

# Suffix -AGE | Pronunciation

## STANDARD BRITISH ENGLISH

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**-age = ɪdʒ**

advantage	əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ	image	'ɪmɪdʒ
average	'ævərɪdʒ	language	'læŋgwɪdʒ
baggage	'bæɡɪdʒ	luggage	'lʌɡɪdʒ
bandage	'bændɪdʒ	manage	'mænɪdʒ
beverage	'bevərɪdʒ	marriage	'mæərɪdʒ
cabbage	'kæbɪdʒ	message	'mesɪdʒ
carriage	'kærɪdʒ	miscarriage	mɪz'kærɪdʒ
cottage	'kɒtɪdʒ	mortgage	'mɔ:ɡɪdʒ
courage	'kʌrɪdʒ	package	'pækɪdʒ
coverage	'kʌvərɪdʒ	passage	'pæsɪdʒ
damage	'dæmɪdʒ	percentage	pə'sentɪdʒ
disadvantage	dɪsəd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ	sausage	'sɔ:sɪdʒ
discourage	dɪs'kʌrɪdʒ	sewage	'sju:ɪdʒ
drainage	'dreɪnɪdʒ	shortage	'ʃɔ:tɪdʒ
encourage	ɪn'kʌrɪdʒ	storage	'stɔ:rɪdʒ
footage	'fʊtɪdʒ	usage	'ju:sɪdʒ
garbage	'ɡɑ:bɪdʒ	village	'vɪlɪdʒ
hemorrhage	'hemərɪdʒ	vintage	'vɪntɪdʒ
heritage	'herɪtɪdʒ	voltage	'vəʊltɪdʒ
hostage	'hɒstɪdʒ	wreckage	'rekɪdʒ
			etc.

## French pronunciation

### -age = a:ʒ

camouflage	'kæməflɑ:ʒ	massage	'mæsɑ:ʒ
collage	'kɒlɑ:ʒ	mirage	mɪ'rɑ:ʒ
dressage	'dresɑ:ʒ	sabotage	'sæbətɑ:ʒ
garage	'gærɑ:ʒ		etc.

These word lists are a choice of what I consider to be frequent or useful words. By all means add your own.

## -AGE: PRONUNCIATION RULES

### S at the end: add a syllable

- When an s is added at the end to form a **plural** or **third person singular verb**, we need to place an /ɪ/ sound between /dʒ/-/ʒ/ and the /z/ sound.
- This means that we **add an extra syllable** - /ɪz/ - at the end.

package /'pækɪdʒ/ – packages /'pækɪdʒɪz/.

massage /'mæsɑ:ʒ/ – massages /'mæsɑ:ʒɪz/

### -ed ending: no extra syllable

- **-ed** adds **no extra syllable**; it is simply pronounced as /d/.

package /'pækɪdʒ/ – packaged /'pækɪdʒd/

massage /'mæsɑ:ʒ/ – massaged /'mæsɑ:ʒd/