

30 Common Suffixes and Their Meanings

Consonant Suffix	Most Common Meaning	Sample Word
ful	full of	peaceful
less	without	penniless
ly	in what manner	slowly
ment	action, process, or result	encouragement
ness	state or condition of	happiness
s	plural	planets

Vowel Suffix	Most Common Meaning	Sample Word
able, ible	able to be	noticeable, sensible
al	relating to	personal
an	relating or belonging to	electrician, African
ance, ence	state or condition of	resistance, permanence
ate	having characteristics of	fortunate
ed	past tense	baked
en	made of, or become	wooden, awaken
er	person or thing that does an action, or a comparative	runner, faster
es	plural	stitches
est	superlative	biggest
ic	having characteristics of, or relating to	comic, organic
ing	action or process	moving
ion, tion, ation, ition	act of, state of, or result of	union, construction, celebration, expedition
ish	having the quality of	foolish
ive, ative, itive	having the nature of	active, creative, primitive
ize	to make or become	fossilize
or	person who does an action	instructor
ous	full of	courageous
y	characterized by	fuzzy