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*USING SUFFIXES TO FORM NOUNS,
VERBS AND ADJECTIVES*

How to form NOUNS from Verbs and Adjectives

Verb to Noun Suffixes

suffixes	examples
-AL condition, quality	deny – denial propose – proposal
-ANCE / -ENCE action, state, condition or quality	refer – reference exist – existence
-ATION / -TION action or resulting state	educate – education inform – information
-SION action or resulting state	confuse – confusion decide – decision
-URE action or resulting state	fail – failure enclose – enclosure
-MENT state, act, condition	agree – agreement pay – payment
-AGE action, state, process	bag – baggage marry – marriage
-ING action, state, process	write – writing feed – feeding
-ERY a business or trade, a behavior, a condition	bake – bakery brew – brewery

Adjective to Noun Suffixes

suffixes	examples
-NESS state, quality, condition	quiet – quietness sleepy – sleepiness
-ITY state or condition	curious – curiosity mobile – mobility
-ISM state, practice	ideal – idealism colonial – colonialism
-TH condition	wide – width dead – death
-Y condition	honest – honesty jealous – jealousy
-ERY location, collective, behavior condition	brave – bravery
-TY condition	safe – safety cruel – cruelty

How to form VERBS from Nouns and Adjectives

suffixes	examples
-ATE	<i>appreciate, celebrate, congratulate</i>
-EN	<i>frighten, soften, widen</i>
-IFY	<i>identify, specify, qualify</i>
-ISE/IZE	<i>realise, recognise, modernize</i>

How to form ADJECTIVES from Verbs and Nouns

Verb to Adjective Suffixes

suffixes	examples
-ABLE able, can do	laugh – laughable pay – payable
-IBLE able, can do	access – accessible flex – flexible
-ANT performing agent	rely – reliant vacate – vacant
-ENT performing agent	excel – excellent urge – urgent
-IVE causing effect	create – creative prevent – preventive
-ING causing effect	amuse – amusing relax – relaxing
-ED receiving effect	amuse – amused relax – relaxed
-EN receiving effect	freeze – frozen braze – brazen

Noun to Adjective Suffixes

suffixes	examples
-AL relating to	brute – brutal person – personal
-ARY relating to quality or place	moment – momentary honor – honorary
-FUL full of	awe – awful delight – delightful
-IC having the nature of; caused by	base – basic science – scientific
-ICAL having the nature of	magic – magical practice – practical
-ISH origin, nature	self – selfish girl – girlish
-LESS without	power – powerless use – useless
-LIKE like	lady – ladylike bird – birdlike
-LY like	month – monthly coward – cowardly
-OUS quality, nature	danger – dangerous mystery – mysterious
-Y like	rain – rainy mess – messy

TIME TO PRACTISE:

1. Use the words in capitals to form a new word that fits into each blank!

- Kevin gave us a full _____ of the incident. (DESCRIBE)
- I wanted to _____ but my sister cancelled the visit. (APOLOGY)
- Most bird species are under _____ by law. (PROTECT)
- Helen and John enjoyed the _____ of the ocean. (WARM)
- After his wife's _____ he moved to Russia. (DIE)
- I didn't tell her the whole _____. (TRUE)
- Can you tell me the _____ of the new restaurant? (LOCATE)
- The hotel offers a great _____ of activities tourists can do. (SELECT)
- The film I watched last month was absolutely _____. (FASCINATE)
- Beach holidays make me feel _____. (RELAX)
- Sylvia likes reading _____. (POEM)
- Even the CIA could not solve the _____ crime. (MYSTERY)
- Kate runs a _____ business in New York. (SUCCEED)
- Michael didn't go up to the top because he is afraid of _____. (HIGH)
- There were a lot of _____ parts that she did not understand. (MEANING)

2. Change the words in brackets so that they complete the text.

Regents Canal

Two centuries of London history have played out around the Regent's Canal. The waterway, which celebrated its bicentenary during the nationwide lockdown last year, has born witness to epoch-defining events, including the 1..... (industry) revolution and both World Wars. Its adjacent path can no longer be called under-the-radar; it's

both well-loved and well-trodden, and dodging bicycles while trying not to fall in is all *part and parcel* of a day out by the water.

The graveyard is one of London’s ‘Magnificent Seven’ (among which, the more famous Highgate Cemetery and Nunhead Cemetery also feature) and a 2..... (verity) labyrinth of ornate Catholic mausoleums, some decaying, others immaculate.

Epping Forest Centenary Walk

Swaying grassland, wildflowers, and a serene, duck-filled pond all combine to 3..... (beauty) effect on Wanstead Flats, the first point of note on the Epping Forest Centenary Walk towards London’s outskirts. This is a quiet part of the capital, where traffic noise dims and dog walkers sip from KeepCups and chat about the weather.

A mile further brings you to Hollow Pond, a name that belies the enormity of the site: 13 acres of waterways complete with islands, pedalos and rowing boats. This green stretch through Upper Walthamstow is worth taking at an amble, pausing perhaps for a picnic before continuing up into Hingham’s Park. If, per chance, you haven’t had your fill of rowing, another boating lake features here, as well as an 4..... (impress) neoclassical manor house, from which the park gets its name.

Lea Valley Walk

Nature and industry sit cheek by jowl on this walk, which begins at the East India Dock and follows the river for 50 miles to Luton. While a swan symbol sporadically 5..... (material) to point you in the right direction, often the way isn’t obvious, so have a phone handy to check directions.

As the path heads north, the harsh industrial landscape transforms, coming first to Hackney Marshes and home of Sunday league football (the area has the highest number of full-size pitches in the world). In summer, Londoners descend on its shores in droves to paddle and picnic, though in spring the path is often quiet. Before reaching Tottenham Hale, you’ll also pass through Walthamstow Wetlands, one of London’s last 6..... (survive) marshlands and a haven for birdlife such as kingfishers, garganeys and the rare green sandpiper.

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3.Match the word with correct SUFFIX to form nouns, adjectives or verbs.

1.punish		a.th
2.spill		b.ness
3.commit		c.less
4.young		d.ous
5.price		e.en
6.thought		f.ate
7.happy		g.age
8.celebration		h.ment
9.soft		i.ful
10.adventure		j.ment

Help!

Videos in which the rules are explained 😊

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vR-yjInUWnM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTdYfmFDIM8>

ANSWER KEY:

Zad.1

1. Kevin gave us a full **DESCRIPTION** of the incident.
2. I wanted to **APOLOGIZE** but my sister cancelled the visit.
3. Most bird species are under **PROTECTION** by law.
4. Helen and John enjoyed the **WARMTH** of the ocean.
5. After his wife's **DEATH** he moved to Russia.
6. I didn't tell her the whole **TRUTH**.
7. Can you tell me the **LOCATION** of the new restaurant?
8. The hotel offers a great **SELECTION** of activities tourists can do.
9. The view from the top of the mountain is absolutely **FASCINATING**.
10. Beach holidays make me feel **RELAXED**
11. Sylvia likes reading **POETRY**.
12. Even the FBI could not solve the **MYSTERIOUS** crime.
13. Kate runs a **SUCCESSFUL** business in New York.
14. Michael didn't go up to the top because he is afraid of **HEIGHT**.
15. There were a lot of **MEANINGLESS** parts that she did not understand.

ZAD.2

1. industrial
2. veritable
3. beautiful
4. impressive
5. materialises
6. surviving

Zad.3

1. h/j
2. g
3. h/j
4. a
5. c
6. i
7. b
8. f
9. e
10. d