

How to Use Words Ending in *-al* or *-ar* and Their Related Forms*

This article contains a collection of certain words ending in *-al* or *-ar* which are used in the technical literature. The said words are presented irrespective of their origin and their related forms are obtained by attaching additional suffixes. The selected words can be found in The American Heritage® Dictionary (2006) at Dictionary.com (2012). The website also provides additional references, like the Collins English Dictionary (2009), for some rarely used related forms. The words ending in *-al* are shown in Table 1 and the words ending in *-ar* are shown in Table 2.

Table 1. Words ending in *-al* and some of their related forms are sorted alphabetically.

Adjectives	Adverbs	Nouns	Verbs
adjectival	adjectivally	-	-
artificial	artificially	artificiality, artificialness	artificialize
aural	aurally	-	-
causal	causally	causality	-
crystal, crystallike, crystalline	-	crystal	crystal, crystal(l)ize
educational	educationally	-	-
equal	equally	equal, equality	equal, equalize
ethical	ethically	ethicality, ethicalness	-
experimental	experimentally	experimentalism, experimentalist	experimentalize
familial	-	-	-
filial	filially	filialness	-
formal, formalistic	formally, (go) formal	formal, formalism, formalist, formality, formalness	formalize
grammatical	grammatically	grammaticality, grammaticalness	grammaticalize
horizontal	horizontally	horizontal, horizontality, horizontalness	-
identical	identically	identicalness	-
informal	informally	informality	-
instrumental	instrumentally	instrumental, instrumentalism, instrumentalist, instrumentality	-
intentional	intentionally	intentionality	-
material, materialistic	materially	material, materialist, materiality, materialness	materialize
mathematical	mathematically	-	-
metal, metallic, metallike	metallically	metal, metalleity, metallicity	metal, metal(l)ize
moral, moralistic, moralless	morally	moral, moralism, moralist, morality	moralize
natural, naturalistic	naturally	natural, naturalism, naturalist naturalness	naturalize
numeral, numerical	numerically	numeral	-
perpetual	perpetually	perpetual, perpetuality, perpetualness	-
physical	physically	physicality, physicalism, physicalness	physicalize
plural, pluralistic	plurally	plural, pluralism, pluralist, plurality	pluralize
-	-	retrieval	-
radical	radically	radical, radicalism, radicalness	radicalize
-	-	reversal	-
terminal	terminally	terminal	-
theoretical	theoretically	-	-
topological	topologically	-	-
trial	-	trial	trial
typical	typically	typicality, typicalness	-
universal, universalistic	universally	universal, universalist, universalness	universalize
usual	usually	usual, usualness	-
vertical	vertically	vertical, verticality, verticalness, verticalism	-

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Table 2. Words ending in *-ar* and some of their related forms are sorted alphabetically.

Adjectives	Adverbs	Nouns	Verbs
angular	angularly	angularity, angularness	-
-	-	avatar	-
-	-	bar	bar
calendarial, calendarian, calendaric	-	calendar	calendar
-	-	car	-
cellular	cellularly	cellularity	-
circular	circularly	circular, circularity, circularness	circularize
clear, clearable	clear, clearly	clear, clearness	clear
familiar	familiarly	familiar, familiarity	familiarize
far	far	farness	-
-	-	gear	gear
irregular	irregularly	irregular	-
-	-	jar	jar
lunar	-	lunar	-
modular	-	modular, modularity	modularize
molecular	molecularly	molecularity	-
muscular	muscularly	muscularity	-
nectar(e)ous, nectarcan, nectarlike	nectareously	nectar, nectarousness, nectarine	nectarize
nuclear	-	nuclear	nuclearize
peculiar	peculiarly	peculiar, peculiarity	peculiarize
-	-	registrar	-
regular	regularly	regular, regularity, regularness	regularize
star, starlike, starry	-	star	star
singular	singularly	singular	singularize
-	-	soar	soar
solar	-	solar	-
sparlike	-	spar	spar
spectacular	spectacularly	spectacular, spectacularism, spectacularity	-
sugary, sugarylike	-	sugar, sugarness	sugar
tabular	tabularly	-	tabularize
teary, tearable	tearily	tear, teariness, tearableness	tear
tubular	tubularly	tubularity	-
vinegary, vinegaryish, vinegarylike	-	vinegar	vinegar
vulgar	vulgarly	vulgar, vulgarism, vulgarness	vulgarize
war	-	war	war
wearry, wearable	wearily	wear, wearable, wearability, weariness	wear, weary
yearly	yearly	year, yearly	-

Additional related forms can be constructed with the use of various suffixes on a case-by-case basis. For example, verbs ending in *-ize* (*-ise* in British English) such as formalize are related to nouns like formalizer and formalization. Some verbs can be used to form related adverbs, for example, jarringly, soaringly, sparingly, etc. The suffix *-less* forms adjectives like carless, gearless, sugarless, starless, tearless, etc. The suffix *-er* forms nouns like soarer, wearer, etc.

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