

# PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES.

## PREFIXES.

A- (A.S.) represents :

- (1.) A.S. *on*, on, as *abed* (from M. E. *on bædde*), among, about, *a-fishing*.
- (2.) A.S. *and-*, over against, close to, as along (from A.S. *and-lang*, i.e., over against in length). [Cog. with Goth. *anda*, Ger. *ent-*, *ant-*, L. ANTE-, Gr. ANTI- (which see).]
- (3.) A.S. *ar-*, out, out from, as in arise (from A.S. *arisan*, to rise out of or up), or sig. "very," as in *aghaast*. [Cog. with Ger. *er-*, Goth. *us-*, *ur-*.]
- (4.) A.S. *of*, of, from, as in *adown* (from A.S. *of dune*, "from the height"), *anew*, *akin*; or from *of-*, intensive, as *athirst*.
- (5.) A.S. *ge-*, *y-*, as aware (from M. E. *ywar* —A.S. *gewær*), *a-ford*.
- (6.) for *at*, old sign of inf., as *ado*. [From the Scand.]

A- (L. and Gr.) represents: (1.) L. AB-; (2.) L. AD-; (3.) L. EX-, as in *abash*, *amend*; (4.) Gr. A- (for AN-). See these prefixes.

A-, AB-, ABS- (L.), away from, as *avert*, *absolve*, *avaunt*, *abstract*. [L. *a*, *ab*, *abs* (oldest form *ap*); cog. with Gr. APO-, Sans. *apa*, Ger. *ab*, E. OFF.]

AD- (L.), to, at, as *adhere*, *adapt*. The *d* becomes assimilated to the following consonant, as in *accede*, *affix*, *aggregate*, *allot*, *annex*, *approve*, *arrive*, *assign*, *attract*. [L. *ad*; cog. with Sans. *adhi*, Goth. and E. *at*, Celt. *ar*.]

AMBI-, AMB- (L.), round about, both, as *ambition*, *amputate*, *ambidexter*. [L.; cog. with Gr. AMPHI-, Sans. *abhi*, around, O. Ger. *umpi* (Ger. *um*).]

AMPHI- (Gr.), round about, both, as *amphitheatre*, *amphibious*. [Cog. with L. AMBI-, AMB-.]

AN- (A.S.), against, in return, as *answer*. [A.S. *and-*, Ger. *ant-*, Goth. *and-*.]

AN-, A- (Gr.), not, without, as *anarchy*, *atom*, *ambrosia*. [Gr.; cog. with Sans. *an-*, *a-*, L. *in-*, E. UN-, IN-, not.]

ANA-, AN- (Gr.), up, back, as *analyze*, *anatomy*, *aneurism*. [Cog. with Goth. *ana*, E. ON.]

ANTE- (L.), before, as *antecedent*, *anticipate*, *ancestor* (for L. *ante-cessor*). [L. *ante*, old form *anti*; conn. with ANTI-.]

ANTI- (Gr.), opposite to, against, as *antipathy*, *antipodes*, *antagonist*. [Gr.; conn. with L. ANTE-, Sans. *anti*, facing, Ger. *ant-* in *Antwort*, E. *an-* (for *and-*) in ANSWER (see Dict.). Cf. A- (A.S.) (2.), above.]

APO- (Gr.), off, from, away, as *apostle*, *aphelion*. [Cog. with L. AB-.]

AT- (E.), near, as *atone*; against, as *twit*. [A.S. *et*.]

AUTO- (Gr.), self, as *autograph*, *autopsy*.

BE- (A.S.), by, before, beside, as *behalf*;

intensive, as *besprinkle*; privative, as *behead*. [A form of BY. See Dict.]

BIS- (L.), twice, as *biscuit*, *biennial*. [Corr. of *dvīs*, ablative of *duo*, two.]

CATA-, CATH-, CAT- (Gr.), down, downwards, according to, as *cataract*, *catholic*, *catechism*. [Gr. *kata*.]

CIRCUM-, CIRCU- (L.), round about, as *circumscribe*, *circuit*. [Properly accusative of *circus*, a circle. See CIRCLE in Dict.]

CIS- (L.), on this side, as *cisalpine*. [From the demons. stem *ki-*, which appears in Gr. *e-kei*, there, and the *-c* of L. *hic*, *sic*.]

COM-, CON- (L.), together, with, as *connect*, *cohere*, *collect*, *correct*; often intensive, as *commotion*. [Com- is the old form of L. *cum*, with; cog. with Gr. *syn*, Sans. *sam*. The root, originally signifying "one," is seen in L. *sim-ul*, together, Gr. *ham-a*, together, E. *simple* (which see in Dict.).]

CONTRA-, CONTRO-, COUNTER- (L.), against, as *contradict*, *controvert*, *counteract*. [L. *contra* (whence Fr. *contre*), from CON-, and *-tra*, from root *tar*, to cross, seen also in TRANS-.]

DE- (L., or Fr.—L.), down, from, away, occurs in words derived either directly from L., as *deduce*; or through the Fr. from L., in which case DE- represents either (1.) O. Fr. *des-*, from L. *dis-*, asunder, not, as in *defeat* (O. Fr. *des-fait*), or (2.) Fr.—L. *de-*, as *describe* [lit. "write down"], *decompose*.

DIA- (Gr.), two, through, as *dialogue* ["a conversation between two"], *diameter*. [Gr. *dia* (from *dyo*, two), sig. dividing into two, through.]

DIS- (Gr.), two, twice, as *dissyllable*, *dicotyledonous*. [From *dvīs*, from root of Two.]

DIS- (L.), in two, asunder, as *dispart*, *differ*, *disperse*; negative, as *disrelish*; privative, as *dislodge*. [Dis for *dvīs*, from L. *duo*, Gr. *dyo*, Sans. *dvi*, Goth. and E. *two*. See Two in Dict.]

DYS- (Gr.), ill, difficult, as *dysentery*, *dyspepsy*. [Cog. with Sans. *dus*, Goth. *tus*, Ger. *zer-*, A.S. *To-*, E. *Two*.]

E- See EX-.

EC- or EX- (Gr.), out of, from, as *ecstasy*, *exodus*. [Gr. *ex*, cog. with L. *ex*, and Russian *iz'*, out.]

EM-, EN- (Fr.—L.), in, into, as *enlist*; to make, as *enlarge*; before *b* and *p*, EN- changes to EM-, as *embark*. [Fr. *en*—L. *in*. See IN- (L.), in, into.]

EN- (Gr.), in, on, as *energy*, *endemic*, *emphasis*. [See IN in Dict.]

ENTER- (Fr.), between, among, as *entertain*. [Fr. *entre*—L. INTER-.]

EPI- (Gr.), on, as *epitaph*; during, as *epihemeral*. [Gr. *epi*; Sans. *api*, L. OB-.]

ES- (Fr. or Sp.—L.), out, as *escape*, *esplanade*. [O. Fr. or Sp. *es*—L. EX-.]

ESO- (Gr.), in, into, as *esoteric*. [From Gr. *eis*, into, whose form was prob. orig. *ens*, a strengthened form of EN- (Gr.).]

EU- (Gr.), well, as *euphony*, *eulogy*. [Gr. *eu*, *eus*, good, for *es-us*, real, from root of Is (see Dict.).]

EX- or E- (L.), from, out of, as *expel*, *eject*, *efflux*. [Conn. with Gr. EC- or EX-.]

EXO- (Gr.), outside, as *exotic*. [From EX- (Gr.).]

EXTRA- (L.), on the outside, beyond, as *extramural*, *extraordinary*. [Contr. of *exterā* (*parte* being understood), ablative feminine of *exterus*, beyond, a compar. form, from EX- (L.).]

FOR- (A.S.), through, thorough, away, so as to be non-existent, or to be destroyed, as *forswear*, *forbid*. [A.S. *for*; Ger. *ver-*, Goth. *fra-*, L. *per-*, Sans. *para*; conn. with FAR and FROM.]

FOR- (Fr.—L.), as in *foreclose*, *forfeit*. [Fr.—L. *foris*, lit. "out of doors," used in the sense of "outside," "beyond," "amiss."]

FORE- (A.S.), before, as *foretell*. [A.S. *fore*; O. Ger. *fora* (Ger. *vor*), Goth. *faura*, L. PRO-.]

GAIN- (A.S.), against, as *gainsay*. [A.S. *gegn*, *gean*. See AGAINST in Dict.]

HEMI- (Gr.), half, as *hemisphere*. [Gr.; cog. with L. SEMI- Sans. *sami-*, O. Ger. *sāmi-*.]

HYP- (Gr.), over, above, beyond, as *hyperborean*, *hypercritical*. [Cog. with SUPER- and OVER-.]

HYPO-, HYP- (Gr.), under, as *hypotenuse*. [Cog. with L. SUB-, Goth. *uf*, Sans. *upa*.]

I-, Y-, as in *I-wis*, *yclept*, *hand-y-work*. [A.S. *ge-*, sign of the past participle passive.]

IN- (L.), not, as *infirm*. Before *p*, the *n* changes to *m*, as *impudent*; before *l*, *m*, and *r*, it is assimilated to those consonants, as *illegal*, *immature*, *irregular*. [L.; cog. with Gr. AN-, E. UN-.]

IN- (L.), in, into, as *infuse*, *illumine*, *impel*, *irrigate*. [See IN in Dict.]

IN- (A.S.), in, on, as *income*, *inward*; to make, as *imbitter*, lit. to put into a state of bitterness. [See IN in Dict.]

INTER- (L.), in the midst of, between, as *interval*, *intellect*. [A compar. form, cog. with E. UNDER, and Sans. *antar*, within.]

INTRA- (L.), in the inside of, within, as *intramural*. [Contr. of *intera*, ablative feminine of *interus*, inward—INTER-.]

INTRO- (L.), into, within, as *introduce*. [Contr. of *intero*, ablative masculine of *interus*—INTER-.]

JUXTA- (L.), near, as *juxtaposition*. [Superlative form, from root of L. *ju(n)go*, to join. See JOIN in Dict.]

**META-, MET-** (Gr.), *lit.* "in the middle," hence with; after, as *method* (*lit. way after*); often implies change, as *metamorphose*, *metonymy*. [Gr. *meta*; cog. with A.S. *mid*, Goth. *mith*, Ger. *mit*; Sans. *mithu*, Zend *mat*.]

**MIS-** (A.S. and Scand.), wrong, ill, as *mis-behave*, *misdeed*, *mislead*. [A.S. and Scand. *mis*, Ger. *miss*. Cf. *MISS*, *v.t.* in Dict.]

**MIS-** (Fr.—L.), as in *mischievous*. [Fr. *mis*, for O. Fr. *mes*, from L. *minus*, less.]

**MONO-, MON-** (Gr.), single, as *monograph*. [Gr. *monos*, alone.]

**N-** (A.S.), no, not, as *never*. [A.S. *ne*; cog. with O. Ger. and Goth. *ni*, L. *ne*, Sans. *na*.]

**NE-** (Gr.), not, as *nepenthe*; (L.) not, as *nefarious*, *neuter*. [Allied to E. *NO* (see Dict.).]

**NEC-** (L.), not, as *neglect*, *negative*. [Contr. of *neque*, from *ne*, not, *que*, and.]

**NON-** (L.), not, as *nonsense*, *nonage*. [From *ne unum*, not one. Cf. E. *NOT* in Dict.]

**OB-** (L.), in the way of, against, as *obstruct*, *omit*, *offer*, *oppose*, *ostentation*. [Cog. with Gr. *epi*, Sans. *api*.]

**OFF-** (A.S.), off, from, away, as *offshoot*, *offset*. [A form of *OF*. Cf. *A-*, *AB-*, and see *OF* in Dict.]

**ON-** (A.S.), on, as *onset*, *onlooker*. [See *ON* in Dict.]

**OUT-** (A.S.), out, beyond, as *outlaw*, *outbid*. [A.S. *ut*. See *OUT* in Dict.]

**OVER-** (A.S.), over, above, as *overarch*, *overseer*. [See *OVER* in Dict.]

**PAN-** (Gr.), all, as *panacea*, *pantheism*.

**PARA-, PAR-** (Gr.), beside, as *parable*; beyond, wrong, as *paralyze*. [Gr. *para*; akin to Sans. *para*, away, L. *per-*, and E. *for-* in *forgive*.]

**PENE-** (L.), almost, as *peninsula*.

**PER-** (L.), through, as *permit*, *pellucid*, *pollute*; thoroughly, as *perfect*. In *perjure*, *perish*, it is equivalent to E. *for-* in *forswear* (see *FOR-*, A.S.). [Akin to Gr. *para*, beside, Sans. *para*, away, E. *for-*, Ger. *ver-*.]

**PERI-** (Gr.), round, as *perimeter*, *periphrasis*. [Gr. *peri*; Sans. *peri*, also allied to Gr. *para*.]

**POL-, POR-** (L.), as *pollute*, *portend*. [From O. L. *port-*, towards.]

**POST-** (L.), backwards, behind, after, as *postpone*.

**POUR-, PUR-** (Fr.—L.), as *pourtray*, *purvey*. [Fr.—L. *PRO-*.]

**PRE-** (L.), before, as *predict*, *prefer*. [L. *præ*, akin to L. *pro*.]

**PRETER-** (L.), beyond, as *preterit*, *preternatural*, *pretermitt*. [L. *preter*—*præ*, with comparative suffix *-ter*. See *ALTER* in Dict.]

**PRO-** (Gr.), before, as *prologue*, *programme*. [Gr. *pro*; cog. with L. *PRO-*, Sans. *pra*, E. *FOR* (prep.; see Dict.).]

**PRO-** (L.), before, forth, forward, as *project*; instead of, from the idea of being before, as *pronoun*. [Cog. with *PRO-* (Gr.), which see.]

**PROS-** (Gr.), towards, as *proselyte*, *prosody*. [Original form *proti*, an extension of *PRO-* (Gr.); cog. with Sans. *prati*, Slav. *proti*.]

**PUR-**. See under *POUR-*.

**RE-, RED-** (L.), change of place or condition, as in *remove*, *reunion* (an assemblage of things or persons formerly apart); hence, change of motion from one direction to the opposite = "back," "again," as *retract*, *resound*, *redeem*.

**RETRO-** (L.), back, backwards, as *retrospect*, *retrograde*. [From *RE-*, and the compar. suffix *-ter*.]

**SE-** (L.), without, as *secure*; aside, as *secede*. [Old form of *SINE-*.]

**SEMI-** (L.), half, as *semicircle*. [L.; cog. with Gr. *hemi*.]

**SINE-** (L.), without, as *sinecure*. [*Si*, demons. instrumental sig. "by that," and *ne*, not.]

**SUB-** (L.), under, from under, after, as *subject*, *suspect*, *succeed*, *suffuse*, *suggest*, *summon*, *support*, *surprise*, *suspend*, *sojourn*. [L. *sub* (which in O. Fr. became *so-*).]

**SUBTER-** (L.), under, as *subterfuge*. [From *SUB-*, and compar. suffix *-ter*, meaning motion. See *TRANS-*.]

**SUPER-** (L.), over, above, beyond, as *superstructure*, *supernatural*. [L.; cog. with Sans. *upari*, Gr. *hyper*, Goth. *ufar*, E. *OVER*.]

**SUPRA-** (L.), over, above, as *supramundane*. [Contr. of ablative fem. of *superus*, above, from *SUPER-*. Cf. *SUPERIOR* in Dict.]

**SUR-** (Fr.), over, as *surmount*. [Fr., from L. *super*.]

**SYN-** (Gr.) together, with, as *syntax*, *system*, *syllable*, *symbol*. [Cog. with *COM-*.]

**TO-** (E.), in *to-day*, *together*, *towards*, *heretofore*, is the prep. *TO* (see Dict.).]

**TO-** (A.S.), asunder, as in *to-brake*. [A.S. *to-*, cog. with Gr. *DYS-* (which see); cf. *DIS-* (L.).]

**TRANS-** (L.), beyond, across, as *transport*, *traverse*. [From root *tar*, to cross; the same root occurs in *INTER-*, *INTRO-*, *PRETER-*, *RETRO-*, *SUBTER-*.]

**U-** (Gr.), no, not, as *Utopia*. [Gr. *ou*, not.]

**ULTRA-** (L.), beyond, as *ultramarine*. [From *ulter* (stem of *ulterior*), *ul-* being from root of L. *ille*.]

**UN-** (A.S.), not, as *unhappy*, *untruth*; back, as *untie*. [Cog. with Gr. *AN-*, and L. *IN-* (negative).]

**UNDER-** (A.S.), under, below, as *underprop*, *undersell*. [See *UNDER* in Dict.]

**UP-** (A.S.), up, as *uphill*. [See *UP* in Dict.]

**VIS-, VICE-** (Fr.—L.), in place of, as *vicecount*, *viceroy*. [Fr. *vis-*, from L. *vice*, instead of.]

**WAN-** (A.S.), wanting, as *wanton*. [Cf. *WANE* and *WANT* in Dict.]

**WITH-** (A.S.), against, back, as *withstand*, *withdraw*; with, near, as *within* (this meaning is very rare as prefix). [A.S. *with*—*wither*. See *WITH* in Dict.]

**Y-**. See under *I-*.

## SUFFIXES.

**-ABLE**, adj. suffix, capable of, as *portable*, *laughable*. [L. *-a-b-ili-s*.]

**-AC**, adj. suffix, pertaining to, as *elegiac*; also used as noun suffix, as *maniac*. [L. *-acus*, Gr. *-akos*.]

**-ACEOUS**, having the qualities of, as *herbaceous*. [L. *-aceus*.]

**-ACIOUS**, full of, as *audacious*. [L. *-ax*, *-acis*.]

**-ADE**, noun suffix, as *escapade* [Fr.—It.]; and as *crusade*, *tornado* [Sp. *-ade*, original form *-ado*.]

**-AGE**, ending of abstract nouns, as *homage*; marks place where, as *vicarage*. [Fr. *-age*, from L. *-aticum*.]

**-AIN, -AN, -EN, -ON**, noun suffixes, as *villain*, *pagan*, *warden*, *surgeon*. [L. *-anus*.]

**-AL**, adj. and noun suffix, as *mortal*, *cardinal*. [L. *-alis*.]

**-AN, -AIN, -ANE**, adj. suffix, as *human*, *certain*, *humane*. [L. *-anus*.]

**-ANA**, things belonging to, such as sayings, anecdotes, etc., as *Johnsoniana*. L. neuter pl. of adjs. in *-anus*. See *-AN*.]

**-ANCE, -ANCY**. See *-NCE*.

**-AND, -END**, noun suffix, as *viand*, *leg-*

*end*. [L. *-andus, -endus*, gerundial suffix.]

**-ANEOUS**, belonging to, as *extraneous*. [L. *-aneus*.]

**-ANT, -ENT**, adj. suffix, as *repentant*, *patient*; also sometimes denoting the agent, as *sergeant*, *student*, *innocent*. [L. *-ans, -antis, or -ens, -entis*, suffix of pr. p.]

**-AR**, belonging to, as *angular*. [L. *-aris, Sans. -ara*.]

**-AR, -ARD, -ART**. See under *-ER* (marking the agent).

**-AR, -ER, -OR**, noun suffixes, marking place where, as *cellar*, *larder*, *manor* [L. *-arium*]; denoting the agent, as *vicar*, *treasurer*, *chancellor* [L. *-arius*].

**-ARD**, intensive, as *drunkard*, *coward*. [Fr.—Ger. *hart*, E. *HARD*.]

**-ARY**, noun suffix, marking place where, as *seminary* [L. *-arium*]; the agent, as *secretary*, *antiquary* [L. *-arius*]; with *-an* added, forming an adj. suffix, as *unitarian*, *agrarian*.

**-ASM**. See under *-ISM*.

**-ASS, -ACE**, as *cuirass*, *cutlass*, *menace*, *pinnacle*. [L. *-aceus, -acius*, It. *-accio*, Fr. *-as*.]

**-ASTER**, dim. and freq. (often implying contempt), as *poetaster*. [Fr. *-astre* (It. *-astro*)—L. *-as-ter*, from Aryan *as-tar*.]

**-ATE**, verbal suffix, as *navigate*, *permeate*; adj., as *desolate*, *delicate*; noun, as *legate*, *advocate*. [Norm. Fr. *-at*, L. *-atus*, suffix of pa. p.]

**-BLE**. See *-ABLE*.

**-BLE, -PLE**, fold, as *double*, *treble*, *quadruple*. [L. *-plus*, *lit.* "full."]

**-CE**. See under *-s*, adverbial suffix.

**-CELLI, -CELLO**, dim., as *vermicelli*, *violoncello*. [It., from L. *-culus*. See under *-I*.]

**-CH**, dim., as *blotch*. [See *-OCK*.]

**-CLE, -CULE**, dim., as in *particle*, *animalcule*, from L. *-culus*, which also gives (through It.) *-CELLI, -CELLO*. See under *-L*.]

**-CY**, being, or state of being, as *clemency*. [Fr. *-cie*—L. *-tia*.]

**-D, -T, or -ED**, pa. t. suffix, as *loved*. The *e* in *-ed* is the connecting vowel, omitted when the verb ends in *e*. [A.S. *-de*, "did," from *di-de*, pa. t. of *Do*.]

**-D**, pa. p. suffix, as *loved*; in nouns (with passive meaning), as *deed*, *seed*; in adjs., as *feathered*, *wicked*, *cold*; in the form *-TH* (or *-T*), in abstract nouns and adjs., as *death*, *flight*, *swift*, (with euphonic *-s*) *du-st*, *bla-st*. [Orig. *-th*, as in *uncouth*, and from the root of *THE, THAT*; seen also in the L. suffix *-tu-s*, as in *no-tu-s*, Sans. *jna-ta-s*, and in the Gr. suffix *-to-s*.]

**-DOM**, dominion, power, as *kingdom*; state, as *freedom*; act, as *martyrdom*. [A.S. *dōm*, judgment, dominion, Ger. *-thum*.]

**-DOR**, as in *corridor*, *matadore*, *stevedore*, *battledoor*. [Sp. *-dor*, L. *-tor*.]

**-ED**, see *-D*.

**-EE**, one who or that which is (passive), as *trustee*, *jubilee* (Fr. *-ée*—L. *-atus*, of part. pass.); *Pharisee*, *Sadducee* [L. *-eus-s*.]

**-EER, -IER**, one who, has frequentative meaning, as *charioteer*. [Fr. *-er, -ier*—L. *-arius*.]

**-EL**, dim., as *damsel*. [See under *-L*.]

**-EN**, dim., as *chicken*, *maiden*. [A.S. *-en*.]

**-EN**, fem. suffix, now found only in *vixen*. [A.S. *-en, -n*; Ger. *-in*, Gr. *-ine*, L. *-ina*.]

**-EN**, made of, as *wooden*, *leathern*; orig. sig. belonging to, as *heathen*. [A.S., Goth. *-en, -an*, Ger. *-en, ein*, Sans. *-um*; a genitive suffix, as in *mine*.]

**-EN**, pa. part, as *woven*, *borne*, *sworn*. [A.S. *-n, -ne, -en*; conn. with *-ANT, -ENT*.]

**-EN**, pl. suffix, as *oxen*, *kine* (for *ky-en*). [A.S. *-an* (for *-ans*).]

**-EN**, to make, as *whiten*. [Orig. reflexive or passive.]

-EN, -IN, -ENE, belonging to, as *alien, vermin, terrene*. [L. *-enus, -ena, -enum*.]  
 -ENCE, -ENCY. See -NCE, -NCY.  
 -ENT, belonging to, as *different*. [L. *-ens, -entis*. See -ANT.]  
 -EOUS, in *righteous*, corr. of -WISE (which see); in *courteous*, from O. Fr. *-eis* (from L. *-ensis*).  
 -EOUS, same as -OUS, as *ligneous*. [L. *-eus*.]  
 -ER, freq. and intens., as *glimmer, flutter*.  
 -ER, infinitive suffix, as *cover, encounter*. [Fr. *-re, -ir*, from L. pr. infinitive *-are, -ere, -ire*.]  
 -ER, marks the agent, as *writer*; sometimes changed to -ar, as *liar*; with -i- or -y- prefixed, as *cloth-i-er, law-y-er*; with excrement -i or -d, as *oragg-ar-t*. [A.S. *-ere*; Ger. *-er*.]  
 -ER, more, used in compar. of adjs., as *greater, more*. [Aryan compar. suffix -ra.]  
 -ER, noun suffix, as *matter, gutter*. [Fr. *-iere*—L. *-eria*.]  
 -EREL, dim. suffix, as *mackerel*. [See under -L.]  
 -ERIE, place where, as *menagerie*. [Fr., from L. *-arium*. See -ERY.]  
 -ERLY, direction to or from, as *southerly*. [From -ERN and -LY.]  
 -ERN, adj. suffix, sig. direction, as *southern* [A.S. *-er-n*]; adj. suffix, sig. belonging to, as *modern* [L. *-ernus*]; noun suffix, as *cistern* [L. *-erna*].  
 -ERY, noun suffix, as *brewery, witchery, cutlery*. [Noun suffix -Y added to nouns in -ER (marking agent). See -ARY, -ERIE, -ORY.]  
 -ES or -S, pl. suffix, as *foxes, hats*. [A.S. *-as*. -s is a general pl. suffix, as L. and Gr. *-es*.]  
 -ESCENT, growing, becoming, as *convalescent*. [L. *-esco, -isco, -asco*, Gr. *-askō*, suffix, implying becoming, beginning.]  
 -ESE, belonging to, as *Japanese*. [It. *-ese, L. -ensis*.]  
 -ESQUE, partaking of the quality of, as *picturesque*. [Fr. *-esque* (It. *-esco*)—L. *-iscus*, a by-form of *-icus* (see -IC), and conn. with -ISH, adj. suffix.]  
 -ESS, fem. suffix of nouns, as *lioness*. [Fr. *-esse, L. -issa, Gr. -issa* (made up of *-it* or *-id* and *-ya*).]  
 -ESS, -ICE, -ISE, as *prowess, justice, merchandise*. [Fr.—L. *-itia*.]  
 -EST, as in *harvest, earnest*.  
 -EST, suffix of 2d. sing. in verbs, as *bring-est*. [A.S. *-ast, -est*; L. *-es, -isti*; Gr. *-si, -sthan*. -s or -st=2d per. pron., Gr. *sy (su), L. tu, E. THOU*.]  
 -EST, superl. suffix, formed from the compar. by adding -t, as *smallest*. [A.S. *-est* (in adjs.), *-ost* (in adverbs); L. *-issimus, Gr. -istos, -stos, -tatos*, Sans. *-ishṭa*.]  
 -ET, -ETE, noun suffix, marking the agent, as *prophet, poet, athlete*. [L. *-ēta, Gr. -ētēs*.]  
 -ET, -ETTE, -OT, dim., as *cygnet, billet, etiquette, ballot*. [Norm. Fr. *-et, -ot, Fr. -et, -ette*.]  
 -EUR. See under -OR.  
 -EVER, at any time, as *whoever, every one who*. [See EVER in Dict.]  
 -FARE, way, as in *welfare, chaffer*. [See FARE in Dict.]  
 -FAST, as in *steadfast, shamefaced*. [A.S. *fast, firm, fast*.]  
 -FOLD, as *fourfold, manifold*. [A.S. *feald*.]  
 -FUL, full of, as *delightful*. [See FULL, adj. in Dict.]  
 -FY, to make, as *purify*. [Fr. *-fier*—L. *fic-are, for fac-ere, to make*.]  
 -HEAD, -HOOD, state, nature, as *God-head, manhood*. [From A.S. *hād*, Ger. *-heit*, state; changed into HOOD; to be distinguished from HEAD of the body.]

-I, pl. suffix of nouns in -us, as *literati* [L. *-i*; conn. with Gr. *-ai, -oi*]; also pl. suffix of nouns borrowed from It., as *banditti* [It.—L].  
 -IBLE, adj. suffix, as *possible, flexible*. [From L. *-ibilis*, another form of *-abilis*. See -ABLE.]  
 -IC, adj. suffix, of or belonging to, as *gigantic, public*; also largely used as noun suffix, as *logic, fabric*. [L. *-icus, -ica, -icum*, Gr. *-ikos*; cf. Sans. *-ika*.]  
 -ICAL, belonging to, as *cubical*. [-IC and -AL.]  
 -ICE, noun suffix, as *chalice* [Fr.—L. *-ear, -icis*]; *novice* [Fr.—L. *-icius*]. See another -ICE under -ESS, -ICE, -ISE.  
 -ICS, lit. things that belong to a science, as *mathematics*. [In imitation of Gr. *-ika*, neuter pl. of adjs. in *-ikos*. See -IC.]  
 -ID, noun suffix, as *Nereid*; also used in coining chemical words, as *chloride, oxide, bromide* [L. *-id, Gr. -id-, Fr. -ide*]; also adj. suffix, as *tepid, acid* [L. *-idus*.]  
 -IE, -Y, dim., as *lassie*. [From *-ick*, a weakened form of -OCK.]  
 -IER, one who, as *cavalier*. [Fr. *-ier*; usually appears in form -EER.]  
 -IFF, adj. suffix, fit for, disposed to, as *plaintiff* (orig. adj. = "complaining"), *fugitive, active, pensive*. [Fr.—L. *-ivus*.]  
 -ILE, able, as *ductile*. [L. *-ilis*, contr. of *-ibilis*; to be distinguished from -ILE (below). See -ABLE.]  
 -ILE, belonging to, as *Gentile*. [L. *-ilis*.]  
 -IM, pl. suffix, as *cherubim*. [Heb. *im*.]  
 -INA, fem. suffix, as *czarina*. [See -EN, fem.]  
 -INE, fem. suffix, as *heroine*. [See -EN, fem.]  
 -INE, -IN, noun suffix, as *ravine, medicine, cousin*; much used in chemical compounds, as *iodine, glycerine, bromine*; also adj. suffix, as *divine*. [L. *-inus, -ina*.]  
 -ING, dim., as *farthing*. [The -ng is nasalized from Aryan dim. -ka (see -OCK).]  
 -ING, suffix of pr.p., as *loving*. [Corr. of A.S. *-inde*, which, as also *-ande* and *-ende*, it replaced. See -ND, also -ANT, -ENT.]  
 -ING, suffix of verbal nouns, as *learning*. [A.S. *-ung, Ger. -ung*.]  
 -ION, being, state of being, as *creation*. [L. *-io, -ionis*.]  
 -IOR, more, term. of comp. degree, as *superior*. [L. *-ior*. See -ER, more.]  
 -IQUE, belonging to, as *antique*. [Fr.—L. *-iquus*; conn. with -IC, L. *-icus*. See -AC.]  
 -ISH, adj. suffix, ethnic, as *Irish*; signifying somewhat, as *brownish*; sometimes implying depreciation, as *outlandish*. [A.S. *-isc*.]  
 -ISH, to make, as *establish*. [From Fr. pr.p. suffix *-iss-ant*; chiefly used in words from the Fr. The Fr. *-iss-* is from L. *-esc-*, inceptive.]  
 -ISK, dim., as *asterisk*. [Gr. *-iskos*; conn. with -ISH, little. See -OCK.]  
 -ISM, -ASM, forming abstract nouns sig. condition, system, as *egoism, deism, Calvinism, laconism, pleonasm*. [L. *-ismus, -asmus*—Gr. *-ismos, -asmos*.]  
 -IST, denoting the person who holds a doctrine or practices an art, as *Calvinist, chemist, novelist*. [L. *-ista*—Gr. *-istēs*.]  
 -ITE, born in, belonging to, as *Israelite, Jesuit*. [L. *-ita*—Gr. *-itēs*.]  
 -IVE. See under -IFF.  
 -IX, fem. suffix, as *testatrix*. [L. *-ia, -icis*. Conn. with -ESS, fem. suffix.]  
 -IZE, to make, as *equalize*. [Gr. *-izō, L. -ire, Fr. -iser*.]  
 -K, freq. or intens., as *hark, talk*.  
 -KIN, dim., as *lambkin*; son of, as *Wilkin*. [A double dim. suffix from -k (see -OCK), and in (see -EN, dim.).]

-KIND, kind, race, as *mankind*. [See -KIN above, and KIN in Dict.]  
 -L, forming diminutives, appears in connection with various vowels, and from various sources, as in -EL, -ULE, -ER-EL, -LE, -LET, -LING, -C-LE, -C-ULE, as *damsel, globule, mongrel, bundle, hamlet, duckling, follicle, molecule*.  
 -LE, noun suffix, as *bridle, beadle, riddle, shovel, nail*. [A.S. *-el, Ger. -el*—Aryan *-ar(-al)*]; also adj. suffix, as *idle, fickle, brittle, mickle*. [A.S. *-el, -ol*—Aryan *-ra*.]  
 -LE, freq. and intens., as *sparkle, settle, kneel*.  
 -LENCE, -LENCY, forming abstract nouns. [L. *-lentia*, from *-lens*. See -LENT.]  
 -LENT, full of, as *violent, virulent*. [L. *-lentus*.]  
 -LESS, free from, wanting, as *guiltless, godless*. [A.S. *-leas, Ger. -los*; from root of LOOSE and LOSE.]  
 -LET, dim., as *streamlet*. [From -L and -ET, dim.]  
 -LIKE, like, as *godlike*. [See LIKE in Dict.]  
 -LING, dim., as *darling*; sometimes implying depreciation, as *hireling*. [Made up of -L and -ING.]  
 -LING, -LONG, adv. suffix, as *darkling, sidelong*. [A.S. *-lunga, -linga*.]  
 -LOCK. [See WEDLOCK and KNOWLEDGE in Dict.]  
 -LOCK, -LICK, a plant. [See HEMLOCK, GARLIC.]  
 -LY, adj. and adv. suffix, as *manly, only*. [The adj. suffix is from A.S. *lic, E. LIKE*; adv. is from *lic-e*, dat. of *lic*.]  
 -M, noun suffix, as *bloom, steam, seam, fathom* [A.S. *-ma, -m*]; as *realm, crime, alum, regime* [Fr.—L. *-men*].  
 -MEN, that which, state, as *regimen, acumen*. [Only in words borrowed from Latin. L. *-men*; Sans. *-man*. See -MENT, -MONY.]  
 -MENT, as *nourishment, establishment, detriment*. [L. *-men-tu-m, Fr. -ment*. See -MEN.]  
 -MONY, as *testimony, parsimony*. [L. *-mon-ia-m, -mon-ia*. See -MEN.]  
 -MOST, suffix of superl. deg., as *endmost*. See MOST in Dict. [In most cases this suffix is not the word *most*, the *m* being part of the root, or an old superl. suffix, and -ost the superlative suffix, as in *in-most* = *in-m-ost*. See -EST, superl. suffix.]  
 -N, as *main, wagon*. [Orig. -na, the suffix of passive past participles.]  
 -NCE, -NCY, forming abstract nouns, as *distance, decency*. [Fr. *-nce*—L. *-nt-ia*.]  
 -ND, as *fiend* (lit. "hating"), *friend* (lit. "loving"). [A.S. pres.p. suffix.]  
 -NESS, abstract idea, as *tenderness*. [A.S. *-nis, -nes*, cog. with Ger. *-niss*.]  
 -OCK, dim., as *hillock*. [A.S. *-ucca*—Aryan, -ka. See -IE and -ING, dim.]  
 -OM, old dative suffix, now used as objective, as *whom*; in adverbs of time, as *seldom*. [A.S. *-um*.]  
 -ON, -EON, -ION, noun suffix, as *capon, mason, truncheon, onion, clarion*. [Fr. —L. *-onem, -ionem*.]  
 -OON, noun suffix, often augmentative, as *balloon, saloon*. [Fr. *-on, It. -one*.]  
 -OR, -OUR, -ER, denoting the agent sometimes directly from L. (see -TOR), but mostly through Fr. *-eur*, and spelled originally *-our*, as *emperor* (old spelling *emperour*, Fr. *empereur*—L. *imperator*); in others, *E. -er* has supplanted *-eur, -our*, as *preacher* (Fr. *prêcheur*—L. *prædicatorem*), while *-or* is at times affixed to E. roots, as *sailor*.]  
 -ORY, belonging to, as *prefatory* [L. *-orius*]; place where, as *purgatory* [L. *-orium*].

- OSE, full of, as *verbose*. [L. *-osus*. See -OUS.]
- OT, dim., as *ballot*. [See -ET, dim.]
- OUR. See -OR.
- OUS, adj. suffix, as *religious*, *curious* [L. *-osus*]; *dubious*, *anxious* [L. *-us*].
- OW, noun suffix, as *shadow* [from A.S. *-u*]; *swallow* [from A.S. *-ewe*]; *marrow* [from A.S. *-h*]; also adj. suffix, as *narrow* [from A.S. *-u*].
- PLE. See -BLE, fold.
- R, noun suffix, marking the instrument, as *stair*, *timber*; adj. suffix, as *bitter*.
- RE, place, as *here*. [A.S. *-r*, *-ra*, orig. a locative suffix.]
- RED, manner, state, as *hatred*, *kindred*. [A.S. *-ræden*; cog. with Ger. *-rath*. See READ in Dict.]
- RIC, dominion, power, region, as *bishopric*. [A.S. *rice*, power. See RICH in Dict.]
- RIGHT, as *upright*, *downright*. [A.S. *riht*. See RIGHT in Dict.]
- S, adverbial suffix, as *needs*, *always*, *once*, *hence*, *thence*, *whil-s-t*, *betwi-x-t*. [A.S. *-es*, gen. suffix.]
- S, is the present genitive suffix. [Short for A.S. *-es*—Aryan *-s* or *sya*, orig. a demons. pron. The (?) is prob. due to a false notion that this *-s* was a relic of *his*.]
- S, -SE, verbal suffix, to make, as *cla-s-p*, *cleanse*, *rinse*.
- SHIP, -SCAPE, as *friendship*, *stewardship*, *landscape*. [A.S. *-scipe*, shape, form—*scapan*, E. SHAPE; cog. with Ger. *-schaft*.]
- SIS, action or state, as *thesis*. [Gr. *-sis*.]
- SOME, full of, as *gladsome*, *bucom*, *lis-some*. [A.S. *-sum*, Ger. *-sum*: a by-form of SAME.]
- SON, son, as *Johnson*. [See SON in Dict.]
- ST. See -EST, suffix of 2d sing.
- STER marks the agent, as *maltster*, often with depreciation as *gamester*, *punster*. [A.S. *-estre*, a fem. suffix, which now keeps this sense only in *spinster*.]
- STRESS, fem. suffix, as *songstress*. [From -STER, orig. fem. suffix, with the addition of L. -ESS.]
- SY, state, as *pleurisy*. [Same as -SIS.]
- T. See -D.
- T, -TE, adj. and noun suffix, as *convent*, *fact*, *chaste*, *tribute*. [L. *-tus*, pa.p. suffix; cog. with -D, pa.p. suffix.]
- TEEN, ten to be added, as *fourteen*. [A.S. *-tyme*. Cf. -TY, ten to be multiplied.]
- TER, noun suffix, as *character*. [Gr. *-ter*, L. *-tor*, Sans. *-tri*; perh. conn. with *-ster*.]
- TER, -THER, as in *atter*, *hither*. [A.S. *-der*, *-ther*, old comparative suffix. See WHETHER in Dict.]
- TH, order, as *sixth*. [Becomes also -D; conn. with L. *-tus*, *-tius*, as in L. *quartus*, fourth.]
- TH, suffix of 3d sing. of verbs, now for the most part softened to -s. [A.S. from root *-tu*, which appears in L. *-t*, Gr. *-ti*, *-si*, *-tai*, *-to*, and in THAT and THE (see Dict.).]
- TH, -T. See under -D (pa.p. suffix).
- THER, denoting the agent, as *father*, *mother*. [From Aryan *-tar*, the agent. Cf. -TOR.]
- THER. See -TER, -THER.
- TOR, the agent, as *conductor*. [From Aryan *-tar*, the agent. See -THER, and cf. -OR, -OUR, -ER.]
- TOR-Y, -SOR-Y, place, as *dormitory*.
- TUDE, forms abstract nouns, as *gratitude*. [L. *-tudo*.]
- TY, being or state of being, as *dignity*; quality, as *honesty*. [Fr. *-té*—L. *-tas*, *-tat-is*.]
- TY, ten to be multiplied, as *sixty*. [A.S. *-tig*; cog. with Ger. *-zig*. Cf. -TEEN.]
- ULE, little, dim., as *globule* [L. *-ulus*]. See under -L.
- UM, neuter term., as *medium*. [L. *-um*, Gr. *-on*.]
- UNCLE, little, dim., as *peduncle*. [L. *-un-cu-lus*, A.S. *-in-cle*; conn. with -EN and -CULE, diminutives.]
- URE, act of, as *capture*; state of being, as *verdure*. [L. *-ura*.]
- URNAL, belonging to, as *diurnal*. [L. *-urn-us* and *-al*; conn. with -ERN (in modern).]
- WARD, -WARDS, adj. and adv. suffix sig. direction, as *homeward*, *homewards*. [A.S. *-weard*, gen. *-weardes*, cog. with Ger. *-wärts*; conn. with A.S. *weorthan*, to be (see WORTH in Dict.), and L. *ver-sus-vertō*, to turn. Cf. FORWARD, FORWARDS in Dict.]
- WAY, -WAYS, adv. suffix, sig. manner, direction, as *always*, *always*, *straightway*. [Cf. -WISE.]
- WISE, way, manner, as *likewise*, *righteous*. [A.S. *-wis*, Ger. *-wiss*. See WISE, way, in Dict.]
- Y, adj. suffix, as *spongy* [from L. *-iosus*]; as *jolly* [Norm. Fr. *-if* from L. *-ivus* (cf. -IVE)]; as *silly*, *dirty*, *any* [A.S. *-ig*; cog. with Ger. *-ig*, Goth. *-ha*, *-ga*, L. *-cus*, Gr. *-ko-s*].
- Y, noun suffix, as *story*, Italy [Fr. *-ie*, L. *-ia*]; as *joy*, *remedy* [from L. *-ium*]; as *ally*, *deputy* [from L. *-atus*]; as *progeny* [from L. *-ies*]; as *body* [from A.S. *-ig*].