Number Prefixes mono-, uni-, bi-, tri-

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mono-	uni-	bi-	tri-
monotone	uniform	bilingual	triangle
biceps	triathlon	trigonometry	monopoly
monopod	monolingual	tricentennial	binary
bisect	monologue	bimonthly	bicameral
trilogy	tripod	triennial	monotony
universal	unilateral	biennial	unify
biweekly	monorail	tricolor	triplets

Number Prefixes quadr-, quint-, pent-, oct-, cent-

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quadr-	quint-	pent-	oct-	cent-
quadruple	quintuple	pentagon	octagon	centimeter
Octet	percentage	quintuples	pentangle	quadrant
quadrangle	quadruples	pentathlon	quintessence	centennial
octave	century	pentathlete	quintessential	quadruped
pentarchy	quadrennial	bicentennial	pentad	

Sort 29: Number Prefixes quadr-, quint-, pent-, oct-, cent-

cap	ped	corp
decapitate	pedestrian	corpse
corporate	peddle	peddler
pedal	incorporate	capitol
pedicure	corps	corporation
captivity	pedestal	centipede
corporal	captive	capture
capital	expedition	captain

Greek and Latin Word Roots
gen, mort, onym

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onym	gen	mort
antonym	genesis	mortal
mortician	homonym	pseudonym
progenitor	generator	progeny
patronymic	mortified	genetic
genre	immortal	acronym
regenerate	anonymous	hydrogen
eponym	generic	synonym
gene		

sect	junct	spir
dissect	junction	perspire
expire	insect	conjunction
section	spiritual	conspiracy
inspiration	respiration	juncture
sectarian	transpire	intersection
conspire		

jud	leg	flu
judge	illegal	fluent
flume	legislate	misjudge
legal	judicial	fluency
judgmental	legacy	legislator
fluctuate	privilege	flush
legalize	legitimate	influence
judiciary	prejudge	prejudice
judgment	fluid	influenza

Greek and Latin Word Roots *voc*, *ling*, *mem*, *psych*

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<i>voc</i>	<i>ling</i>	<i>mem</i>	<i>psych</i>
vocal	linguist	memory	psychology
<i>vocalic</i>	<i>linguaphile</i>	<i>memorandum</i>	<i>sociolinguist</i>
<i>vocabulary</i>	<i>psychiatry</i>	<i>memorial</i>	<i>immemorial</i>
<i>remembrance</i>	<i>advocate</i>	<i>invocation</i>	<i>psychopathology</i>
<i>linguini</i>	<i>provocative</i>	<i>psycholinguists</i>	<i>provoke</i>
<i>multilingual</i>	<i>commemorate</i>	<i>invoke</i>	<i>provocation</i>

Sort 34: Greek and Latin Word Roots *voc*, *ling*, *mem*, *psych*

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Latin Roots press, pur/purg, fus, pend

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press	pur/purg	fus	pend
pressure	purge	transfusion	pendulum
diffuse	impure	infusion	confuse
pendant	impressive	expurgate	impending
Puritan	oppressive	perpendicular	purification
suspend	compression	suspenders	

Latin Roots pos, loc, sist, sta/stat/stit

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pos	loc	sist	sta/stat/stit
position	locate	insistent	statue
compose	location	composite	obstacle
consistent	deposit	dislocate	establish
instability	locomotion	persistent	relocate
disposable	substitute	constitution	

Sort 36: Latin Roots pos, loc, sist, sta/stat/stit

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Predictable Spelling Changes
ceiv/cep, tain/ten, nounce/nunc

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ceiv/cep	tain/ten	nounce/nunc
deceive	retain	pronounce
deception	retention	pronunciation
detain	perception	preconception
preconceive	perceive	attention
detention	attain	sustenance
renounce	denounce	renunciation
denunciation	abstain	sustain
abstention		

com-	col-	con-
combine	collaborate	connection
ad-	ob-	sub-
advertise	obsolete	subtraction
appetite	companion	appendix
conclude	suppress	oppose
committee	suspect	collateral
congregation	aggressive	collision
attribute	accommodate	offensive
supportable		