Common Noun Suffixes:

Suffix	*Example*
-acy	privacy, delicacy
-al	refusal, proposal
-ance, -ence	maintenance, assurance
-dom	freedom, kingdom, boredom
-er, -or	trainer, protector
-ism	communism, optimism
-ist	chemist, scientist
-ity, -ty	inactivity, reality
-ment	argument, punishment
-ness	heaviness, sadness, rudeness
-ship	friendship, ownership, membership
-sion, -tion	transition, abbreviation

Common Verb Suffixes:

Suffix	*Example*
-ate	regulate, eradicate,
-en	enlighten, awaken, strengthen
-ify, -fy	terrify, satisfy, rectify, exemplify
-ize/-ise	humanize, socialize, criminalize

Common Adjective Suffixes:

Suffix	*Example*
-able, -ible	edible, presentable
-al	regional, grammatical, emotional, coastal
-ful	useful, doubtful
-ical	musical, political
-ious, -ous	nutritious, humorous
-ish	childish, foolish
-ive	creative, decisive
-less	endless, ageless, effortless
-y	greasy, smelly, windy

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WORD FORMATION

Read the text and then use the word given in capitals at the end of the line to form a word that fits in the gap.

RAFTING ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER

Victoria Falls on the Zambezi river in Africa is one of the most (1) _____	SPECTACLE
sights in the world. It is also an (2) _____ place for water	CREDIBLE
sports. The translation of the local Zambian name for the falls is "the smoke that	
thunders" and it's a pretty good (3) _____. On arrival, it's	DESCRIBE
the noise that makes the greatest (4) _____ on you as the	IMPRESS
water drops 108 meters in a waterfall that is nearly two kilometres wide. The	
(5) _____ landscape is also awesome, and well worth a visit.	SURROUND
You can't go white-water rafting over the falls themselves, but the rapids	
(6) _____ down the Zambezi river provide a very exciting	FAR
location. Although the rapids are given grades five and six on the sports	
(7) _____ scale, there are places where relative	DIFFICULT
(8) _____ can have a go, as long as they are accompanied	BEGIN
by experienced operators. These people guide you through the rapids and ensure	
that you don't stray into the more (9) _____ sections by	DANGER
mistake	

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