

72 Word building: suffixes

A Nouns and verbs

Instead of some verbs, we can use a related noun in a phrase with another verb.

Verb	Verb + noun	Example
attract	feel an attraction (to sb)	He <i>felt</i> an immediate <i>attraction</i> to Joanna.
breathe	take a breath	I <i>took</i> a deep <i>breath</i> and jumped into the pool.
conclude	reach a conclusion	We <i>reached</i> the <i>conclusion</i> that Ana was lying.
confuse	cause confusion	Changing the times of classes <i>caused</i> a lot of <i>confusion</i> amongst the students.
encourage	give sb encouragement	My father <i>gave</i> me a lot of <i>encouragement</i> when I was learning to drive.
improve	make an improvement (to sth)	The new law has <i>made</i> a big <i>improvement</i> to road safety.
know	have knowledge of sth	Do you <i>have</i> any <i>knowledge</i> of the man's disappearance?



She's **praying**.
She's **saying** a prayer.



He's **quoting** Hamlet.
He's **reading** a quotation from Hamlet.

GLOSSARY

attraction	a feeling of liking sb/sth, sometimes sexually attract v	improvement	a change that makes the quality or condition of sth better improve v
breath	the air you take in and blow out of your lungs breathe v	knowledge	the state of knowing about a particular fact or situation
conclusion	an opinion that you reach after thinking about sth carefully conclude v	prayer	the words you use when you speak to God or a god pray v
confusion	a state of not being able to think clearly or not understanding sth confuse v	quotation (inf quote)	a phrase from a book, speech, play, etc. that sb repeats because it is interesting or useful quote v
encouragement	words or actions that give sb hope or confidence encourage v		

1 Are the underlined sounds the same or different? Write S or D. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

- encourage / knowledge S 2 pray / prayer 4 improve / conclusion
1 breathe / breath 3 know / knowledge 5 attraction / encouragement

2 Complete the sentences using a form of the word on the right.

- Take a deep breath BREATHE
1 I don't have much of classical music. KNOW
2 The changes will make a big to your health. IMPROVE
3 The jury haven't reached a yet. CONCLUDE
4 Do you think Dee feels any to Ed? ATTRACT
5 The meeting ended in complete CONFUSE
6 At church, we said a for the people in the floods. PRAY
7 I read aloud a from Voltaire. QUOTE
8 My English teacher gave me a lot of ENCOURAGE

3 Complete the sentences with a suitable verb or noun.

- I hope the changes will improve the situation.
1 It's not my opinion. I'm just from what it says in the newspaper.
2 I didn't an immediate attraction to Sam. I fell in love with him slowly.
3 I often get when I try to do three different things at the same time.
4 As a child, I always said a to God when I went to bed to keep my family safe.
5 They the conclusion that they needed to make some to the office space.
6 If you feel stressed, you should in and out slowly for a minute.
7 I have very little of modern art: I just don't understand it.



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B Adjective suffixes

Suffix	Examples	Meaning
-less -ful	Feel powerless in your job? Want to be powerful ? Get our PEOPLE POWER video!	powerless not able to influence or control people OPP powerful ; power <i>n</i>
-al	Modern industrial property to rent in central location. Andersons.com	industrial connected with industry <i>n</i> central in the centre <i>n</i> of sth
-ical	Cool, practical , economical clothing for every day. Go to practicalgear.com.	practical useful and suitable practice <i>n</i> economical costing or using less money, time, fuel, etc. than usual economy <i>n</i>
-able	Fabulous fashionable shoes – a valuable part of your wardrobe!	fashionable popular at the moment fashion <i>n</i> valuable very useful value <i>n</i>
-ous	Get our T-shirts with humorous slogans, in various colours.	humorous funny and entertaining humour <i>n</i> various several different variety <i>n</i>
-y	For beautiful, shiny hair, use Jango creamy shampoo and conditioner.	shiny causing a bright effect when in the sun or light shine <i>n</i> creamy with cream in, or smooth like cream cream <i>n</i>

SPOTLIGHT adjectives ending in -ful and -less (2)

Some pairs of opposites end in -ful and -less.

- He's a **careful** student. OPP **careless** ■ It was a **useful** suggestion. OPP **useless** ■ It's a **painful** treatment. OPP **painless**

4 Good or bad? Write G or B.

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| ▶ a powerful speaker <u>G</u> | 5 a useless idea |
| 1 shiny windows | 6 a humorous novel |
| 2 an economical car | 7 industrial smoke |
| 3 a shop in a central location | 8 a careless essay |
| 4 a valuable suggestion | 9 a painless operation |

5 Write the adjectives from these nouns.

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| ▶ industry <u>industrial</u> | 4 practice |
| 1 power and | 5 variety |
| 2 cream | 6 centre |
| 3 fashion | 7 shine |

6 Complete the sentences using adjectives from the table.

- ▶ She left the water boiling on the cooker for an hour. That was very careless of her.
- I come from an town in the north where they make chemicals.
 - A bike is much more than a car for getting around town.
 - These shoes may be, but they're incredibly uncomfortable.
 - My sister made fish with a sauce, which was delicious.
 - The teacher told us a very story about himself. We couldn't stop laughing.
 - Soldiers entered the town from all sides, and we were to stop them.
 - I can't see you today: there are things I have to do in town.
 - My mother gave me a very piece of advice: be patient and don't give in.

7 -able and -al are common suffixes at the end of adjectives. Which of these nouns and verbs form adjectives ending in -able and -al? You will have to make some small spelling changes. Use the Word List or the app to help you.

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| nature | health | drink |
| emotion | music | rely |



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