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Suffix -ity in the form -ety as in "society" and -ty as in "loyalty"

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[Figure1]

The suffix *-ity* regularly has a stressed short vowel in front of it. Also, *-ity* is added to adjectives and bound stems to make nouns.

Examples

Noun	Analysis: Stem + Suffix	Stem
productivity	<i>productiv</i> + <i>ity</i>	<i>Adjective</i>

Note that the suffix *-ity* has two other forms that are used in certain settings: *-ety* and *-ty*. Examples of these endings are *anxiety* and *penalty*.

Review

Analyze each of the following nouns into stem plus suffix, showing any changes that took place. In the Stem column write 'Adjective' if the stem is an adjective or 'Bound' if it is a bound stem.

Noun	Analysis: Stem + Suffix	Stem
1. necessity		
2. quality		
3. dignity		
4. extremity		
5. complexity		
6. humility		
7. capacity		
8. quantity		
9. publicity		

10. The suffix *-ity* has two other forms that are used in certain settings: *-ety* and *-ty*. Underline the forms *-ity*, *-ety*, and *-ty* in the following words.

anxiety	ferocity	notoriety	reality
casualty	gaiety	penalty	sanctity
celebrity	intensity	piety	implicit
certainty	liberty	poverty	society
charity	loyalty	property	specialty
eternity	mentality	propriety	variety

11. Sort the twenty-four words into these three groups.

Words with . . .

<i>-ity</i>	<i>-ety</i>	<i>-ty</i>

[Figure2]

12. You know that *-ity* always has a stressed short vowel right in front of it. Is the vowel right in front of *-ty* stressed or unstressed? _____. Is the vowel right in front of *-ety* long or short? _____. Is it stressed or unstressed? _____.

Review (Answers)

Noun	Analysis: Stem + Suffix	Stem
1. necessity	necess + ity	Bound
2. quality	qual + ity	Bound
3. dignity	dign + ity	Bound
4. extremity	extrem e / + ity	Adjective (Noun)
5. complexity	complex + ity	Adjective (Noun)
6. humility	humil + ity	Bound
7. capacity	capac + ity	Bound
8. quantity	quant + ity	Bound
9. publicity	public + ity	Adjective (Noun)

10.

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Words with ...

-ity	-ety	-ty
ferocity	anxiety	casualty
celebrity	gaiety	certainty
charity	notoriety	liberty
eternity	piety	loyalty
ferocity	propriety	penalty
intensity	society	property
mentality	variety	specialty
reality		
sanctity		
simplicity		

12. You know that *-ity* always has a stressed short vowel right in front of it. Is the vowel right in front of *-ty* stressed or unstressed? unstressed. Is the vowel right in front of *-ety* long or short? long. Is it stressed or unstressed? stressed.

Explore More

1. What are the main differences between words in which we use *-ity* and those in which we use *-ty*?

2. Here are the analyses of words used in this lesson with *-ety*.

anxiety	=	anxi + ety
propriety	=	propri + ety
notoriety	=	notori + ety
society	=	soci + ety
gaiety	=	ga y + i + ety
variety	=	var y + i + ety

What are the main differences between words in which we use *-ity* and those in which we use *-ety*?

Explore More (Answers)

1. What are the main differences between words in which we use *-ity* and those in which we use *-ty*? In words with *-ity* the vowel just before the *-ity* is stressed and short; in words with *-ty* the vowel just before the *-ty* is unstressed.

2. What are the main differences between words in which we use *-ity* and those in which we use *-ety*? In words with *-ity* the vowel just before the *-ity* is stressed and short; in words with *-ety* the vowel just before the *-ety* is stressed and long and is always <i>.

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