

SUFFIX STRESS IN ENGLISH

Suffixes THEMSELVES are usually unstressed. The stress is generally placed on the syllable just before the suffix. (PENULTIMATE syllable)

Common English suffixes

ITY SION TION AGE ICAL IC ANT/ENT ANCE/ENCE TED ENCY/ANCY EOUS/IOUS

IA/IAL/UAL IAN GRAPHY/GRAPHER LOGY LOGIST ETRY/ETER ISH IBLE MENT

IFY OMY OSIS INAL ITIVE

Stress Shifts

WHEN YOU CHANGE THE SUFFIX the word's stress will move ACCORDINGLY

A-vail-able a-vai-la-bil-ity

E-con-omy e-co-nom-ic

E-du-cate e-du-ca-tion

Tech-no-log-y tech-no-log-ical

Hi-sto-ry his-tor-ical

ITY "uh dee"

CLAR-ITY TE-NAC-ITY

RE-SPEC-TI-BIL-ITY

SION/TION "shun"

PER-MI-SSION IN-TER-MI-SSION

CON-VER-SA-TION RE-EX-A-MI-NA-TION

AGE "uj"

EN-COUR-AGE MARRI-AGE

AD-VANT-AGE

ICAL "uhkul"

MAG-ICAL STER-E-O-TYP-ICAL

E-CO-NOM-ICAL

IC "ik"

GE-O-GRAPH-IC E-LECTR-IC

TER-RIF-IC

ANT/ENT "unt"

IM-PORT-ANT IN-CAN-DESC-ENT

COR-RE-SPOND-ENT

ANCE/ENCE "uns"

IN-DE-PEND-ENCE AC-QUAINT-ANCE

A-BUND-ANCE

TED "TID/did"

SUB-MIT-TED UN-EX-PEC-TED

E-LEC-TED

ENCY/ANCY "UNSEE"

IN-EF-FICI-ENCY CON-SIST-ENCY

URG-ENCY

EOUS/IOUS "EEYUS"

HAR-MON-IOUS CON-SCI-ENT-IOUS

AD-VAN-TAG-EOUS

IAL/UAL "EEL/OOL"

CON-SE-QUENT-IAL IN-TE-LLECT-UAL

MUL-TI-LING-UAL

IAN "YUN"

VE-GE-TAR-IAN MA-THE-MA-TIC-IAN

AM-PHIB-IAN

GRAPHY/GRAPHER "gruh fee/gruh fer"

BI-O-GRAPHER PHO-TO-GRAPHER

GE-O-GRAPHY



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STRESS RULES In ENGLISH

LOGY "luh jee"

MI-CR-BI-O-LOGY PSY-CHO-LOGY THE-O-LOGY

LOGIST "luh just"

PSY-CHO-LO-GIST RA-DI-O-LOGIST AN-THRO-PO-LOGIST

ETRY/ETER "uh tree/uh der"

THER-MOM-ETER IN-TER-PRETER TRI-GO-NO-METRY

ISH "ish"

DIS-TING-UISH ES-TAB-LISH RE-PLEN-ISH

IBLE "uh bull"

IN-CRED-IBLE IN-COM-PRE-HENS-IBLE IN-SU-SCEPT-IBLE

MENT "mnt"

EN-GAGE-MENT CO-MMIT-MENT EN-TER-TAIN-MENT

IFY "uh fy"

I-DENT-IFY E-LECTR-IFY JUST-IFY

OMY "uh mee"

AS-TRON-OMY AU-TON-OMY E-CON-OMY

EXCEPTIONS:

PRE-sid-ency

Con-STI-tu-ency

Suffixes that do not affect stress:

Al/ally -ness/less -ful -ish -hood -ship, able



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