

Frequently Occurring SUFFIXES & INFIXES

A. NOUNS

1. NOUNS derived from Verbs

-tor,-tōris (-sor,-sōris), masc. **-trīx,-trīcis**, fem. are agentive nouns which denote the person “doing something”. These are normally formed on the perfect passive stem of a verb.

victor *victor* amātor *lover* vēnātor *hunter*
dēfensor *defender*
victrix *victor* vēnātrix *hunter*

NOTE - The suffix **-tor** is occasionally appended to noun stems as in *gladiātor*, *gladiātōris* (from *gladius* ‘sword’)

-or, -oris on the root of the verb (present stem without the thematic vowel) denotes an activity or a condition. These are generally masculine nouns.

amor *love* timor *fear* dolor *pain*

-tiō,-tiōnis (-siō,-siōnis) [feminine], and **-tus,-tūs (-sus, sūs)** [masculine] denote an action as in process. Like the agentive nouns above, these are formed on the perfect passive stem.

vēnātiō *hunting* actiō *action* obsessiō *blockade*
gemitus *sighing* cursus *running*

2. NOUNS derived from Nouns

Diminutives end in **-lus/m**

-ulus ulum oppidulum *little town* (from oppidum)
-ōlus filiōlus *little son* (from filius)
-culus munusculum *little gift* (from munus)
-ellus libellus *little book* (from libellus)
-illus lapillus *pebble* (from lapis)

3. NOUNS derived from Adjectives

-tās,-tātis

-tūdō,-tūdinis

-ia,-iae and **-itia,-itiae** are used for the formation of abstract nouns denoting qualities

bonitās *goodness* celeritās *swiftness* vēritās *truth*
magnitūdō *greatness* fortitūdō *bravery*
audācia, *boldness* amīcitia, *friendship*

B. ADJECTIVES

1. ADJECTIVES derived from Verbs. These suffixes are attached to the root of the verb (present stem without the thematic vowel).

-idus, a, um denotes a state, as

timidus *timid* (from timeo *fear*) cupidus *eager* (from cupio *desire*)

-ilis and **-bilis** denote capacity or ability, usually in a passive sense, as

fragilis *fragile* (i.e. capable of being broken; from frango *break*)

docilis *docile* (i.e. capable of being taught; from doceo *teach*)

2. ADJECTIVES derived from Nouns

-eus is appended to names of substances or materials

aureus *of gold* ferreus *of iron*

-icus

-ilis, -ālis, -āris

-ārius

signify belonging to, connected with, as

-nus, ānus, -īnus

-ēnsis

bellicus, *pertaining to war*

cīvīlis, *civil*

rēgālis, *regal*

cōsulāris, *consular*

legiōnārius, *legionary*

paternus, *paternal*

urbānus, *of the city*

marīnus, *marine*

circēnsis, *belonging to the circus*

3. ADJECTIVES derived from Adjectives

Diminutives in **-lus (-ulus, olus, ellus, illus)**

parvolus, *little*

misellus, *poor little*

4. ADJECTIVES derived from Nouns

-ōsus "full of", "prone to"

periculōsus *dangerous, full of danger*

verbōsus *wordy*

C. VERBS

1. VERBS derived from Verbs

-scō appended to the present stem denotes the beginning of an action. These are called inceptives or inchoatives.

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| labāscō | <i>begin to totter , begin to give way</i> | (from labō <i>waver</i>) |
| tremēscō | <i>begin to tremble</i> | (from tremō <i>tremble</i>) |

-tō or **-sō** denote a repeated or energetic action. These are formed from the perfect passive stem and are called frequentatives or intensives.

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| jactō, | <i>toss about, brandish</i> | (from jaciō <i>hurl</i>) |
| cursō, | <i>run to and fro</i> | (from currō <i>run</i>) |
| volitō, | <i>flit about</i> | (from volō <i>fly</i>) |

D. ADVERBS

-im Adverbs derived from verbs are formed from the perfect passive stem by means of the suffix **-im**, as in

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| certāt im, | <i>enthusiastically</i> | (from certō <i>strive</i>) |
| curs im, | <i>in haste</i> | (from currō <i>run, rush</i>) |

-tim (-sim), -ātim Adverbs derived from nouns and adjectives are formed with the suffixes **-tim (-sim), -ātim**, as in

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| grad ātim, | <i>step by step</i> | (from gradus <i>step, pace</i>) |
| paul ātim, | <i>gradually</i> | (from paulus,a,um <i>little,small</i>) |

-ter, as in

brevi|ter, *briefly*