

6.2 Getting to the top!

Danh từ trừu tượng - Abstract noun

> Abstract nouns

Use of English

An abstract noun is a noun which refers to a quality, an idea or a feeling.

quality	idea	feeling
determination	health	happiness
kindness	success	sadness
vitality	freedom	fear

We usually use abstract nouns without **the**, **a** or **an**.

Flexibility and strength are important qualities for gymnasts.

When we make an abstract noun specific, rather than general, we use an article.

She doesn't have *the* stamina or *the* determination to run a marathon.

Focus

1 Make abstract nouns from these adjectives.

Abstract nouns ending in *-ity*

a	agile	 <i>agility</i>
b	flexible	.....
c	similar	.....

Abstract nouns ending in *-ty*

d	difficult	.....
e	honest	.....
f	safe	.....

Abstract nouns ending in *-ness*

g	fresh	.....
h	happy	.....
i	helpful	.....

Abstract nouns ending in *-ation/ -tion*

determined	-
concentrated	-
coordinated	-
react	-

Abstract nouns ending in *-nce*

j	different	.....
k	important	.....
l	intelligent	.....

Abstract nouns ending in *-th*

m	healthy	.....
n	strong	.....
o	true	.....

Abstract nouns ending in *-ment*

Achieve	-
Agree	-
excite	-

Abstract nouns ending in *-sm* : Enthusiastic (a) - enthusiasm (n)

Ex2 - Use the clues and the mixed up letters to work out the missing words.

- a. If you don't give in to your fears, you have**courage**..... (ECUGARO)
- b. You need good hand-eye in tennis. (ADRINITONOCO)
- c. You can build up in your arms by lifting heavy weights several times a week. (GNTHERTS)
- d. He trains at the pool at 5 a.m. every day. He has great
(FLES LICINIDEPS)
- e. A lot of team sports require Players have to respond quickly to movements of the other players. (LITIGAY)
- f. 'You need to go faster. Try to increase your by a few seconds every day. It's the only way you will win this race.' (EPEDS)
- g. People with continue to do something even when it's very difficult. (INTEROMINATED)
- h. Some people have great for a sport to start with, and then they lose interest. (SHUTMANIES)
- i. Tennis & table tennis are two sports that require quick(CARONITES)
- j. Athletes need to control like anger and fear. (OMONITES)

2 A sports coach is speaking. Match the sentence beginnings to the endings.

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| a Play | 1 confidence in yourself. |
| b You can improve | 2 positive. |
| c Try to control | 3 with practice. |
| d Stay calm | 4 you can do it. |
| e Have | 5 your emotions. |
| f Be | 6 and stamina. |
| g Believe | 7 spirit is important. |
| h Develop your strength | 8 well! |
| i Team | 9 even before a big match. |
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