**ENGL 155: Suffixes**

**Words to know in addition to the ones in the tables on pp. 90-91 (followed by an exercise)**

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| **Adjective Endings** |
| **Suffix** | **Examples** |
| **-able**: | eligible, preventable, understandable, suitable, remarkable |
| **-al** | natural, social, integral, practical, final, digital |
| **-ant** | immigrant, opponent |
| **-ar / -ary** | lunar, solar, military, voluntary, similar  |
| **-ate** | considerate |
| **-ative / itive** | creative, conservative |
| **-ed / -en**  | - |
| **-ent** | convenient, inconvenient, absorbent, patient |
| **-ful** | useful, helpful, thankful, cheerful, harmful |
| **-ible** | audible, legible, eligible, possible, impossible |
| **-ing** | boring, interesting, disturbing, confusing, callenging |
| **-ish** | selfish |
| **-ive** | destructive, effective, attractive, repulsive, expensive |
| **-less** | useless, helpless, homeless, countless, |
| **-ly** | deadly, costly |
| **-ory** | - |
| **-ous** | dangerous, conscious, hazardous, humorous |
| **-y** | gooey, fruity, juicy |
| **-ing** | exciting, boring, interesting, confusing |

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| **Noun Endings** |
| **Suffix** | **Examples** |
| **-ance /-ence** | clearance, presence |
| **-ant / -ent** | president, applicant, patient (an ill person) |
| **-ar** | beggar, liar |
| **-ation** |  dictation, creation, clarification, location, transformation, |
| **-er / -or** | survivor, inventor, translator |
| **-ery** | - |
| **-ing** | - |
| **-ion / -ison / -tion** | destruction, completion |
| **-ism** | racism, feminism, sexism |
| **-ment** | movement, shipment, argument, development, |
| **-ness** | kindness, politeness |
| **-ship** | hardship, friendship |
| **-ty / -ity** | ability, loyalty, honesty, similarity, complexity, speciality |

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| **Verb Endings** |
| **Suffix** | **Examples** |
| **-ate** | donate, activate, evaporate, concentrate |
| **-en** | awaken, strengthen, weaken, threaten |
| **-ify** | glorify, justify, terrify, amplify |
| **-ize** | memorize, authorize |

**Exercise**

*Fill in the gaps with the most suitable suffix to complete the word and the sentence*

1. He was reluct\_\_\_\_\_\_ to commit to the additional expense.
2. He has a crimin\_\_\_\_\_\_ record.
3. Why are you laughing? What you’ve done is so child\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Attending classes is obligat\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the University of Bahrain.
5. Shop\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ doesn’t appeal to me much.
6. Do you know the import\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of iron and zinc for children?
7. Unfortunately, rac\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is on the rise. Many people hate others who are different.
8. Luckily, this insect’s bite is harm\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. I couldn’t recogn\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her at all. She has changed a lot since she got sick.
10. You need to simpl\_\_\_\_\_\_ the data for your audience.
11. Why are you being so inflex\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? Give me a chance.
12. I can’t stand her classes! They are extremely bor\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
13. I’m rather bor\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. What can we do?
14. This question is sort of confus\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I can’t get it.
15. Exams can be stress\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; however, if you prepare well, you won’t feel stressed.
16. My GPA was high and I received a scholar\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the Ministry of Education to do my master degree.
17. The exploit\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of mines lead to a rapid development in Europe.
18. We’ve received BD 1,000 as a don\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , but we don’t know the don\_\_\_\_\_\_.
19. Do you know that the invent\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the computer is a female called Grace Hopper?
20. An important industry is the ship\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of raw oil.
21. I appreciate your hones\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
22. These apples are so sweet and juic\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
23. It is very consider\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from you to invite all these children.
24. BD50 for a pair of shoes? That’s too expen\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
25. I need to make a clari\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This was not my fault.
26. Your comments were very help\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Thank you.
27. Two causes could have lead to weak\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Mogul power.
28. This problem was prevent\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but you didn’t take any precautions.
29. I’ve memor\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all the words on the list.
30. We have tried many solutions, but with no effect\_\_\_\_\_ results.
31. I find these gadget totally use\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I will throw them out.
32. A dead\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ storm claimed the lives of seven villagers last night.
33. Your handwriting is not lig\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Can you please write more clearly?
34. I strongly defended my argu\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in front of the examiners.
35. Can we meet on another day? Sunday is inconven\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us.
36. Just touch this button to activ\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the programme.
37. You should not threat\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a child ever.
38. Are there any simil\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the two systems?
39. Playing the guitar is not simil\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to playing the piano.
40. The real surprise came with his pres\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the party

**ANSWER KEY**

1. reluctant
2. criminal
3. childish
4. obligatory
5. shopping
6. importance
7. racism
8. harmless
9. recognise/ recognize
10. simplify
11. inflexible
12. boring
13. bored
14. confusing
15. stressful
16. scholarship
17. exploitation
18. donation- donor
19. inventor
20. shipment
21. honesty
22. juicy
23. considerate
24. expensive
25. clarification
26. helpful
27. weakening
28. preventable
29. memorised/memorized
30. effective
31. useless
32. deadly
33. legible
34. argument
35. inconvenient
36. activate
37. threaten
38. similarities
39. similar
40. presence