



Guide to Common Suffixes



Suffixes	Meaning	Examples
able,ible	to be able	doable, excitable, legible
ant	a person who	immigrant, applicant
or, ar	a person	actor, director beggar, liar
ed	past tense	smiled, walked
ency	condition or quality	decency, dependency
ess	female	actress, lioness
ful	full of	thankful, beautiful
ian	relating to	musician, Martian
ing	action or process	dancing, singing, running
ion	action or process	celebration, proclamation
less	without	fearless
ness	state or quality	kindness, weakness
phobia	fear of	acrophobia, claustrophobia
phone	sound	telephone, microphone
ward	specifies direction	backward, forward