

1 Look at these words from the text on page 7.

argument • concentration • difference

The parts of the word in **bold** are suffixes. Suffixes change the type of word, e.g. from an adjective or a verb to a noun.

2 Complete the words in the table and then use your dictionary to check the words.

-ment

Verb	Noun
1 <u>arg<u>ue</u></u>	argument
move	2 _____
improve	3 _____
4 _____	retirement

-ion

Verb	Noun
concentrate	5 _____
6 _____	information
describe	7 _____
8 _____	discussion

-ence

Adjective	Noun
9 _____	difference
10 _____	adolescence
11 _____	independence
confident	12 _____

3a Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 How can you improve/improvement your English this year?
- 2 Do you think you are an independent/independence learner?
- 3 Have you got a lot of confident/confidence when you speak in English?
- 4 Are there many different/differences between English and your language?
- 5 Do you like having discuss/discussions in English?

Vocabulary

1 Ages and stages of life adolescence • baby • birth • child • childhood • death • middle age (n)
middle-aged (man/woman) • old age • senior citizen • teenager • young adult

2 The family aunt • born • brother • brother/sister/father/mother-in-law • cousin • daughter • divorced
grandfather/mother • grandfather/daughter • husband • nephew • niece • one-parent family • only child • partner
single • sister • son • stepfather/mother • uncle • wife

3 Noun suffixes *-ment, -ion, -ence* adolescence • argument • concentration • confidence • description
difference • discussion • improvement • independence • information • movement • retirement

AGES AND STAGES OF LIFE – THE FAMILY

/ 8 points

1 Complete the text with the appropriate words.

'My name's Harry. I'm not married yet, I'm still (a) My mum and dad are middle-(b) - I think they're both 50 this year. I'm an (c) child. I haven't got any brothers or sisters but I spend a lot of time with my (d) Tara. She's my Uncle Jack's daughter. She's young. I remember when she was born. In fact, I was there at the hospital on the day of her (e) My Aunt Angela, Uncle Jack's (f) , is really nice, too. My dad's mum, my (g) , is really special. She says I'm special for her too, maybe because I'm her only (h) '

NOU SUFFIXES *-MENT, -ION, -ENCE*

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of these words.

adolescent • concentrate • describe • different
excite • improve • independent • inform

- 1 She usually gets 50% or 60% in her exams but in this exam she got 90%. That's a big
- 2 Can you give me a of your sister? I don't know who she is in this photo.
- 3 Good food helps your at school.
- 4 There's a lot of about the famous actor's visit to the school.
- 5 There are two or three between the present simple and the present continuous.
- 6 She wants to be a secondary school teacher because she likes working with
- 7 A dictionary gives you about new words.
- 8 He's very - he doesn't need anybody to help him.