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Latin and Greek Suffixes: An/-Ian and Ity

Many suffixes we use in English originally come from Greek or Latin word endings. The suffix an/-ian is from Latin meaning “having the skill” or “relating to.”. The suffix -ity is from Latin meaning “condition” or “quality of”. Suffixes often change the way the root word is used, such as from a noun to an adjective. For example, word suburb means “near a city”. Combine suburb with -an, and it becomes the word suburban. Based on its original meaning, suburban means “relating to that near a city” or the adjective form of suburb.

Use the list in the bank to make five different English words out of an/You may add a prefix or change the spelling a little if needed. Write a sentence for each word you make and circle the word you made with the suffix. Be sure to use words for both -an/-ian and -ity.

Word Bank captive, celebr, fertile, gray, librar, magic, music, necess, physic, veter

1. Sentences

2.

3.

4.

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Answers key

Actual answers may vary.

1. Student's choice

2.

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