

Spelling list: AL words

The *al* ending is derived from Latin and often brings the sense of something being related to, connected with, or characteristic of a root word. Words that end in *al* can take on a range of meanings, from describing qualities to denoting actions or states.

Let's look at some examples:

1. *Historical*: This adjective is used to describe things related to *history* . For example, *historical landmarks* are places that have played a significant role in the past.
2. *Structural*: This adjective describes the design or arrangement (i.e. the *structure*) of something. *Structural integrity* , for example, is the soundness and stability of a construction.
3. *Portal*: This noun might refer to a doorway, entrance, or gateway, often with a sense of transition (like at a *port*).

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| hospital | He went to hospital so they could mend his wound. |
| local | The local farmer reared cattle. |
| accidental | Their meeting was purely accidental . |
| mental | Psychiatry is the study and treatment of mental illness. |
| metal | The metal began to corrode. |
| medal | Sara won the silver medal . |
| practical | Fieldwork is practical work conducted in the natural environment. |
| fatal | Macbeth's fatal flaw was his ambition. |
| typical | Mini skirts were typical 60s fashion. |
| total | Can you work out the total ? |
| vital | They lost a vital component of the machine. |
| scandal | The scandal had a discernible effect on the politician's career. |
| legal | The notary examined the legal documents. |
| sandal | I lost my sandal at the beach. |

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| capital | Paris is the capital city of France. |
| dental | Jenny required dental treatment after the accident. |
| natural | Physical geography is the study of the natural things of the Earth. |
| mortal | I was born a mortal . |
| natal | Natal relates to birth. |