

## 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  
sapidity  
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)<sup>1</sup> “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