

Stress in Suffixes

The Majority of Suffixes Follow this Rule

Stress Falls on Syllable Before Suffix	
Suffix	Examples
-cracy	dem <u>o</u> cracy, bure <u>au</u> cracy, arist <u>o</u> cracy
-ety	soci <u>i</u> ety, vari <u>i</u> ety, anx <u>i</u> ety, notori <u>i</u> ety, sobri <u>i</u> ety
-graphy	phot <u>o</u> graphy, bi <u>o</u> graphy, chore <u>o</u> graphy, bibli <u>o</u> graphy, calli <u>i</u> graphy
-ial	s <u>o</u> cial, spec <u>e</u> cial, offici <u>a</u> l, fina <u>a</u> ncial, comm <u>e</u> rcial
-ian	Chri <u>s</u> tian, poli <u>t</u> ician, phys <u>i</u> cian, <u>A</u> sian, Ita <u>l</u> ian, mus <u>i</u> cian
-ible	p <u>o</u> ssible, resp <u>o</u> n <u>s</u> ible, t <u>e</u> rrible, vi <u>s</u> ible, incre <u>d</u> ible
-ic	p <u>u</u> blic, m <u>u</u> sic, econom <u>o</u> mic, spec <u>i</u> fic, b <u>a</u> sic, tra <u>a</u> ffic, scient <u>i</u> fic, cl <u>a</u> ssic, m <u>a</u> gic
-ient	p <u>a</u> tient, <u>a</u> ncient, effici <u>e</u> nt, conven <u>e</u> nt, def <u>i</u> cient, prof <u>i</u> cient
-ify	id <u>e</u> ntify, ju <u>s</u> tify, t <u>e</u> stify, qu <u>a</u> lify, m <u>o</u> dify, cl <u>a</u> ssify, spec <u>i</u> fy
-ish	est <u>a</u> blish, fi <u>n</u> ish, pu <u>b</u> lish, dist <u>i</u> nguish, p <u>o</u> lish, p <u>u</u> nish, accomplish, <u>f</u> oolish, self <u>i</u> sh, sty <u>l</u> ish, ch <u>i</u> ldish, Sw <u>e</u> dish, <u>E</u> nglish
sion/tion	qu <u>e</u> stion, inform <u>a</u> tion, n <u>a</u> tion, relat <u>a</u> ionship, dec <u>i</u> sion, disc <u>u</u> ssion, profess <u>o</u> n <u>a</u> l, v <u>e</u> r <u>s</u> ion, miss <u>i</u> on
cious/tious	con <u>s</u> scious, prec <u>i</u> ous, susp <u>i</u> cious, amb <u>i</u> tious, fict <u>i</u> tious, nutrit <u>i</u> ous, cau <u>t</u> ious
-ity	comm <u>u</u> nity, act <u>i</u> vity, opport <u>u</u> nity, secur <u>u</u> ity, qu <u>a</u> lity, ab <u>i</u> lity, auth <u>o</u> rity, real <u>a</u> lity, responsib <u>i</u> lity
-logy	techn <u>o</u> logy, psych <u>o</u> logy, ide <u>o</u> logy, the <u>o</u> logy, bi <u>o</u> logy, ap <u>o</u> logy
-ual	individu <u>a</u> l, <u>a</u> nnual, <u>a</u> ctual, <u>e</u> qual, un <u>u</u> sual, virt <u>u</u> al, v <u>i</u> sual, <u>u</u> sual