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able, ible [*able, can do*] capable, agreeable, edible, visible (can be seen)

ad, ade [*result of action*] monad (a unit, an individual), blockade (the result of a blocking action), lemonade

age [*act of, state of, collection of*] salvage (act of saving), storage, forage

al [*relating to*] sensual, gradual, manual, natural (relating to nature)

algia [*pain*] neuralgia (nerve pain)

an, ian [*native of, relating to*] (Czechoslovakian, African)

ance, ancy [*action, process, state*] assistance, allowance, defiance, resistance

ant [*performing, agent*] assistant, servant, defiant

ar, er, or [*one who, that which*] doctor, baker, miller, teacher, racer, amplifier

ard, art [*one who*] drunkard, dullard, braggart

ary, ery, ory [*relating to, quality, place where*] dictionary, dietary, bravery, dormitory (a place where people sleep)

asis, esis, osis [*action, process, condition*] genesis, hypnosis, neurosis

ate [*cause, make*] enumerate, liquidate, segregate (causing a group to be set aside)

cian [*having a certain skill or art*] logician, musician, beautician, magician, physician

cide [*kill*] homicide, pesticide, genocide (killing a race of people)

cule, ling [*very small*] molecule, ridicule, duckling (very small duck), sapling

cy [*action, function*] hesitancy prophecy, normalcy

dom [*quality, realm, office*] boredom, freedom, kingdom, stardom, wisdom (quality of being wise)

ee [*one who receives the action*] employee, devotee, nominee (one who is nominated), refugee, trustee

ee [*made of, make*] silken, frozen, oaken (made of oak), wooden, lighten

ence, ency [*action, state of, quality*] difference, conference, proficiency (quality of being proficient), urgency

er (see ar)

ery (see ary)

esce [*to become*] acquiesce (become restful, peaceful), coalesce

escent [*in the process of*] convalescent, obsolescent

esis (see asis)

ese [*a native of, the language*] Japanese, Vietnamese

esque [*in the style of*] burlesque, arabesque

ess [*female*] actress goddess, lioness

et, ette [*a small one, group*] midget, octet, baronet, bassinet

fic [*making, causing*] scientific, specific

ful [*full of*] frightful, careful, helpful (full of help)

fy [*make*] fortify (make strong), simplify, terrify, amplify

hood [*order, condition, quality*] manhood, womanhood, brotherhood

ible (see able)

ic [*nature of, like*] acidic, metallic (of the nature of metal), heroic, poetic

ice [*condition, state, quality*] justice, malice

id, ide (a thing connected with or belonging to) fluid, fluoride

ile [*relating to, suited for, capable of*] domicile, agile, juvenile, senile (related to being old), missile

ine [*nature of*] feminine, masculine, genuine, medicine

ion, sion, tion [*act of, state of, result of*] action, injection, infection, suspension (state of suspending)

ish [*origin, nature, resembling*] foolish, Irish, clownish (resembling a clown)

ism [*doctrine, system, manner, condition, characteristic*] alcoholism, exorcism, heroism (characteristic of a hero), Communism, realism

ist [*one who, that which*] artist, dentist, violinist, racist

ite [*nature of, quality of, mineral product*] expedite, Israelite, graphite, sulfite, dynamite (quality of being powerful)

ity, ty [*state of, quality*] captivity, chastity, fraternity, clarity

ive [*causing, making*] assertive, abusive (causing abuse), affirmative, exhaustive

ize [*make*] emphasize, liberalize [make liberal], idolize, penalize, publicize

less [*without*] baseless, careless [without care], artless, fearless, helpless

ling (see cule)

ly [*like, manner of*] carelessly, fearlessly, hopelessly, shamelessly

ment [*act of, state of, result*] contentment, alignment, amendment (state of amending), achievement

mony [*a resulting thing*] patrimony, alimony, acrimony

ness [*state of*] carelessness, restlessness, lifelessness

old [*like, resembling*] asteroid, spheroid, tabloid, anthropoid

ology [*study, science, theory*] biology, anthropology, geology, neurology

or (see ar)

ory (see ary)

osis (see asis)

ous [*full of, having*] gracious, nervous, vivacious (full of, having) gracious, nervous, vivacious (full of life), spacious

rhea [*flowing, discharge*] pyorrhoea, diarrhea, gonorrhea [discharge from the reproductive organs]

ship [*office, state, quality, skill, profession*] friendship, authorship, scholarship, dictatorship

some [*like, apt, tending to*] lonesome, threesome, gruesome

tude [*state of, condition of*] gratitude, multitude (condition of being many), aptitude, solitude

ure [*state of, act, process, rank*] culture, literature, pressure, rupture (state of being broken)

ward [*in the direction of*] eastward, forward, backward

y [*inclined to, tend to*] cheery, crafty, faulty, dirty, itchy

