

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



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



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

GLOSSARY

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

1 Are the underlined sounds the same or different? Write S or D. Use the 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 <u>breath</u> BREATHE
1 I don't have much <u>knowledge</u> KNOW
2 The changes will make a big <u>improvement</u> IMPROVE
3 The jury haven't reached a <u>conclusion</u> yet. CONCLUDE
4 Do you think Dee feels any <u>attraction</u> to Ed? ATTRACT
5 The meeting ended in <u>confusion</u> CONFUSE
6 At church, we said a <u>prayer</u> PRAY
7 I read aloud a <u>quotation</u> from Voltaire. QUOTE
8 My English teacher gave me a lot of <u>encouragement</u> 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	Feel powerless in your job? Want to be powerful ? Get our PEOPLE POWER video!	powerless not able to influence or control people OPP powerful ; power <i>n</i>
-al	Modern industrial property to rent in central location. Andersons.com	industrial connected with industry <i>n</i> central in the centre <i>n</i> of sth
-ical	Cool, practical , economical clothing for every day. Go to practicalgear.com .	practical useful and suitable practice <i>n</i> economical costing or using less money, time, fuel, etc. than usual economy <i>n</i>
-able	Fabulous fashionable shoes – a valuable part of your wardrobe!	fashionable popular at the moment fashion <i>n</i> valuable very useful value <i>n</i>
-ous	Get our T-shirts with humorous slogans, in various colours.	humorous funny and entertaining humour <i>n</i> various several different variety <i>n</i>
-y	For beautiful, shiny hair, use Jango creamy shampoo and conditioner.	shiny causing a bright effect when in the sun or light shine <i>n</i> creamy with cream in, or smooth like cream cream <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.

- a powerful speaker **G**
- 1 shiny windows
- 2 an economical car
- 3 a shop in a central location
- 4 a valuable suggestion

- 5 a useless idea
- 6 a humorous novel
- 7 industrial smoke
- 8 a careless essay
- 9 a painless operation

5 Write the adjectives from these nouns.

- industry **industrial**
- 1 power and
- 2 cream
- 3 fashion

- 4 practice
- 5 variety
- 6 centre
- 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.
- 1 I come from an town in the north where they make chemicals.
- 2 A bike is much more than a car for getting around town.
- 3 These shoes may be, but they're incredibly uncomfortable.
- 4 My sister made fish with a sauce, which was delicious.
- 5 The teacher told us a very story about himself. We couldn't stop laughing.
- 6 Soldiers entered the town from all sides, and we were to stop them.
- 7 I can't see you today: there are things I have to do in town.
- 8 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.

nature

health

drink

emotion

music

rely

