# **Morphology: Derivational Suffixes in English**

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Key: V = verb; N = noun; A = adjective; Adv = adverb

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