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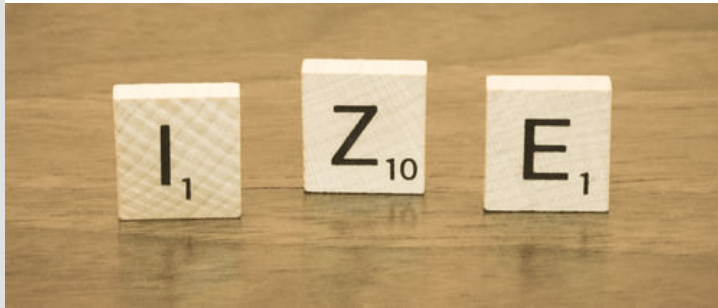
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Turning stems into verbs using the suffix -ize, such as in "vocal" to "vocalize"

The Suffix -ize

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The suffix *-ize* turns stems into verbs.

Examples

The suffix *-ize* is related to *-ist* in a special way:

Noun or Adjective	Noun	Verb
capital	capitalist	capitalize
vocal	vocalist	vocalize
ideal	idealist	idealize

Many stems that add *-ist* to make a noun also add *-ize* to make a verb.

Review

Analyze each of the following words into its shortest free stem plus suffix or suffixes. Show any changes.

Word	= Free Stem	+ Suffix or Suffixes
1. rationalized	= <i>ration</i>	+ <i>al</i> + <i>iz</i> <i>ed</i> + <i>ed</i>
2. rationalists	=	+
3. vaporizer	=	+
4. criticizing	=	+
5. capitalists	=	+
6. capitalize	=	+
7. naturalized	=	+
8. naturalists	=	+
9. itemizing	=	+
10. realizing	=	+
11. realist	=	+
12. characterizes	=	+
13. civilized	=	+
14. victimize	=	+
15. formalized	=	+
16. specialize	=	+

Review (Answers)

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1. rationalized	= <i>ration</i>	+ <i>al</i> + <i>iz</i> z + <i>ed</i>
2. rationalists	= <i>ration</i>	+ <i>al</i> + <i>ist</i> + <i>s</i>
3. vaporizer	= <i>vapor</i>	+ <i>iz</i> z + <i>er</i>
4. criticizing	= <i>critic</i>	+ <i>iz</i> z + <i>ing</i>
5. capitalists	= <i>capital</i>	+ <i>ist</i> + <i>s</i>
6. capitalize	= <i>capital</i>	+ <i>ize</i>
7. naturalized	= <i>natur</i> z	+ <i>al</i> + <i>iz</i> z + <i>ed</i>
8. naturalists	= <i>natur</i> z	+ <i>al</i> + <i>ist</i> + <i>s</i>
9. itemizing	= <i>item</i>	+ <i>iz</i> z + <i>ing</i>
10. realizing	= <i>real</i>	+ <i>iz</i> z + <i>ing</i>
11. realist	= <i>real</i>	+ <i>ist</i>
12. characterizes	= <i>character</i>	+ <i>iz</i> z + <i>es</i>
13. civilized	= <i>civil</i>	+ <i>iz</i> z + <i>ed</i>
14. victimize	= <i>victim</i>	+ <i>ize</i>
15. formalized	= <i>form</i>	+ <i>al</i> + <i>iz</i> z + <i>ed</i>
16. specialize	= <i>special</i>	+ <i>ize</i>

Explore More

Proofreading Quiz. The seven words in bold type in the following two paragraphs are misspelled. Find the mistakes and write in the correct spelling of each one.

a. The words *gypsy* and *Egypt* are related to one another **historicaly**. The word *Egypt* came first. It is a very old word that goes back to ancient Egyptian times. Then, five hundred years ago when a lot of dark-**skined** people moved into Europe from Asia, many thought them to be from **Egyp**, so they were called *gypsies*.

b. The Greeks believed that there were nine goddesses who were in charge of the arts. These nine **artistick goddesses** were called muses. If you add the suffix *-ic* to the word *muse*, you get *music*: *mus* ~~/~~ + *ic* = *music*. Music is the art of the muses. The same base *muse* is also in the word *museum*: *mus* ~~/~~ + *eum* = *museum*. A museum was a place for the muses. So when you attend a **musicall** concert or look at an exhibit in an art museum, you can thank the nine **Greke** muses.

Explore More (Answers)

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