

Strategies and skills

Negative prefixes

Sometimes the word in capitals is an adjective, and you have to add a prefix to give an opposite meaning.

- 1 Make negative adjectives from the words in the box and add them to the table.

accurate certain formal legal
organised patient pleasant precise
regular relevant satisfied

un-	in-	im-	ir-	il-	dis-

SPEAKING BOOST

Discuss or answer.

- What kinds of health and beauty products or services are worth spending money on? Why?
- 'Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.' What does this mean? Do you think it's true?

Noun suffixes

We often use suffixes to form nouns from verbs and adjectives.

- 2 Form nouns from the words in the box by adding the correct suffix and add them to the table. Can you add any more nouns?

TIP: Remember, sometimes other spelling changes may be necessary.

agree appear assist collect decide
destroy employ encourage explain
happy ill improve independent
kind nervous perform popular safe
similar vary

-ance/ -ence	-ment	-ness	-ion	-y/-ity

- 3 Write the nouns for people from these words. What suffixes can we use to form nouns for people?

1 music musician	5 economy	8 science
2 assist	6 employ	9 politics
3 consume		10 tour
4 comedy	7 instruct	

- 4 Some nouns are irregular and aren't formed using a suffix. Match the verbs and adjectives (1-10) with the related nouns (a-j).

TIP: There is no rule for these nouns - you need to learn them!

1 choose	6 deep	a depth	f pride
2 high	7 please	b success	g weight
3 short	8 lose	c choice	h loss
4 weigh	9 proud	d pleasure	i shortage
5 grow	10 succeed	e height	j growth

- 5 Read the text about the Silver Snipers. Complete it with nouns formed from the words given in capitals at the end of some of the lines.

TIP: When you are completing gaps with nouns, remember to think about whether they should be singular or plural.

We tend to associate computer games with young people, and it is true the majority of (0) gamers are young. However, a group from Sweden is showing that reaching the age of (1) _____ doesn't mean that you stop having fun. With an average age over 60, the Silver Snipers are the oldest team to take part in professional gaming (2) _____. And don't be put off by their elderly (3) _____. They take their playing very seriously! Although they don't enjoy much (4) _____ in terms of winning trophies, they get enormous (5) _____ from taking part. They have a website, and many loyal (6) _____ who cheer them on. They even have a professional coach to help improve their (7) _____. But their main (8) _____ is to show that gaming is for everyone, old and young!

GAME

RETIRE

COMPETE
APPEAR

SUCCEED
SATISFY
SUPPORT

PERFORM
AMBITIOUS

