Typical Suffixes

Nouns

Suffix	Example
-ade	parade, marinade
-age	sabotage, camouflage
-al	withdrawal, terminal
-ance	performance, endurance
-ar	registrar, liar
-ess	goddess, duchess
-ce	advice, disgrace
-cule	miniscule, molecule
-cy	democracy, redundancy
-dom	freedom, kingdom
-ee	employee, tutee
-ence	patience, pertinence
-ency	clemency, tendency
-ery	winery, bakery
-graph	pictograph, epigraph
-gue	fugue, demagogue
-hood	childhood, neighborhood
-ing (*gerund*)	biking, swimming
-ism	idealism, racism
-ite /aɪt/	termite, graphite
-ity	extremity, authority
-ium	atrium, solarium
-let	coverlet, piglet
-logue	dialogue, analogue
-ment	sentiment, fragment
-mony	harmony, alimony
-ness	softness, loneliness
-ogy	biology, anthology
-omy	taxonomy, economy
-or	professor, actor, tutor
-pathy	sympathy, apathy
-ship	friendship, scholarship
-sion	tension, expression
-tion	attention, punctuation
-tude	attitude, servitude
-ure	departure, structure
-usion	inclusion, conclusion
(-ant) *can also be an adjective*	attendant, servant
(-ary) *can also be an adjective*	secretary, vocabulary
(-eer) *can also be a verb*	engineer, volunteer
(-ent) *can also be an adjective*	president, agent
(-er) *can also be comparative form of adj.*	painter, writer
(-ese) *can also be an adjective*	Portuguese, Vietnamese

(-est) *can also be an adjective*	finest, best
(-ian) *can also be an adjective*	historian, libertarian
(-ique) /ik/ *can also be an adjective*	mystique, technique
(-ist) *can also be an adjective*	chemist, perfectionist
(-ory) *can also be an adjective*	dormitory, victory
(-y) *can also be an adjective*	baby, company

Verbs

Suffix	Example
-cede, ceed	concede, succeed
-ceive	receive, conceive
-clude	include, preclude
-fuse /fyuz/	confuse, infuse
-ify	identify, clarify
-ize	realize, organize
-pare	prepare, compare
-plete	complete, deplete
-plore	explore, deplore
-press	impress, compress
-rupt	corrupt, interrupt
-scribe	describe, subscribe
-sert	insert, assert
-side	reside, preside
-sist	assist, consist
-solve	dissolve, resolve
-tain	contain, retain
-tend	attend, pretend
-test	detest, attest
-tract	attract, distract
-vict	evict, convict
-vise	advise, revise
-volve	involve, revolve
(-ate) /eyt/ *can also be an adjective, /*	operate, meditate
(-ed) *(simple past or past participle)* *can also be an adjective*	helped, played
(-en) *(base form or past participle)* *can also be an adjective*	tighten, given
(-eer) *can also be a noun*	volunteer, pioneer
(-rect) *can also be an adjective*	direct, correct

Adjectives

Suffix	Example
-able	applicable, durable
-al	judgmental, accidental
-ary	arbitrary, contrary

-ent	silent, innocent
-esque	picturesque, Romanesque
-est *(superlative) can also be a noun*	happiest, biggest
-ful	helpful, wonderful
-ible	irresistible, edible
-ic	specific, fantastic
-ical	comical, technical
-ile	mobile, tactile
-ine	masculine, feminine
-ish	greenish, reddish
-ive	receptive, attentive
-less	fearless, penniless
-oid	paranoid, humaniod
-ous	conscious, infamous
-tial	partial, martial
-ulent	opulent, virulent
-y	snowy, sticky
(-ant) *can also be a noun*	adamant, stagnant
(-ar) *can also be a noun*	spectacular, ocular
(-ary) *can also be a noun*	arbitrary, primary
(-ate) /ət/ *can also be a verb*	delicate, desperate
(-ed) *(participial adjective)* *can also be a verb*	colored, outdated
(-en) *can also be a verb*	given, fallen
(-ent) *can also be a noun*	current, sufficient
(-er) *(comparative) can also be a noun*	brighter, faster
(-ese) *can also be a noun*	Chinese, Japanese
(-fuse) /fyus/ *can also be a verb*	profuse, diffuse
(-ian) *can also be a noun*	Canadian, Indian
(-ique) /ik/ *can also be a noun*	antique, unique
(-ist) *can also be a noun*	fascist, racist
(-ite) /ət/ *can also be a noun*	infinite, definite
(-ly) *is usually an adverb*	friendly, comely
(-ory) *can also be a noun*	explanatory, exploratory

Adverbs

Suffix	*Example*
(-ly) *can also be an adjective*	happily, clearly