

Word formation exercises

Read the tips:

- Look at the word you have to change. Which words do you know that are in the same word family?
- The beginning of the word is often the same and the end of the word changes.
- What form is the new word? A verb? A noun? An adjective? An adverb?
- Nouns often end: -ment, -ion, -ness, -ity.
- People nouns often end: -er, -or, -ist, -ian.
- Adjectives often end: -able, -ible, -ive, -al, -ic, -ed, -ing.
- Some verbs end: -ise, -ate, -en.
- Adverbs often end: -ly.
- Is the new word negative? If so, you may need a prefix, e.g. un- (*unhappy*), im- (*impolite*), in- (*inexperienced*), dis- (*dishonest*), etc.
- If you don't know the new word, guess. You may be right!

Now choose the best option to complete the sentences:

- 1) He gets a lot of _____ from football. (ENJOY/ENJOYMENT/ENJOYABLE)
- 2) Money doesn't always bring _____. (HAPPINESS/HAPPILY/HAPPIER)
- 3) It is _____ to take something that isn't yours. (HONEST/HONESTLY/DISHONEST)
- 4) My dad gets very _____ when he has to wait ages for the train. (PATIENT/IMPATIENT/PATIENT)
- 5) I want to be a _____ when I'm older. (SCIENCE/SCIENTIFIC/SCIENTIST)
- 6) It's snowing. You need to ride your bike _____. (CAREFULLY/CAREFUL/UNCAREFUL)
- 7) _____ speaking, I didn't like the film. (PERSONALLY/UNPERSONALLY/PERSONAL)
- 8) She's _____ with fashion. She buys all the fashion magazines.
(OBSESSED/OBSESSIVE/OBSESSIVELY)