78 Noun suffixes

A Nouns ending in *-ion*

Can you **predict** the result of a football match?

No, it's very hard to make a **prediction**.

Someone's **invented** a way to clean plastic from the oceans.

That's a great **invention**!

Do you always **celebrate** your birthday?

Yes, I often have a small **celebration** with friends.

I have to **organize** my son's wedding.

Well, that will need careful **organization**.

Can you **describe** the criminal?

Yes, I can give the police a good **description**.

How do we **solve** the population problem?

I've got no idea. There's no easy **solution**.

We have to **decide** where to live.

That's a very important **decision**.

GLOSSARY

predict	say what you think will happen **(make a) prediction** *n*
invent	make, design or think of sth for the first time **invention** *n*
celebrate	do sth to show that you are happy for a special reason, or because it is a special day **(have a) celebration** *n*
organize	plan or arrange sth **organization** *n*
describe	say what sb or sth is like, or what happened **(give a) description** *n*
solve	find the answer to a question or problem **solution** *n*
decide	choose sth after thinking about the possibilities **(make a) decision** *n*

SPOTLIGHT suffix *-ion*

Many verbs form nouns by adding a suffix, and *-ion/-tion/-sion/-ation* are very common.
predict/prediction **celebrate/celebration**
Sometimes the ending of the noun changes.
solve/solution **decide/decision**
Stress can also change. Use the APP to check the sounds and the stress.

1 Underline the main stress in each word. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶	invent	▶	solution		
1	celebrate		celebration	3	predict / prediction
2	describe		description	4	decide / decision
				5	organize / organization

2 What words are being defined here?

▶	choosing something after thinking	decision
1	something somebody has made for the first time	
2	a time when you enjoy yourself for a special reason	
3	words that tell what somebody or something is like	
4	an answer to a problem	
5	a statement about what you think will happen	
6	planning or arranging something so that it is successful	

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of a word from this unit.

▶ Can you describe what happened when the car hit the tree?
1 It wasn't easy to make a _____, but in the end, we _____ to sell the car.
2 We have to _____ the traffic problems quickly. The _____ is probably to have better trains and buses.
3 I didn't see the man, so I couldn't give a good _____ of him.
4 After the exams, the students go out and _____ all night.
5 I think it was Tim Berners Lee who _____ the World Wide Web.
6 My boss is _____ tomorrow's meeting. He's very bad at _____.
7 The government has _____ that business will get better next year.
8 The mobile phone is one of the most important _____ of the last fifty years.

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B Other noun endings

Verb / Noun	Example	Meaning (verb)
discover *v* **discovery** *n*	*Herschel **discovered** the planet Uranus.* *Herschel **made an important discovery**.*	find a place or thing that nobody knew about before
succeed *v* **success** *n*	*They want the discussions to **succeed**.* *They want them to be a **success**.*	do or get what you wanted to do or get
complain *v* **complaint** *n*	*You need to **complain** to the manager.* *You should **make a complaint**.*	say you do not like sth or are unhappy about sth
choose *v* **choice** *n*	*I had to **choose** a gift for my sister.* *I **made a bad choice**.*	decide which thing or person you want
think *v* **thought(s)** *n*	*I was **thinking** about our next holiday.* *I **had a few thoughts** about our holiday.*	have an opinion or idea about sth
arrange *v* **arrangement** *n*	*I have **arranged** to see Jo tonight.* *I have **made an arrangement** with Jo.*	make a plan for the future
argue *v* **argument** *n*	*We mustn't **argue** about money.* *We mustn't **have an argument**.*	talk angrily with sb because you do not agree
move *v* **movement** *n*	*Something **moved** behind me.* *There was a **movement** behind me.*	change place or position

SPOTLIGHT suffix *-ment*

The suffix **-ment** is also common in English: **advertise** *v* / **advertisement** *n* **improve** *v* / **improvement** *n*

4 **Complete the table.**

VERB	NOUN	VERB	NOUN
move	movement	discover	.....
.....	success	.....	thought
arrange	.....	argue	.....
choose	.....	complain	.....

5 **Circle the correct answer.**

▶ When you dance, you make *movements* / ***complaints*** with your body.
1 She had ***an argument*** / ***a movement*** with her boyfriend last night.
2 Did you make a ***complaint*** / ***choice*** to the waiter about the cold soup?
3 I had a ***discovery*** / ***thought*** about the business: I think we should sell it.
4 They thought the plan would fail, but in fact it was a great ***success*** / ***arrangement***.
5 The ***arrangements*** / ***successes*** for the wedding were really good – it went very well.
6 They have made an important ***discovery*** / ***thought*** about the crime.

6 **Complete the questions.**

▶ Have you ever complained about bad service on buses or trains?
1 Have you ever made a c..... about noise to a neighbour?
2 In a restaurant, do you c..... what to eat quickly?
3 At school, did you have a c..... of different subjects?
4 Do you a..... a lot in your family?
5 Have you ever had an a..... with a shop assistant?
6 Would you like to s..... in business?
7 Is s..... the most important thing in life?
8 Do you often have t..... about what to do in your future?

ABOUT YOU

Yes, often!

7 ABOUT YOU **Write your answers to the questions in Exercise 6, or ask another student.**

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