

Word building

VOCABULARY BANK

1 PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES THAT ADD MEANING

- a Match the **bold** prefixes in sentences 1–11 to their meanings A–K.

 - 1 G Mumbai is a very **over**crowded city.
 - 2 H Tokyo is one of 20 **mega**cities.
 - 3 I This part of the city is very poor and **under**developed.
 - 4 J London is a very **multi**cultural city, with many different races and religions.
 - 5 K The quickest way to get around New York is on the **sub**way.
 - 6 L Montreal is probably the most **bi**lingual city in the world – most inhabitants speak English and French.
 - 7 M If you want to avoid the traffic jams in Bangkok, take the **mono**rail.
 - 8 N The **auto**pilot was turned on after the plane had taken off.
 - 9 O Vandalism, especially breaking public property, is very **anti**social behavior.
 - 10 P I **mis**understood the directions that man gave me, and now I'm completely lost.
 - 11 Q He's earning a **post**graduate degree in aeronautical engineering.

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|---|-------------|---|----------|
| A | against | G | too much |
| B | many | H | two |
| C | big | I | after |
| D | not enough | J | under |
| E | one | K | wrongly |
| F | by (it)self | | |

- b** (512)) Listen and check.

- c Match the **bold** suffixes to their meaning.

- 1 There are a lot of **homeless** people in this city.
The situation is **hopeless**.
 - 2 Be **careful** how you drive!
The instructions were very **useful**.
 - 3 The police usually wear **bullet-proof** vests.
My watch is **waterproof**.
 - 4 Their new laptops are completely **unbreakable**.
I don't think the tap water here is **drinkable**.

- d (5) 13) Listen and check.

2 NOUNS FORMED WITH SUFFIXES

Noun suffixes

Common endings for nouns made from verbs:

- ion / -(a)tion** alienate - alienation
-ment employ - employment

Common endings for nouns made from adjectives:

- ness** lonely - loneliness
-ence / -ance violent - violence

Common endings for abstract nouns made from nouns:

- hood** neighbor - neighborhood
-ism vandal - vandalism

- a Make nouns from the words in the list and put them in the correct column.

absent /'æbsənt/ brother /'brʌðər/ child /tʃild/ cold /kəuld/
convenient /kən'venɪənt/ distant /'dɪstənt/ entertain /entə'reɪn/
excite /ɪk'saɪt/ friendly /'frendli/ govern /'gəvərn/ ignorant /'ignorənt/
improve /ɪm'pru�/ intend /ɪn'tend/ pollute /pə'lut/
populate /'pəpuleɪt/ race /reis/ reduce /rɪ'du:s/ terror /'terər/
ugly /'ʌgli/ weak /wi:k/

-ion / -ation	-ment	-ness	-ence / -ance	-ism	-hood
intention					

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3 NOUNS THAT ARE DIFFERENT WORDS

Noun formation with spelling or word change

Some nouns made from verbs or adjectives are completely different words, e.g., *choose* – *choice*, *poor* – *poverty*.

- a Write the verb or adjective for the following nouns.

		Noun
1	verb	loss /lɒs/
2	verb	death /deθ/
3	verb	success /sək'ses/
4	verb	thought /θɔ:t/
5	verb	belief /bɪ'lif/
6	adj	heat /hit/
7	adj	strength /stregkθ/
8	adj	hunger /'hʌŋgər/
9	adj	height /haɪt/
10	adj	length /lɛŋkθ/

- b (5 15)) Listen and check.