

A List of Words in Which the Suffix Has Forced a Stress Shift

This list is limited to words in which the addition or removal of the suffix moves the stress in the stem – the way it moves from the first syllable in *armor* to the second in *armorial*:

Words with *-ial*:

armorial	factorial	sapiential
artificial	inquisitorial	sectorial
auditorial	official	senatorial
baronial	penitential	sensorial
beneficial	potential	simonial
collegial	prejudicial	sponsorial
colonial	presidential	subsistential
confidential	providential	tangential
consequential	provincial	torrential
dictatorial	prudential	tutorial
differential	rectorial	vestigial
editorial	referential	
equatorial	remedial	
evidential	residential	
existential	reverential	

Words with *-ual*:

conceptual	habitual	perceptual
contextual	instinctual	residual
contractual		

Words with *-al*:

original	fundamental	instrumental
medicinal	sacramental	continental
octagonal	elemental	adjectival
pentagonal	complemental	baptismal
hexagonal	supplemental	autumnal
polygonal	excremental	sepulchral
accidental	pedimental	pastoral
occidental	detrimental	parental
incidental	sentimental	
transcendental	monumental	

Words with *-ity*:

acidity
actuality
agility
angularity
animality
aridity
authority
avidity
bestiality
brutality
carnality
causality
causticity
centrality
circularity
civility
collectivity
constitutionality
conviviality
cordiality
corporality
cupidity
dexterity
docility
ductility
equality
essentiality
eventuality
externality
facility
familiarity
fatality
fecundity
femininity
fertility
feudality
finality
flaccidity
fluidity
formality
frigidity
frugality
futility

geniality
graduality
gragility
gravity
hospitality
hostility
humidity
ideality
illegality
imbecility
immortality
immortality
impartiality
insularity
integrality
jocundity
joviality
juvenility
legality
liberality
liquidity
literality
majority
materiality
mentality
minority
modality
morality
morbidity
mortality
mutuality
nationality
neutrality
partiality
personality
plurality
polarity
popularity
positivity
potentiality
principalality
priority
prodigality

prosperity
publicity
puerility
punctuality
putridity
rascality
reality
regularity
relativity
rigidity
rusticity
sapdity
secularity
seniority
sensitivity
sexuality
singularity
sociality
solemnity
solidity
speciality
spirituality
squalidity
sterility
stolidity
stupidity
subjectivity
substantiality
superiority
technicality
temporality
tepidity
timidity
tonicity
torpidity
totality
totundity
toxicity
triviality
turgidity
validity
venality
versatility

verticality
virginity
virility
virtuality
viscosity
vitality
vividness
vocality
vulgarity

Words with -ee: The suffix -ee)¹ “one who receives or benefits” always – or at least nearly always – receives primary stress, as in *confer*, with primary stress on the second syllable, vs. *conferee*, with primary stress on the third.

Words with -ic:

acidic
activistic
algebraic
angelic
animistic
artistic
atomic
balsamic
behavioristic
canonic
carbonic
climatic
crescentic
cylindric
dactylic
deltaic
demonic
despotic
diametric
druidic

enthusiastic
hermitic
idiotic
idyllic
imbecilic
kilometric
metallic
meteoric
methodic(al)
oceanic
organic
paraffinic
patriotic
pedantic
periodic
piratic
poetic
prelatic
prophetic
satanic

satyric
seraphic
sermonic
shamanic
stanzaic
stomachic
synodic
systemic
titanic
totemic
tungstenic
vocalic

Words with *-ian*:

c(a)esarian
centenarian
civilian
clinician
collegian
electrician
episcopalian

ethician
grammarian
gregorian
labyrinthian
mammalian
optician
reptilian

rosarian
rubrician
victorian
vulcanian
vulgarian

Word Pairs in Which Changing Elements Changes Stress:

abdomen, abdominal
astronomer, astronomical(al)
barbarous, barbarity
calamitous, calamity
celebrate, celebrity
comedy, comedian
comedy, comedian
cosmology, cosmologic(al)
credulous, credulity
custody, custodian
disparate, disparity
economy, economic(al)
euphony, euphonic
fantasy, fantastic
frivolous, frivolity
funeral, funereal
harmony, harmonic
history, historian
history, historic
homeopathy, homeopathic
homonymy, homonymic
horizon, horizontal

horrify, horrific
irony, ironic
lethargy, lethargic
magnanimous, magnanimity
majesty, majestic
melody, melodic
melody, melodious
metabolic, metabolism
numeral, numeric(al)
ovary, ovarian
pacify, pacific
pancreas, pancreatic
paralysis, paralytic
parody, parodic
prosody, prosodic
rhapsody, rhapsodic
scurrilous, scurrility
sonorous, sonority
syllable, syllabic
tyranny, tyrannic(al)
unanimous, unanimity