

# 72 Word building: suffixes

## A Nouns and verbs

Instead of some verbs, we can use a related noun in a phrase with another verb.

Verb	Verb + noun	Example
attract	feel an attraction (to sb)	He <i>felt</i> an immediate <i>attraction</i> to Joanna.
breathe	take a breath	I <i>took</i> a deep <i>breath</i> and jumped into the pool.
conclude	reach a conclusion	We <i>reached</i> the <i>conclusion</i> that Ana was lying.
confuse	cause confusion	Changing the times of classes <i>caused</i> a lot of <i>confusion</i> amongst the students.
encourage	give sb encouragement	My father <i>gave</i> me a lot of <i>encouragement</i> when I was learning to drive.
improve	make an improvement (to sth)	The new law has <i>made</i> a big <i>improvement</i> to road safety.
know	have knowledge of sth	Do you <i>have</i> any <i>knowledge</i> of the man's disappearance?



She's **praying**.  
She's **saying** a prayer.



He's **quoting** Hamlet.  
He's **reading** a quotation from Hamlet.

### GLOSSARY

<b>attraction</b>	a feeling of liking sb/sth, sometimes sexually <b>attract</b> v	<b>improvement</b>	a change that makes the quality or condition of sth better <b>improve</b> v
<b>breath</b>	the air you take in and blow out of your lungs <b>breathe</b> v	<b>knowledge</b>	the state of knowing about a particular fact or situation
<b>conclusion</b>	an opinion that you reach after thinking about sth carefully <b>conclude</b> v	<b>prayer</b>	the words you use when you speak to God or a god <b>pray</b> v
<b>confusion</b>	a state of not being able to think clearly or not understanding sth <b>confuse</b> v	<b>quotation</b> (inf quote)	a phrase from a book, speech, play, etc. that sb repeats because it is interesting or useful <b>quote</b> v
<b>encouragement</b>	words or actions that give sb hope or confidence <b>encourage</b> v		

### 1 Are the underlined sounds the same or different? Write S or D. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

- encourage / knowledge S    2 pray / prayer .....    4 improve / conclusion .....  
1 breathe / breath .....    3 know / knowledge .....    5 attraction / encouragement .....

### 2 Complete the sentences using a form of the word on the right.

- Take a deep breath ..... BREATHE  
1 I don't have much ..... of classical music. KNOW  
2 The changes will make a big ..... to your health. IMPROVE  
3 The jury haven't reached a ..... yet. CONCLUDE  
4 Do you think Dee feels any ..... to Ed? ATTRACT  
5 The meeting ended in complete ..... CONFUSE  
6 At church, we said a ..... for the people in the floods. PRAY  
7 I read aloud a ..... from Voltaire. QUOTE  
8 My English teacher gave me a lot of ..... ENCOURAGE

### 3 Complete the sentences with a suitable verb or noun.

- I hope the changes will improve ..... the situation.  
1 It's not my opinion. I'm just ..... from what it says in the newspaper.  
2 I didn't ..... an immediate attraction to Sam. I fell in love with him slowly.  
3 I often get ..... when I try to do three different things at the same time.  
4 As a child, I always said a ..... to God when I went to bed to keep my family safe.  
5 They ..... the conclusion that they needed to make some ..... to the office space.  
6 If you feel stressed, you should ..... in and out slowly for a minute.  
7 I have very little ..... of modern art: I just don't understand it.



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## B Adjective suffixes

Suffix	Examples	Meaning
-less -ful	Feel <b>powerless</b> in your job? Want to be <b>powerful</b> ? Get our PEOPLE POWER video!	<b>powerless</b> not able to influence or control people OPP <b>powerful</b> ; <b>power</b> <i>n</i>
-al	Modern <b>industrial</b> property to rent in <b>central</b> location. Andersons.com	<b>industrial</b> connected with <b>industry</b> <i>n</i> <b>central</b> in the <b>centre</b> <i>n</i> of sth
-ical	Cool, <b>practical</b> , <b>economical</b> clothing for every day. Go to practicalgear.com.	<b>practical</b> useful and suitable <b>practice</b> <i>n</i> <b>economical</b> costing or using less money, time, fuel, etc. than usual <b>economy</b> <i>n</i>
-able	Fabulous <b>fashionable</b> shoes – a <b>valuable</b> part of your wardrobe!	<b>fashionable</b> popular at the moment <b>fashion</b> <i>n</i> <b>valuable</b> very useful <b>value</b> <i>n</i>
-ous	Get our T-shirts with <b>humorous</b> slogans, in <b>various</b> colours.	<b>humorous</b> funny and entertaining <b>humour</b> <i>n</i> <b>various</b> several different <b>variety</b> <i>n</i>
-y	For beautiful, <b>shiny</b> hair, use Jango <b>creamy</b> shampoo and conditioner.	<b>shiny</b> causing a bright effect when in the sun or light <b>shine</b> <i>n</i> <b>creamy</b> with cream in, or smooth like cream <b>cream</b> <i>n</i>

### SPOTLIGHT adjectives ending in -ful and -less (2)

Some pairs of opposites end in -ful and -less.

- He's a **careful** student. OPP **careless** ■ It was a **useful** suggestion. OPP **useless** ■ It's a **painful** treatment. OPP **painless**

#### 4 Good or bad? Write G or B.

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ▶ a powerful speaker <u>G</u>        | 5 a useless idea .....       |
| 1 shiny windows .....                | 6 a humorous novel .....     |
| 2 an economical car .....            | 7 industrial smoke .....     |
| 3 a shop in a central location ..... | 8 a careless essay .....     |
| 4 a valuable suggestion .....        | 9 a painless operation ..... |

#### 5 Write the adjectives from these nouns.

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|------------------------------|------------------|
| ▶ industry <u>industrial</u> | 4 practice ..... |
| 1 power ..... and .....      | 5 variety .....  |
| 2 cream .....                | 6 centre .....   |
| 3 fashion .....              | 7 shine .....    |

#### 6 Complete the sentences using adjectives from the table.

- ▶ She left the water boiling on the cooker for an hour. That was very careless of her.
- I come from an ..... town in the north where they make chemicals.
  - A bike is much more ..... than a car for getting around town.
  - These shoes may be ....., but they're incredibly uncomfortable.
  - My sister made fish with a ..... sauce, which was delicious.
  - The teacher told us a very ..... story about himself. We couldn't stop laughing.
  - Soldiers entered the town from all sides, and we were ..... to stop them.
  - I can't see you today: there are ..... things I have to do in town.
  - My mother gave me a very ..... piece of advice: be patient and don't give in.

#### 7 -able and -al are common suffixes at the end of adjectives. Which of these nouns and verbs form adjectives ending in -able and -al? You will have to make some small spelling changes. Use the Word List or the app to help you.

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|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| nature .....  | health ..... | drink ..... |
| emotion ..... | music .....  | rely .....  |



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