



The Suffix -ary Word list



Adjectives with the Suffix -ary

Complementary: Combining well with something else to enhance or complete it.

- "Her website design featured a **complementary** color scheme and appealing graphics."
- "As a language teacher, I believe that the use of **complementary** teaching methods, like interactive games and grammar lessons, can make the learning process more engaging and effective for my students."

Complimentary: Given or provided free of charge; expressing praise or admiration.

- "The hotel offers **complimentary** Wi-Fi to all its guests."
- "The artist received a **complimentary** review for her latest exhibition."

Concessionary: Relating to or granting concessions, especially in terms of pricing or benefits.

- "The university offers **concessionary** tuition fees for students from low-income backgrounds."
- "The **concessionary** policy allows senior citizens to travel at a discounted fare on public transportation."

Customary: Following or conforming to established practices, traditions, or customs.

- "It is **customary** to exchange gifts during the holiday season."
- "Removing shoes before entering someone's home is a **customary** practice in certain cultures."

Dietary: Relating to the types and quantities of food consumed, particularly in relation to health.

- "He followed a strict **dietary** regimen to manage his diabetes."
- "The national **dietary** guidelines recommend eating a variety of foods rich in fruits and vegetables."

Disciplinary: Relating to the enforcement of rules or the correction of behavior through punishment or training.

- "The school has a **disciplinary** committee that handles student misconduct cases."
- "She received **disciplinary** action for violating company policies."

Discretionary: Available for use at one's own discretion or judgment; optional.

- "The employees have a **discretionary** budget they can use for professional development."
- "The judge has **discretionary** authority to determine the appropriate sentence."

Evolutionary: Relating to the gradual development or change over time, particularly in biology or genetics.

- "Scientists study the **evolutionary** process to understand the origin of species."
- "The theory of evolution proposes that organisms undergo gradual **evolutionary** changes through natural selection."

Exclusionary: Involving or resulting in exclusion; intended to keep something or someone out.

- "The school was exposed for its **exclusionary** practices. It lost its financial support from the government."
- "Our club is welcoming to all. We made sure not to use any **exclusionary** language in the club charter."

Extraordinary: Exceptional, remarkable, or beyond what is ordinary or usual.

- "The singer's **extraordinary** vocal range captivated the audience."
- "The team made an **extraordinary** comeback in the final minutes of the game."

Fiduciary: Involving trust, confidence, or the management of assets on behalf of another.

- "As a trustee, he had **fiduciary** duties to act in the best interest of the beneficiaries."
- "Financial advisors have a **fiduciary** responsibility to prioritize their clients' interests."

Imaginary: Existing only in the imagination; not real or based on reality.

- "Children often have **imaginary** friends during their early years of development."
- "The story is set in an **imaginary** world filled with magical creatures and enchanted landscapes."

Inflationary: Relating to or characterized by inflation, an increase in the general price level of goods and services.

- "The government implemented measures to combat **inflationary** pressures in the economy."
- "Rising energy costs had an **inflationary** effect on consumer prices."

Legendary: Highly celebrated and well-known, often in relation to stories or individuals of great fame.

- "The **legendary** musician's songs continue to inspire generations of artists."
- "Legends speak of a mythical creature with **legendary** strength and magical powers."

Literary: Relating to literature, particularly as a form of artistic expression or written works of lasting value.

- "The author received critical acclaim for her book, many called it a **literary** masterpiece."
- "My **literary** analysis explored the symbols and themes within the novel."

Momentary: Lasting for only a brief moment or an extremely short period of time.

- "The joy on her face was only **momentary** before it turned to sadness."
- "A **momentary** lapse in concentration caused the athlete to miss the winning shot."

Monetary: Relating to money, currency, or financial matters.

- "The central bank made **monetary** policy adjustments to stabilize the economy."
- "She received a **monetary** reward for her outstanding performance at work."

Parliamentary: Relating to a system of government where the legislative body consists of elected representatives.

- "The **parliamentary** elections are scheduled to take place next month."
- "The prime minister addressed the **parliamentary** session on important policy matters."

Planetary: Relating to or characteristic of planets or their motion in the solar system.

- "Scientists discovered a new **planetary** system with multiple exoplanets."
- "The study explored the **planetary** alignment and its impact on gravitational forces."

Planetary becomes the adjective **Interplanetary** by adding the PREFIX INTER-

Interplanetary means: Relating to the space or area between planets.

- "The mission aims to explore **interplanetary** travel possibilities and potential habitats."
- "Scientists study **interplanetary** magnetic fields to understand solar system dynamics."

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Postsecondary: Referring to education or activities that occur after completing high school.

- "Many students pursue **postsecondary** education to acquire specialized skills for their desired careers."
- "The **postsecondary** institution offers a wide range of degree programs and vocational training."

Precautionary: Taken or done in advance to prevent harm, accidents, or undesirable outcomes.

- "The company implemented **precautionary** measures to ensure the safety of its employees."
- "The driver took a **precautionary** detour to avoid the heavy traffic ahead."

Primary: First or foremost in importance, order, or significance; principal or main.

- "Education is a **primary** focus in the development of any society."
- "The **primary** objective of the study was to evaluate the effectiveness of the new drug."

Probationary: Relating to a period of testing, evaluation, or trial, typically in a job or legal context.

- "The new employees undergo a **probationary** period to see if they are a good fit for the company."
- "He was placed on **probationary** status after being charged with a misdemeanor."

Revolutionary: Involving or causing a significant, radical, or transformative change.

- "The invention of the internet brought about a **revolutionary** shift in global communication."
- "The **revolutionary** leader inspired the masses to rise against the oppressive regime."

Secondary: Coming after or following in importance, rank, or order.

- "She pursued a **secondary** career in photography alongside her primary job."
- "The **secondary** source provided additional insights into the historical event."

Summary: Concise and brief, providing a condensed version or overview of something.

- "The executive **summary** highlights the key findings and recommendations of the report."

• "The professor gave a **summary** review of the lecture to help students focus on the main points."

Unitary: Relating to a system of government or organization in which power is centralized in a single authority.

• "The country has a **unitary** form of government, with decisions made at the national level."

• "In a **unitary** organization, all branches report directly to the central management."

Urinary: Relating to the organs and processes involved in the production and excretion of urine.

• "The **urinary** system consists of the kidneys, bladder, and associated organs."

• "**Urinary** tract infections can cause discomfort and frequent urination."

Visionary: Having original, innovative ideas or plans for the future; characterized by forward-thinking.

• "The **visionary** entrepreneur started a successful company based on his own unique ideas."

• "He is known as a **visionary** artist, creating original and thought-provoking pieces."

Voluntary: Done, given, or undertaken willingly, without coercion or obligation.

• "The organization relies on the support of **voluntary** donations to fund its charitable programs."

• "She donates her time to serve meals at the local shelter. It is strictly **voluntary**."

Nouns with the Suffix -ary

Adversary: An opponent or enemy in a conflict or competition.

• "The boxer trained hard to defeat his formidable **adversary** in the upcoming match."

• "Outside the courtroom the lawyers were friends, but inside the courtroom, they were fierce **adversaries**."

Auxiliary: Used to describe something that provides additional help or support

- "In English grammar, **auxiliary** verbs like "is" or "have" help us form questions and negative sentences."
- "An **auxiliary** power source, like a generator, can provide electricity during a blackout."

Boundary: A dividing line or limit that separates one area, state, or concept from another.

- "The river serves as the natural **boundary** between the two countries."
- "The strict rules set clear **boundaries** for acceptable behavior within the organization."

Burglary: The act of unlawfully entering a building with the intention to commit theft or other crimes.

- "The homeowners were devastated to discover their house had been targeted in a **burglary**."
- "The police investigated the **burglary** and collected evidence to identify the culprits."

Centenary: The hundredth anniversary of a specific event or occurrence.

- "The city celebrated its **centenary** with a grand parade and fireworks display."
- "The museum exhibited artifacts and photographs from the **centenary** of the country's independence."

Contemporary: Belonging to the same time period or existing or occurring at the present time.

- "The artist's works reflect the **contemporary** art movement of the 21st century."
- "**Contemporary** social issues were discussed during the conference."

Contrary: Opposite in nature, direction, or meaning; conflicting or contradictory.

- "Her actions were **contrary** to her words, causing confusion among her friends."
- "**Contrary** to popular belief, some species of bats are not blind."

Corollary: A natural consequence or result that follows from a previous action or condition.

- "Increased investment in education has the **corollary** effect of improving socio-economic outcomes."
- "The **corollary** to hard work is often success."

Dictionary: a book or electronic resource that gives a list of the words of a language in alphabetical order and explains what they mean, or gives a word for them in a foreign language

- "When I don't know the meaning of a word, I look it up in the **dictionary**."
- "My favorite **dictionary** has colorful pictures to help me understand words better."

Glossary: A list of terms and definitions, typically found at the end of a book or document.

- "The textbook includes a **glossary** of key terms to assist students in understanding the subject matter."
- "The website features a comprehensive **glossary** to help users navigate technical jargon."

Infirmary: A place, typically within an institution, where medical care and treatment are provided.

- "The injured athletes were taken to the school's **infirmary** for immediate medical attention."
- "The hospital has a separate **infirmary** dedicated to treating contagious diseases."

Intermediary: A person or entity that acts as a mediator or go-between in a transaction or negotiation.

- "The lawyer served as an **intermediary** between the two parties, facilitating the settlement."

• "The company hired an **intermediary** to negotiate favorable terms with suppliers."

Judiciary: The branch of government responsible for the administration of justice and interpreting the law.

• "The **judiciary** plays a crucial role in upholding the principles of justice and ensuring the rule of law."

• "The judge's decision set a significant precedent in the **judiciary's** approach to similar cases."

Library: A place where books, periodicals, and other materials are kept for reading, studying, or reference.

• "She spent hours at the **library** researching her thesis."

• "The **library** has a vast collection of books, spanning various genres and subjects."

Mercenary: A person who is primarily motivated by financial gain, often willing to perform tasks or services for payment.

• "The **mercenary** was hired to protect the valuable cargo during its transport through enemy land."

• "His reputation as a **mercenary** soldier made him a sought-after figure on the battlefield."

Military: Relating to the armed forces or warfare; pertaining to soldiers, weaponry, or military operations.

• "The **military** conducted extensive training exercises to enhance combat readiness."

• "He dedicated his life to serving in the **military** and defending his country."

Mortuary: A place or establishment where deceased bodies are prepared for burial or cremation.

• "The family visited the **mortuary** to make arrangements for the funeral service."

• "The **mortuary** staff ensured that the deceased was treated with dignity and respect."

Obituary: A notice or announcement of a person's death, often accompanied by a brief biography or tribute.

- "The local newspaper published an **obituary** honoring the life of a prominent community leader."
- "Family and friends gathered to share memories and stories at the **obituary** service."

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Salary: A fixed regular payment, typically given to an employee for their work, usually on a monthly or annual basis.

- "She negotiated a higher **salary** during the job interview."
- "The company provides competitive **salaries** and attractive benefits to its employees."

Sanctuary: A place of refuge or safety, often associated with spiritual or sacred significance.

"The wildlife sanctuary protects endangered species and provides a safe habitat for them."

"The temple serves as a sanctuary for meditation and spiritual contemplation."

Secretary: A person employed to handle administrative tasks, manage correspondence, and assist in organizing meetings and appointments.

- "The **secretary** efficiently handles all incoming calls and manages the office schedule."
- "She was appointed as the **secretary** of the committee, responsible for recording minutes during meetings."

Solitary: Being alone or isolated; without companionship or interaction with others.

- "She enjoys spending **solitary** weekends in the countryside, surrounded by nature."
- "The prisoner was kept in **solitary** confinement for disciplinary reasons."

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- "The young artist was a **visionary**, always dreaming of new and imaginative ways to create beautiful paintings."
- "Our school principal is a **visionary** who envisions a future where every student has access to quality education and resources."

