

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>argue</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 • grandson/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)

NOUN 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.