

8. **English Derivational Affixes** (from O'Grady et al. 2001 *Contemporary Linguistics: An Introduction*. Fourth Edition. Bedford/St. Martin's)

2.1 ENGLISH DERIVATIONAL AFFIXES

Table 4.13 lists some English derivational affixes, along with information about the category of their usual base (ignoring bound roots) and of the resulting new word. The first entry states that the affix *-able* applies to a verb base and converts it into an

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<i>Affix</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Examples</i>
<i>Suffixes:</i>		
<i>-able</i>	V → A	fix-able, do-able, understand-able
<i>-al</i>	V → N	refus-al, dispos-al, recit-al
<i>-ant</i>	V → N	claim-ant, defend-ant
<i>-(at)ion</i>	V → N	realiz-ation, assert-ion, protect-ion
<i>-er</i>	V → N	teach-er, work-er
<i>-ing₁</i>	V → N	the shoot-ing, the danc-ing
<i>-ing₂</i>	V → A	the sleep-ing giant, a blaz-ing fire
<i>-ive</i>	V → A	assert-ive, impress-ive, restrict-ive
<i>-ment</i>	V → N	adjourn-ment, treat-ment, amaze-ment
<i>-ful</i>	N → A	faith-ful, hope-ful, dread-ful
<i>-(i)al</i>	N → A	president-ial, nation-al
<i>-(i)an</i>	N → A	Arab-ian, Einstein-ian, Minnesot-an
<i>-ic</i>	N → A	cub-ic, optimist-ic, moron-ic
<i>-ize₁</i>	N → V	hospital-ize, crystal-ize
<i>-less</i>	N → A	penni-less, brain-less
<i>-ous</i>	N → A	poison-ous, lecher-ous
<i>-ate</i>	A → V	activ-ate, captiv-ate
<i>-en</i>	A → V	dead-en, black-en, hard-en
<i>-ity</i>	A → N	stupid-ity, prior-ity
<i>-ize₂</i>	A → V	modern-ize, national-ize
<i>-ly</i>	A → Adv	quiet-ly, slow-ly, careful-ly
<i>-ness</i>	A → N	happi-ness, sad-ness
<i>Prefixes:</i>		
<i>de-</i>	V → V	de-activate, de-mystify
<i>dis-</i>	V → V	dis-continue, dis-obey
<i>mis-</i>	V → V	mis-identify, mis-place
<i>re-</i>	V → V	re-think, re-do, re-state
<i>un₁-</i>	V → V	un-tie, un-lock, un-do
<i>anti-</i>	N → N	anti-abortion, anti-pollution
<i>ex-</i>	N → N	ex-president, ex-wife, ex-friend
<i>in-</i>	A → A	in-competent, in-complete
<i>un₂-</i>	A → A	un-happy, un-fair, un-intelligent