

Derivatives

This unit deals with nouns which derive from verb roots.

Verb Root	Noun = Verb + -ment
	The process or the result of doing what the verb describes
develop	development

- Some other common verbs that form **nouns** in the same way are: *achieve, agree, amaze, amuse, announce, appoint, argue, arrange, employ, entertain, excite, improve, punish, replace* and *require*.

Verb Root	Noun = Verb + -ure
depart	departure

- Some other common verbs that form **nouns** in the same way are: *expose, fall, please* and *press*.
- The verb **create** forms a noun in **-ure**, but its meaning is different:
create → *creature*
- Pay attention to the following irregularities:
mix → *mixture* *proceed* → *procedure* *sign* → *signature*

Verb Root	Noun (Person) = Verb + -er / -or
	The person who does what the verb describes
train operate	trainer operator

- Some other common verbs that form nouns in **-er** are: *advertise, announce, consume, employ, examine, found, hunt, insure, interview, observe, organise, own, perform, produce, report* and *work*.
- Some other common verbs that form nouns in **-or** are: *act, collect, construct, contribute, create, decorate, direct, govern, inspect, instruct, invent, investigate* and *protect*.

Verb Root	Noun (Thing) = Verb + -er / -or
	The thing that does what the verb describes
record calculate	recorder calculator

- Some other common verbs that form nouns in **-er** are: *blend, compute, cook, mix* and *print*.
- Some other common verbs that form nouns in **-or** are: *react, refrigerate* and *sense*.

Verb Root	Noun (Person) = Verb + -ee
	The person who receives the action described by the verb
employ	employee

- Some other common verbs that form **nouns** in the same way are: *examine, interview, pay, refer, train* and *trust*.