Lesson 5

Other “Doer” Suffixes: -ist, -ian, -ant/-ent
and “Place” Suffixes: -ary/-ery/-ory/-ry

In addition to -er and its variants, there are three other suffixes that also mean “doer” of the activity: -ist, -ian, and -ant. There are some pronunciation or spelling changes when these suffixes are attached to a base.

- type – typist
- diet – dietician
- study – student

Notice that the -ian suffix is often spelled -cian. For example, a hairdresser who also helps women with their hands and faces to make them beautiful is called a beautician; someone who does magic is a magician. Also, many nationality names use this suffix or -an: Canadian, Italian, Ethiopian, Mexican, Tibetan, Moroccan.

• Note: Not all words ending in -ant/-ent are “doer” words. Vacant and permanent are adjectives.

-ary, -ery, -ory, and -ry are suffixes that often mean “a place where ...” For example, a winery is a place where wine is made and a granary is a place where grain is stored.

However, there are many irregularities with this suffix, and the exact meaning of the word may not refer to a place. For example, it may refer to a person who does something, a type of material, or the study or practice of some subject.

Secretary is a person, not a place for secrets. Stationery means writing paper. Forestry is the management of forests. Chemistry is the study of chemicals.

• Note: -ary may also be an adjective suffix. It means “engaged in or connected with.”

We will study this suffix in lesson 13. For example: temporary, primary, stationary.

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**Exercises**

A. In the following sentences, write the appropriate *-ist* word.

1. A person who is involved in science is a ____________________.
2. People who work in the fields of sociology, psychology, and psychiatry are ____________________ , ____________________ , and ____________________.
3. A person who is involved in economics is an ____________________.
   a. Capitalism is practiced by ____________________.
   b. Socialism is practiced by ____________________.
   c. Communism is practiced by ____________________.
4. Some writers:
   a. A person who writes dramas is a ____________________.
   b. A person who writes novels is a ____________________.
   c. A person who writes columns in a newspaper is a ____________________ (also called a journalist).
5. Some musicians:
   a. A ____________ plays the guitar.
   d. A ____________ plays cello.
   b. A ____________ plays the violin.
   e. A ____________ plays the flute.
   c. A ____________ plays the piano.
6. Politicians who are realistic are ____________________, and if they are idealistic, they are ____________________.
7. A person who is very active, especially in political matters, is an ____________.
   And if the person wants to have no government (anarchy), they are an ____________.
   An activist in environmental matters is an ____________.
   Ecology is the science of environmental balance. A person who studies it is an ____________.
8. Three criminals:
   One who burns buildings (the crime of arson): ____________________.
   One who practices terror: ____________________.
   One who rapes: ____________________.
9. A person who tours a foreign country is a ____________________.
   A person who drives a motor car is a ____________________.
B. Match these -ian words with the appropriate description.

1. ___ politician  a. Albert Einstein
2. ___ musician  b. One who works in government
3. ___ mathematician (and physicist)  c. a doctor
4. ___ technician  d. the opposite of military
5. ___ physician  e. a guitarist
6. ___ civilian  f. one who operates technical instruments

C. Complete the following with an -ant/-ent word. Use the list of bases below.

occup-   pati-   dissid-   immigr-   resid-
account-  migr-   consult-  oppon-

1. a worker who migrates from place to place: a ________________ worker.
2. a person who opposes another: an ________________.
3. a person who charges money for giving advice: a ________________.
4. a person who gives financial advice: an ________________.
5. a person who occupies a place: an ________________.
6. a person who is sick: a ________________.
7. a person who immigrates into a country: an ________________.
8. a person who disagrees with the government: a ________________.
9. a person who lives in a place: a ________________.

D. Fill in the blanks with one of these “place where” words.

library   territory  bakery   directory
laboratory  factory  mortuary  diary
treasury  armory  chemistry  dictionary

1. Another word for “weapons” is “arms.” Weapons would be kept in an ________________.
2. Bread is baked in a ________________.
3. Words are found in a ________________.
4. Telephone numbers are found in a ________________.
5. Daily notes are kept in a ________________.
6. A scientist works in a ________________.
7. Books are kept in a ________________.
8. The ________________ department is concerned with money.
9. Goods are produced in a ________________.
10. Siberia is a huge ________________ in Northern Russia.
11. Dead people are kept in a ________________ before they are buried.
12. The study of matter is ________________.

E. Many nationalities are spelled with an -ian or -an suffix. Can you name a few?

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Awards for Artists and Scientists

NORBERG, Nordlandia (PLN) The Academy of Arts and Sciences today announced this year’s winners in the fields of science, literature, ecology, music, and economics. The winners will each receive a cash prize of $50,000, according to awards panelist Dr. Arthur Andrews.

Physicist Nils Groenig, notified of his award while working in his laboratory, celebrated with his research assistants by toasting them with a bottle of champagne. Botanist Anna Brown-Archer, a professor at the University of Jackson, received the award for her work in plant genetics. The third scientist cited by the Academy was Dr. Rolf Steinmetz, a chemist at the University of Overberg.

The novelist and dramatist Pedro Garcia, an Antillian, was named the recipient of the literature prize. His latest novel, The Diary of an Idealist, was acclaimed by the awards committee as a major contribution to world literature. The author, an outspoken dissident, is now a resident of Mexteca.

In the field of music, the award went to composer and pianist Gregor Kosnowski. Long considered one of the world’s outstanding musicians, Kosnowski is best known for his piano concertos. A proponent of neo-romanticism, he is the resident conductor of the Thyme Conservatory of Music.

This year marked the first year that a prize was given to an environmentalist. Robert Rackham, a well-known forestry consultant and environmental activist, was praised for his work on the effects of deforestation in tropical rain forests.

The prize for economics was won by Martin Greenberg, whose recent book, The Proletarian and the Capitalist, is rapidly becoming a classic in its field.
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From New Urban City, this is the Morning Show with Maria Ventura.

Maria: Good morning from New Urban City. This is Maria Ventura. Yesterday in Norberg, the Academy of Arts and Sciences announced its annual prizes. Panelist Dr. Arthur Andrews named three scientists, a novelist, a musician, and an economist. And for the first time an award goes to an environmental activist.

Earlier this morning we talked with Dr. Andrews, a resident of Genera, who was speaking with us from his library. Here’s an excerpt from our interview:

Dr. Andrews, this year the Academy gave an award to an environmentalist. This is a first, isn’t it?

Andrews: Oh, yes. It is very clear that although chemists, botanists, geologists, and other scientists do very valuable work, the time has come to recognize the importance of the work of environmentalists such as the Arcadian forestry expert Robert Rackham and the ecologist Nkwe Ngwa, who has done so much research on the Saharan Desert.

Maria: This year for the first time, an Antillian dissident won the award for his literary contributions. But as a dissident, he is not welcome in Antillia. Is the Academy making a political statement?

Andrews: The Academy is always making a statement, whether the award goes to an Antillian or a Ruritanian or a Slobovian or a Zanzanian. Our statement is simple: we recognize and award contributions to world peace.

Maria: Thank you so much for speaking to us, Dr. Andrews.

Andrews: You’re quite welcome.

Maria: And now this:
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