

Suffixes

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-ation is added to verbs to form nouns.
The **e** is dropped from root words ending in **e**.

adore = adoration
sense = sensation
prepare = preparation
inform = information



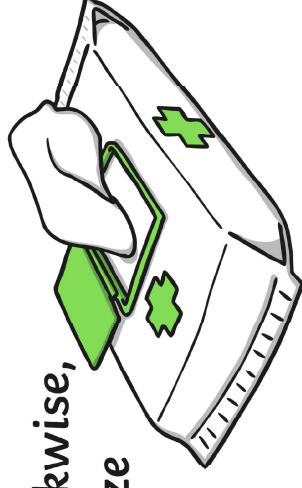
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anti- means 'against'.

Example words:
antiseptic, anticlockwise,
antisocial, antifreeze



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The suffix **-ly** is added to an adjective to form an adverb.

Example words:
sadly, completely, usually, finally, comically

Exceptions

If the root word ends in **-y** and has more than one syllable, the **y** is changed to an **i**.

happy = happily
angry = angrily

If the root word ends with **-le**, the **-le** is changed to **-ly**.

gentle = gently
simple = simply

If the root word ends with **-ic** then **-ally** is added (except for the word publicly).

basic = basically
frantic = frantically

These words are also exceptions.

true = truly
due = duly
whole = wholly



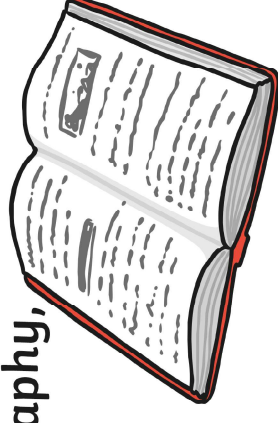
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auto- means 'self' or 'own'.

Example words:
automatic, autobiography,
autograph



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Patterns

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Words with the **'-sh-'** sound spelt **-ch-**
(These words are French in origin.)

Example words:

chef, chalet, machine,
brochure, charade



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Words with the hard
'g' sound spelt **-gue-**

Examples words:

league
tongue
baguette

Words with the **'k'**
sound spelt **-que-**

Examples words:

antique
unique
masquerade

(These words are mostly French in origin)

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Endings which make the sound **'-shun'**.

-tion	-ssion	-sion	-cian
Most commonly used for root words ending in -t , or -te .	Used for root words ending in -ss or -mit .	Used for root words ending in -d or -se .	Used for root words ending in -c or -cs .
invent = invention act = action complete = completion	express = expression discuss = discussion admit = admission	expand = expansion extend = extension tense = tension	music = musician politic = politician magic = magician

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Words with a hard **'c'** sound
spelt with **-ch-**

(These words are Greek in origin.)

Example words:

scheme, chorus, chemist,
echo, character

