

Word formation: Nouns

1 Which suffixes are added to the following verbs to create nouns?

achieve motivate fail

2 Complete each gap with an appropriate noun form of the word in capitals at the end of the line. Use each suffix in the box once only and make any further spelling changes necessary. The noun you require may also need a plural ending or a negative prefix (*un-, in-, im-, dis-, etc*). There is an example at the beginning (0).

-hood -ship -ure -al -ness -ation
-ance -ence -iety -ity -ment -age -cy

0 His **latest** publication is a **book** of verse on the theme of relationships.

PUBLISH

1 **Light** _____ will be served from 3.30pm in the main hall.

REFRESH

2 Union members **expressed** their _____ of the management's offer by walking out of the meeting.

APPROVE

3 **In her** _____ to answer the phone, she almost fell down the stairs.

EAGER

4 In the interests of safety, a number of **standard** _____ need to be **followed**.

PROCEED

5 Her 5000-metre run **paled** into _____ when compared with the marathon her grandfather completed the following week.

SIGNIFY

6 The _____ of the device is what has made it so popular.

SIMPLE

7 I cannot comment; I have been **sworn to** _____ on the matter.

SECRET

8 **The cost of** _____ has increased by 10% this year.

MEMBER

9 Customers will be required to **pay for any** _____.

BREAK

10 **There is every** _____ that prices will continue to rise next year.

LIKELY

11 He **valued his** _____ too much to ever want to get married.

DEPEND

12 It's quite natural to **experience a certain amount of** _____ on your first day at work.

ANXIOUS

3 Using the same suffixes as in exercise 2, write noun forms for the following words. The same suffix is needed for all three words. Some words require further spelling changes. The exercise begins with an example (0).

0	notorious	<u>notoriety</u>	various	<u>variety</u>	sober	<u>sobriety</u>
1	please	_____	expose	_____	close	_____
2	appear	_____	annoy	_____	rely	_____
3	store	_____	short	_____	pack	_____
4	rehearse	_____	renew	_____	propose	_____
5	efficient	_____	intimate	_____	vacant	_____
6	enjoy	_____	require	_____	commit	_____
7	prosperous	_____	original	_____	familiar	_____
8	leader	_____	companion	_____	partner	_____
9	neighbour	_____	father	_____	adult	_____
10	absent	_____	persistent	_____	evident	_____
11	selfish	_____	tired	_____	careless	_____
12	explain	_____	interpret	_____	apply	_____

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS! :)