

GRAMMAR BITES 2. - WORD FORMATION 1.

Word formation is usually a problem for students. Hopefully, the exercises and little notes in this unit will help you familiarise yourself with some of the word forms. Good luck!

SET 1.

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given.

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| 1. Remember to ... patients twice daily at 8.00am and 8.00pm. | WEIGHT |
| 2. Why do you always want to go with those ignorant ... people? | WORTH |
| 3. This is the most interesting ... I've ever seen. | PERFORM |
| 4. Are you ... of sailing in the prevailing conditions? | ABLE |
| 5. Such an act would have been deceitful and ... | RESPONSIBILITY |
| 6. There is already enough ... without that, you know. | PRESS |
| 7. You'd ... too many people off with that speech. | FRIGHT |
| 8. We must experience ..., pain, and death because we are alive. | ANXIOUS |
| 9. I feel ... about including the last sentence. | HESITATE |
| 10. Now surely our ... government must go. | CREDIT |

SET 2.

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given.

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| 1. The handshake is a basic gesture of ... | FRIEND |
| 2. They fell into a ... sleep which lasted until they were rediscovered in 1878. | MIRACLE |
| 3. I've had a very sheltered ..., so this has really been an eye-opener. | BRING |
| 4. The music was ... loud, you couldn't hear yourself think. | BELIEVE |
| 5. Silk is always wonderful too, even if it's totally ... | PRACTICE |
| 6. I am surprised and sorry that you now feel ... | LEAD |
| 7. Airlines will start pulling out of ... routes rather than fighting for market share. | PROFIT |
| 8. A ... was also held and souvenirs were distributed to mark the centenary. | COMPETE |
| 9. Walking the dog is ideal exercise for anyone and the fresh air will be ... too. | BENEFIT |
| 10. Her face was blotched and ... with crying. | SWELL |

SET 3.

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given.

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| 1. My ... is that my brother wanted no intrusion from the outer world. | BELIEVE |
| 2. It should come as no surprise that cycling builds leg ... | STRONG |
| 3. I don't know of any government that has actually ... figures. | FALSE |
| 4. All ... must be over 18. | APPLY |
| 5. It's an ... and dangerous policy. | LOGIC |
| 6. As he was watching them, his eyes began to ... in astonishment. | WIDE |
| 7. Doctors have developed a new, modern ... technique involving ultra-sound. | PAIN |
| 8. There is a feeling of isolation and professional ... in schools. | SECURE |
| 9. Many candidates showed little ... of the problems from the headhunter's point of view. | APPRECIATE |
| 10. Access is not the only ... in the countryside. | REQUIRE |

SET 4.

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given.

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| 1. 'But there would be no ...', he protested. | PROVE |
| 2. An attempt is also being made to ... textures and symbols where possible. | STANDARD |
| 3. He took to it like the ... fish to water. | PROVERB |
| 4. The point means only a ... of harassment, not actual harassment. | LIKELY |
| 5. He's definitely someone very nervy, very jumpy and basically ... | SECURITY |
| 6. 'I regret, I cannot offer any ..., Madame', he said with a smile. | REFRESH |
| 7. There could be no doubt of the youth's ... | SINCERE |
| 8. There's no damage done, there's no ... | THIEF |
| 9. But the level of social welfare was so high that poverty was ... | THINK |
| 10. The first thing he discovered was that Newley had not died ... | ACCIDENT |

SET 5.

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given.

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| 1. The whole method is a form of ... | SIMPLE |
| 2. But are we allowing ourselves to be carried away by false ...? | VAIN |
| 3. Moments before there was a ... with a car. | COLLIDE |
| 4. It was not, he admits, the wisest ... for a beginner. | CHOOSE |
| 5. The shark looked peaceful, almost ... | HARM |
| 6. He brought to the office the ... determination that he has been known for. | COMPROMISE |
| 7. He admired the ... of relationships he saw around him. | WARM |
| 8. We have caused enough harm by our ..., irresponsible, selfish behaviour. | THINK |

9. But not all ... are valid in reference to pedagogy.
 10. And he accepts that he set out on the lonely road to ... too early in life.

IMPLY
STAR

SET 6.

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given.

1. This makes even the most honest of answers seem ... and uncertain.
2. He tried to look ..., but it didn't work.
3. ... up, she told herself.
4. It is ... how any tournament player can make such a mistake.
5. He worked in ..., so you had to make allowances.
6. Which women do you ... about?
7. Every time the pictorial elements were similar, if not almost ...
8. All this she heard, even understood, but still she was ...
9. The question of whether he was ... remained for trial.
10. She's made an official ...

DECIDE
APOLOGY
LOOSE

EXPLAIN
ADVERTISEMENT
FANTASY
IDENTITY
SPEAK
NEGLECT
COMPLAIN

SET 7.

Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the word given.

1. The economies of Western Europe and Japan experienced ... growth.
2. The system is liable to suffer from ... of the type discussed above.
3. It was a ... room with a deep baywindow overlooking the river.
4. In that case, young lady, you would have my undying ...
5. I thought he was being ... with me, not rushing me.
6. It would be much more ... for you to marry a woman with money.
7. The tension in the room seemed ...
8. He claimed he had had no time to ... him on Monday before returning to Argentina.
9. The evidence from ... times can seldom be interpreted with any certainty.
10. 'Play' and 'game' are used ... it does not matter which.

PRECED
ACCURATE
SPACE
GRATEFUL
CONSIDER
SENSE
ENDURE

NOTE

HISTORY
CHANGE