# 92 Suffixes that form nouns

The suffixes **-ion**, **-ment** and **-al** can be added to verbs to form related nouns with the same basic meaning. You will notice there are sometimes small spelling changes.
The words in bold are the forms which have not been taught elsewhere in the book or series.

| Suffix | Verb → Noun | Meaning |
|---|---|---|
| *-ion* | **accommodate** → accommodation | *v* provide sb with a room or place to sleep |
| | create → **creation** | *n* the act or process of making sth that is new, or of causing sth to exist that didn't exist before |
| | appreciate → **appreciation** | *n* the feeling of being grateful for sth |
| | **collaborate** → collaboration | *v* work together with sb to produce or achieve sth |
| | complete → **completion** | *n* the act or process of finishing sth |
| | **hesitate** → **hesitation** | *v* be slow to speak or act because you are uncertain or nervous |
| | **inspect** → inspection | *v* look at sth closely, especially to check it is correct |
| | **detect** → **detection** | *v* discover or notice sth, especially sth that is not easy to see, hear, etc. |
| | **object** → **objection** | *v* say that you disagree with or oppose sth |
| | resign → **resignation** | *n* the act of giving up your job |
| *-ment* | accomplish → **accomplishment** | *n* an impressive thing that is done or achieved after a lot of work |
| | **acknowledge** → **acknowledgement** | *v* accept that sth is true |
| | encourage → **encouragement** | *n* the act of encouraging sb to do sth |
| | measure → **measurement** | *n* the size, length or amount of sth |
| | settle → **settlement** | *n* an official agreement that ends an argument |
| *-al* | **deny** → **denial** | *v* say that sth is not true |
| | dismiss → **dismissal** | *n* the act of dismissing sb from their job |
| | propose → **proposal** | *n* a formal suggestion or plan |
| | refuse → **refusal** | *n* an act of saying or showing that you will not do, give or accept sth |

**SPOTLIGHT** different meanings

The addition of a suffix to a verb sometimes creates a noun with a meaning that is further from that of the verb.
- *I **edit** the magazine.* (= prepare it for publication by correcting mistakes, making changes, etc.)
- *We now have an online **edition** of the magazine.* (= the form in which a book is published)



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## 1 Complete the correct noun forms.

1 settle / _____
2 refuse / _____
3 acknowledge / _____
4 complete / _____
5 measure / _____
6 resign / _____
7 propose / _____
8 object / _____
9 deny / _____
10 appreciate / _____

## 2 Organize the words under the two headings below.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| encouragement | dismissal | refusal | appreciation | objection |
| collaboration | accomplishment | denial | settlement | |

**POSITIVE MEANING**

_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____

**NEGATIVE MEANING**

_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____

## 3 Complete the sentences with a suitable verb.

1 I _____ because I wasn't quite sure what to say.
2 The civil servant _____ talking to the press, and said he would never do that.
3 Several neighbours are unhappy and have _____ to the council's plans.
4 The paper _____ that some of the information was wrong, and has issued an apology.
5 We should be able to _____ a couple more people in the flat if necessary.
6 The gas company is _____ the property to check for any leaks.
7 How long have you _____ that particular magazine?
8 The two companies have decided to _____ in the hope of finding a solution.
9 What's the purpose of the tests? ~ They are designed to _____ the disease early.
10 Do your neighbours mind you building an extension? ~ Yes, one person has _____ to it.

## 4 Find five pairs of words in the box that have a connection. Briefly explain the connection.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| refusal | inspection | cooperation | denial | agreement |
| dismissal | collaboration | resignation | settlement | examination |

_____ / _____ _____ / _____
_____ / _____ _____ / _____
_____ / _____

## 5 Rewrite the sentences on the left starting with the words given. Keep the same meaning.

1 We encouraged him. We gave _____.
2 We finally settled the matter. We finally reached _____.
3 They will inspect it next week. There will be _____.
4 She hesitated at the beginning. She began after some _____.
5 Do you know what the room measures? Do you know the _____.
6 Marc resigned yesterday. Marc handed in _____.
7 We can accommodate three more. We can provide _____.
8 I left after they created the new company. I left after the _____.

## 6 Complete the dialogues with a suitable noun.

1 Were there strong disagreements with the policy? ~ Yes, there were several _____.
2 Has anyone put forward a plan? ~ Yes, there has been one _____.
3 Does the company accept this is true? ~ I hope so, but there has been no public _____.
4 When will the builders finish? ~ Next Friday is the earliest date for _____.
5 I hear a couple of people were fired. ~ Yes, in actual fact, there were three _____.
6 He claimed he didn't steal the bike. ~ I know, but nobody believes his _____.
7 I hope people thanked you for your help. ~ Yes, they all showed their _____.
8 Where did you see the article? ~ It was in last month's _____.
9 Did you find or notice anything wrong? ~ No, but problems often escape _____.

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