

TABLE C 2 Change of Different Parts Of Speech By Derivational Affix

Verb	Adjective	Noun	Adverb
Administer	Administrative	Administration	Administratively
Appreciate	Appreciative	Appreciation	Appreciatively
Apprehend	Apprehensive	Apprehension	Apprehensively
Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriation	Appropriately
Approximate	Approximate	Approximation	Approximately
Beautify	Beautiful	Beauty	Beautifully
Caution	Cautious	Caution	Cautiously
Complete	Complete	Completion	Completely
Comprehend	Comprehensive	Comprehension	Comprehension
Create	Creative	Creation	Creatively
Deliberate	Deliberate	Deliberation	Deliberately
Delight	Delighted	Delight	Delightfully
Economize	Economical	Economy	Economically
Educate	Educational	Education	Educationally
Familiarize	Familiar	Familiarity	Familiarly
Fast	Fast	Fast	Fast
Verb	Adjective	Noun	Adverb
Finalize	Final	Finality	Finally
Humanize	Human	Humanity	Humanly
Hunger	Hungry	Hunger	Hungrily
Nationalize	Nationalistic	Nation	Nationally
Naturalize	Naturalistic	Natural	Naturally
Necessitate	Necessary	Necessity	Necessarily
Regret	Regretful	Regret	Regretfully
Regularize	Regular	Regularity	Regularly
Simplify	Simple	Simplification	Simply
Specialize	Specialized	Special	Specially
Specify	Specific	Specification	Specifically

TABLE C 3 Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning in English	Language of origin	Examples
a-	not, without	Greek	amoral, asexual, amorphous
ab-, abs-, a-	off, away, from	Latin	abdicate, abduct, abhor, abnormal, abort, absent, absolve, abstain, abuse
ad-	to, near, at	Latin	adapt, adjacent, admire, adopt
ambi-	both, around	Latin	ambiguous, ambitious, ambivalent
an-	not, lacking	Greek	anaesthetic, anaemic, anaerobic

ante-	before	Latin	antecedent, antenatal, antedate, anteroom, antepenultimate, antenuptial
anti-	against, opposed to	Greek	antibiotic, anticlimax, anticlockwise, antidote, antipathy, antiseptic, antisocial
bi-	two, twice, double	Latin	bicycle, biannual, bilateral, bilingual, binoculars
cata-	down, off, away	Greek	cataract, catamaran, catapult, catacombs, cataclysm, catarrh
circum-	around, on all sides Latin		circumnavigate, circumlocution, circumspect, circumstance, circumvent
cis-	on this side	Latin	cislunar, cispine
com-	with, together, thoroughly	Latin	combat, combine, compatriot
Contra-, counter-	against, opposite	Latin	contraband, contradict, contravene, counter-attack, counterfeit, counteract, counter-revolution
de-	away, off, less	Latin	debar, debase, declare, defend, dehumidify, decipher, decline, demote, descend, defrost
deca-, dec-	ten	Greek	decade, decagon, decalogue, decennial
deci-	a tenth	Latin	decibel, decimal, decimate
demi-	half	Latin	demigod, demilune, demitasse
di-	two, twice	Greek	dioxide, diphthong
dia-, Di	through, across, apart	Greek	diachronic, diagonal, dialysis, diaphragm, dialogue
dis-, dif, di-	not, down, less, away	Latin	disable, disobey, discount, disarm, dissolve, dishonest, dissuade, different, diffuse, digress, disconnect, disinfect, discoloured
epi-	on, over	Greek	epicentre, epidermis, epiglottis, epigram
ex-, e-, ef-	out of, from, former	Latin	exclude, exhume, exit, exhale, extort, effervescent, emit, evade, ex-student
extra-	more, outside	Latin	extraordinary, extracurricular, extraterrestrial
for-	completely, prohibited	Old English	forlorn, forspent, forswear, forbid
fore-	front, before	Old English	forehead, foreground, forecast, foresight
hecto-, hect-	hundred	Greek	hectare, hectogram
hepta-, hept-	seven	Greek	heptagon, heptameter
hexa-, hex-	six	Greek	hexapod, hexagram
hyper-	over, too much	Greek	hyperactive, hypercorrect, hypersensitive

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hypo-, hyp-	under, less than, too	Greek	hypodermic, hypochondria, hypothermia, hypothetical, Hypotenuse
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in-, en-, em-	in, into, inside	Latin	incarnate, income, embrace, enclose
in-, il-, im-, ir-	not	Latin	inactive, illiterate, impossible, irresistible
inter-	among, between, with each other	Latin	interbreed, interfere, interject, interlude, intercept, international
intra-, intro-	inside, within, inwards	Latin	intravenous, intramural, introduce, introverted
kilo-	thousand	Greek	kilometre, kilogram
mega-	large, a million	Greek	megaphone, megalith, megawatt, megahertz
meta-, met-	behind, after, changing	Greek	metacarpal, metazoan, metabolism, metamorphosis, metonymy
milli-	one-thousandth	Latin	millibar, millisecond
mal-	bad(ly)	Latin	maltreat, maladjustment, malfunction
mis-	badly, wrong	Latin	misrepresent, misspell, mistake, misanthrope
mono-	one	Latin	monomania, monocle, monochrome, monorail, monotonous, monopoly
multi-	many, much	Latin	multifarious, multiple, multifaceted
non-	not	Latin	nonchalant, non-conformist, non-entity, nonsense, non-toxic, non-smoker, non-vegetarian
ob-, oc-, of-, op-	towards, over, against, utterly	Latin	obese, object, obtrude, obtuse, occupy offend, oppress, opportunity
octo-, oct-	eight	Latin	octopus, octane, octet, octuple
penta-, pent-	five	Greek	pentacle, pentagon
per-	through, by, by means of, utterly, badly	Latin	perambulator, percolate, perennial, pervade, percussion, perfect, persist, perjure, perfidious, pernicious, perdition
poly-	much, many	Greek	polygamy, polytechnic, polygon, polythene
post-	after, behind	Latin	postwar, post meridiem (pm), postpone
pre-	before	Latin	preface, precaution, prefabricated, precept
pro-	for, in place of, before, forwards	Latin	proceed, progress, pronoun, produce, profane, profess, provide, procure, project
Quadric-,	four	Latin	Quadrilateral, quadrangle, quadrant, quadrille quadr-
quasi-	like, as if	Latin	quasi-intellectual

re-	back, again, utterly	Latin	recall, refresh, rebuff, rebel, refrigerate, revise, reinforce, remind, revile
retro-	backwards	Latin	retrograde, retrospection
se-	aside, apart, away, without	Latin	separate, select, secure, secede, seduce, sedition, segregate
semi-	half	Latin	semiconductor, semidetached, semitone
septi-, sept-	seven	Latin	septuagenarian, septuplet
sex-	six	Latin	sextant, sextuple
sub-	under subconscious, submarine, subnormal, subordinate, succumb, suffer, suggest, summon, support, surrogate, suspect, sustain	Latin	
super-	above	Latin	superhuman, superscript, superimpose, superfine, superstructure, supernatural, superficial, supercilious
tetra-, tetr-	four	Greek	tetrachloride, tetrahedron, tetrameter
trans-	across, beyond	Latin	translate, transform, transgress, transparent
tri-	three	Greek	trio, triad, triangle, triplicate
ultra-	beyond, too much	Latin	ultraconservative, ultraviolet, ultramodern, ultrasonic, ultrasound, ultraviolet
un-	not, back	Old English	unhappy, undo, unwrap, uncouth, unbend, untie
under-	beneath, too little	Old English	underwear, underwater, underpay, undersigned, underrepresented, underweight, undercurrent
uni-, un-	one, single	Latin	unicycle, unanimous, universe, unity

TABLE C 4 Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning in English	Language of origin	Part of speech	Examples
-able, -ible	indicates that something is capable of, inclined to, or causing something	Latin	adjective	changeable, eatable, audible, uncountable, terrible, peaceable
-acity	indicates a quality or state of being	Latin	noun	audacity, capacity

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-cle, -cule, -ule	indicates small size	Latin	noun	particle, molecule
-ee	indicates the recipient of an action, or someone in a particular state	Latin	noun	licensee, addressee, escapee, employee
-ess	indicates a female	Greek	noun	hostess, lioness
-et, -ette, -let	indicates smallness or lesser status	Old French	noun	islet, cigarette, outlet, booklet, leaflet, rivulet
-fy, -ify	indicates making or becoming	Latin	Verb	electrify, gratify, pacify, ossify, falsify, codify
-kin	indicates small size	Old English	noun	bodkin, catkin, lambkin
-ling	indicates smallness or lesser status	Old English	noun	duckling, fledgling, seedling, hireling
-most	indicates the superlative degree	Old English	adjective	uppermost, hindmost
-oid	indicates resemblance	Greek	adjective	humanoid, rhomboid
-some	indicates a tendency	Old English	Adjective	meddlesome, awesome
-trix	indicates a female	Latin	noun	aviatrix, executrix
-tude	indicates a condition or state of being noun exactitude, longitude	Latin		
-wise	indicates manner or direction, or reference to clockwise, taxwise	Old English	Adverb	
-y	indicates an action or a process	Latin	noun	inquiry

EXAMPLES OF SYNONYMS

Example I Malign

Synonyms: calumniate, defame, libel, slander, vilify

To malign means 'to say or write something evil' about someone without necessarily lying (she was maligned for her past association with radical causes). To calumniate is 'to make false and malicious statements' about someone; the word often implies that you have seriously damaged that person's good name (after leaving her job, she spent most of her time calumniating and ridiculing her former boss). To defame is 'to cause actual injury to someone's good name or reputation' (she defamed him by accusing him of being a spy). To libel a person means 'to write or point something that defames her or him' (the tabloid libelled the celebrity and ended up paying the price). Slander, which is 'to defame someone orally', is seldom a basis for court action but can nevertheless cause injury to someone's reputation