

Spelling list: *al* as a suffix

If you add suffix to the end of a base word, it creates a new word with a modified meaning.

The words in this list include the suffix *-al* , which comes from Latin and is commonly used to form adjectives that describe characteristics, qualities, actions, or processes associated with a particular noun.

As *-al* is a *vowel suffix* , any vowel at the end of a *root word* is removed before the suffix is added. For example: *arrive* - *e* = *arriv-* , *arriv-* + *-al* = *arrival* .

If the *root word* doesn't end in a vowel, no change needs to be made before the suffix is added. For example: *intention* + *-al* = *intentional* .

arrival	The arrival of the Queen was marked by a fanfare.
bridal	Her bridal gown was spectacular.
burial	The church had several burial grounds.
central	The bank was fairly central in the city.
comical	The clown's act was very comical .
emotional	He made an emotional appeal for information.
global	Is global warming the cause of climate change?
intentional	It was a grotesque and intentional act of violence.
international	The country relies on international trade.
magical	Aladdin flew on a magical carpet.
national	When the prince married, there was a national holiday.
optional	Participation is optional .
personal	My teacher takes a personal interest in my progress.
seasonal	The city had many seasonal visitors.
survival	Water is essential for survival .
topical	It was a topical debate.

tropical

Tropical plants can be hard to keep alive in cold countries.