

# SensationAL Words

Google slides for teaching words with the suffixes -al and -ial  
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# What are Suffixes?

- Suffixes are small parts (or chunks) added to the ends of words.
- Adding suffixes often changes word meaning or usage and may change word spelling or pronunciation.
- Learning suffixes will help you read and spell longer words.
- Learning suffixes will help you recognize longer words you may have heard or already know!

# Most Common Suffixes

There are many suffixes in the English language. These lessons will focus on eight of the most common (besides -s/es, -ed, -ing, -er/est) one at a time:

**-ly**            **-er/-or**            **-ion**  
**-able/-ible**            **-al/-ial**            **-y**  
                 **-ment**            **-ful**

## Suffix -al/-ial

- -al/-ial are vowel suffixes and most often form adjectives (with some nouns)
- -al/-ial both mean “relating to” (criminal=relating to crime and disposal=relating to dispose or get rid of)
- adding -al/-ial forms mostly academic words
- -al sounds like /ǔl/ and -ial sounds like /ē + ũl/
- However, when the base word or final syllable ends in c or t, -c+ial and -t+ial sound like /shũl/ (racial, partial).

# More Familiar -al /ŭl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>dent+al*</b>	relating to teeth or <u>dentist</u> (dental exam)
<b>fin+al*</b>	relating to a <u>fine</u> or good end (final word)
<b>form+al</b>	relating to <u>form</u> or rules (formal dress)
<b>journ+al*</b>	relating to a <u>journey</u> record (daily journal)
<b>medic+al*</b>	relating to <u>medicine</u> (medical doctor)
<b>natur+al*</b>	relating to <u>nature</u> or from birth (natural color)

# More Familiar -al /ǔl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>person+al</b>	relating to a <u>person</u> (personal cost)
<b>region+al</b>	relating to a <u>region</u> or area (regional news)
<b>season+al</b>	relating to a <u>season</u> or time (seasonal colors)
<b>spin+al*</b>	relating to the <u>spine</u> (spinal pain)
<b>termin+al*</b>	relating to <u>terminate</u> , ending, or death
<b>visu+al*</b>	relating to <u>vision</u> or sight (visual aid)

# More Familiar -cial /shŭl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>fa+cial*</b>	relating to the <u>face</u> (facial features)
<b>gla+cial*</b>	relating to a <u>glacier</u> (glacial ice)
<b>finan+cial*</b>	relating to <u>finance</u> or money (financial gain)
<b>ra+cial*</b>	relating to <u>race</u> (racial equality)
<b>so+cial*</b>	relating to <u>society</u> or people (social distance)
<b>spe+cial</b>	relating to more than the usual (special need)

# Academic -al /ŭl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>abdomin+al*</b>	relating to the <u>abdomen</u> or stomach
<b>baptism+al</b>	relating to <u>baptism</u> or naming
<b>caus+al*</b>	relating to a <u>cause</u> or causes
<b>crimin+al*</b>	relating to <u>crime</u> or guilt
<b>deni+al*</b>	relating to <u>deny</u> or refuse
<b>education+al</b>	relating to <u>education</u>



# Academic -al /ŭl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>fraction+al</b>	relating to a <u>fraction</u> or part
<b>gradu+al*</b>	relating to small changes or <u>graduation</u>
<b>hymn+al</b>	relating to a <u>hymn</u> or church song
<b>intern+al</b>	relating to inside the body or brain
<b>liber+al*</b>	relating to <u>liberty</u> or openness
<b>matern+al</b>	relating or belonging to a mother

# Academic -al /ŭl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>mor+al</b>	relating to right behavior
<b>nation+al</b>	relating to <u>nation</u> or country
<b>option+al</b>	relating to <u>option</u> or choice
<b>patern+al*</b>	relating or belonging to a father
<b>profession+al</b>	relating to a <u>profession</u> or career
<b>ration+al</b>	relating to reason or understanding

# Academic -al /ŭl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>plur+al</b>	relating to more than one
<b>proportion+al</b>	relating to <u>proportion</u> , size, or number
<b>sensation+al*</b>	relating to strong <u>senses</u> and excellence
<b>skelet+al*</b>	relating to the <u>skeleton</u>
<b>therm+al</b>	relating to heat or temperature
<b>univers+al*</b>	relating to the <u>universe</u> or everywhere

# Academic -ial /ē + ũl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>centenn+ial*</b>	relating to a <u>century</u> or 100 year celebration
<b>editor+ial</b>	relating to the opinion of the <u>editor</u>
<b>men+ial</b>	relating to simple work or jobs
<b>millen+ial</b>	relating to people born in the 1980s and 1990s

# Academic -ial /ē + ũl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>perenn+ial</b>	relating to present all seasons of the year
<b>remed+ial*</b>	relating to <u>remedy</u> or correction
<b>terrest+ial</b>	relating to the earth or its people
<b>territor+ial*</b>	relating to <u>territory</u> or owned land

# Academic -cial /shŭl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>artifi+cial</b>	relating to man-made, not natural
<b>commer+cial*</b>	relating to <u>commerce</u> or buying and selling of goods
<b>judi+cial*</b>	relating to <u>judging</u> , judgement, or justice
<b>offi+cial*</b>	relating to holding an <u>office</u> or position

# Academic -tial /shŭl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>celes+tial</b>	relating to the sky above or heavens
<b>creden+tial</b>	relating to <u>credit</u> or completion (GED or high school diploma)
<b>differen+tial</b>	relating to or making a <u>difference</u>
<b>ini+tial</b>	relating to the beginning or first letters of names or places

# Academic -tial /shŭl/ Words

(\*note spelling changes from base word forms)

<b>mar+tial</b>	relating to war, army, or the military
<b>poten+tial</b>	relating to <u>potent</u> or a strong possibility
<b>pruden+tial</b>	relating to <u>prudent</u> or using good judgement
<b>substan+tial*</b>	relating to <u>substance</u> or of large size or amount





**Can you think of other -al/-ial words?  
Speak up or put them in the chat box.**

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# MATCHING ACTIVITY 1

<b>dental</b>	A relating to form or rules
<b>formal</b>	B relating to a region or area
<b>natural</b>	C relating to teeth or dentist
<b>regional</b>	D relating to nature
<b>terminal</b>	E relating to the end or death

## MATCHING ACTIVITY 2

<b>facial</b>	F relating to finance or money
<b>financial</b>	G relating to society or people
<b>racial</b>	H relating to more than usual
<b>social</b>	I relating to race
<b>special</b>	J relating to the face

## MATCHING ACTIVITY 3

<b>causal</b>	K relating to deny or refuse
<b>denial</b>	L relating to right
<b>gradual</b>	M relating to slow change
<b>internal</b>	N relating to cause or causes
<b>moral</b>	O relating to inside

# MATCHING ACTIVITY 4

<b>optional</b>	P relating to a profession
<b>professional</b>	Q relating to the universe or everything
<b>rational</b>	R relating to option or choice
<b>thermal</b>	S relating to heat or temperature
<b>universal</b>	T relating to reason or understanding

# WRITE TO READ ACTIVITY

Work with your teacher or a breakout group to write a text about one of the topics below. Use as many of the -al/-ial words as you can (plus others!). Read the text aloud when you are done.

1. **Keeping Yourself Healthy:** dental, medical, natural, personal, spinal, visual, financial, special, abdominal, causal, gradual, internal, maternal, national, optional, paternal, skeletal
2. **How to Write So Others will Read:** final, formal, journal, personal, seasonal, social, special, educational, professional, sensational, universal, editorial, commercial, potential, substantial