

Study these rules

## Word Formation Rules

### 1. Nouns

#### a. Forming Nouns from Verbs

- **Suffixes:**
  - **-er/-or:** A person who does an action (e.g., teach → teacher, act → actor).
  - **-ment:** The result of an action (e.g., achieve → achievement, govern → government).
  - **-ion/-tion/-sion:** The process or result of an action (e.g., decide → decision, inform → information, confuse → confusion).
  - **-ance/-ence:** The state or quality of (e.g., assist → assistance, exist → existence).

#### b. Forming Nouns from Adjectives

- **Suffixes:**
  - **-ness:** The state or quality of being (e.g., happy → happiness, kind → kindness).
  - **-ity:** The state or condition (e.g., active → activity, possible → possibility).

### 2. Verbs

#### a. Forming Verbs from Nouns

- **Prefixes:**
  - **en-:** To cause to be (e.g., rich → enrich, able → enable).
  - **be-:** To make or cause to be (e.g., friend → befriend, wit → bewitch).

#### b. Forming Verbs from Adjectives

- **Suffixes:**
  - **-en:** To make or become (e.g., dark → darken, weak → weaken).

#### c. Forming Verbs from Other Verbs

- **Prefixes:**
  - **re-:** To do again (e.g., write → rewrite, build → rebuild).
  - **un-:** To reverse the action (e.g., tie → untie, pack → unpack).
  - **over-:** To do excessively (e.g., cook → overcook, estimate → overestimate).

### 3. Adjectives

#### a. Forming Adjectives from Nouns

- **Suffixes:**
  - **-al:** Pertaining to (e.g., nation → national, accident → accidental).
  - **-ous:** Full of or having the quality of (e.g., danger → dangerous, fame → famous).
  - **-ful:** Full of (e.g., beauty → beautiful, joy → joyful).
  - **-less:** Without (e.g., hope → hopeless, care → careless).
  - **-ic:** Relating to (e.g., artist → artistic, hero → heroic).

#### b. Forming Adjectives from Verbs

- **Suffixes:**
  - **-able/-ible:** Capable of being (e.g., break → breakable, comprehend → comprehensible).
  - **-ive:** Having the nature of (e.g., attract → attractive, create → creative).

### 4. Adverbs

#### a. Forming Adverbs from Adjectives

- **Suffixes:**
  - **-ly:** In the manner of (e.g., quick → quickly, happy → happily).

### 5. Other Rules

#### a. Prefixes to Alter Meaning

- **un-:** Not or opposite of (e.g., happy → unhappy, kind → unkind).

- **in-/im-/il-/ir-**: Not (e.g., correct → incorrect, possible → impossible, legal → illegal, relevant → irrelevant).
- **dis-**: Not or opposite of (e.g., agree → disagree, appear → disappear).
- **mis-**: Wrongly (e.g., understand → misunderstand, spell → misspell).
- **pre-**: Before (e.g., view → preview, historic → prehistoric).
- **post-**: After (e.g., war → postwar, graduate → postgraduate).
- **sub-**: Under or below (e.g., marine → submarine, title → subtitle).

#### b. Combining Forms

- **Compounding**: Combining two words to create a new word (e.g., sun + flower = sunflower, book + shelf = bookshelf).

These rules can help you form and understand new words in English. Keep in mind that there are exceptions, so always consult a dictionary if unsure.

**Then do this exercise.**

Word Formation – 1

#### Advanced Word Formation Exercise

**Instructions:** For each base word, fill in the correct form of the word as indicated (noun, verb, adjective, adverb) to complete the sentences.

##### 1. Create (Verb)

- Noun: The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new software took several months.
- Adjective: The project required a \_\_\_\_\_ approach to problem-solving.
- Adverb: The team worked \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the deadline.

##### 2. Decide (Verb)

- Noun: The final \_\_\_\_\_ was made after hours of discussion.
- Adjective: Her \_\_\_\_\_ manner left no room for doubt.
- Adverb: He spoke \_\_\_\_\_, leaving no room for argument.

##### 3. Happy (Adjective)

- Noun: His \_\_\_\_\_ was evident when he received the news.
- Verb: She always knows how to \_\_\_\_\_ her friends.
- Adverb: They lived \_\_\_\_\_ ever after.

##### 4. Improve (Verb)

- Noun: There was a noticeable \_\_\_\_\_ in his performance.
- Adjective: The \_\_\_\_\_ system enhanced productivity.
- Adverb: She \_\_\_\_\_ managed to finish the project on time.

##### 5. Possible (Adjective)

- Noun: The \_\_\_\_\_ of success motivated him to work harder.
- Verb: The new technology will \_\_\_\_\_ us to complete tasks faster.
- Adverb: They worked as quickly as \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the deadline.

##### 6. Communicate (Verb)

- Noun: Effective \_\_\_\_\_ is key to a successful team.
- Adjective: The message was clear and \_\_\_\_\_.

- Adverb: She spoke \_\_\_\_\_, ensuring everyone understood.

**7. Courage (Noun)**

- Verb: His actions \_\_\_\_\_ many to stand up for their beliefs.
- Adjective: The firefighter's \_\_\_\_\_ act saved many lives.
- Adverb: She faced her fears \_\_\_\_\_.

**8. Knowledge (Noun)**

- Verb: Reading daily will \_\_\_\_\_ your understanding of the subject.
- Adjective: He is a \_\_\_\_\_ expert in his field.
- Adverb: She answered the questions \_\_\_\_\_.

**9. Power (Noun)**

- Verb: The new regulations aim to \_\_\_\_\_ the local authorities.
- Adjective: The CEO holds a \_\_\_\_\_ position in the company.
- Adverb: The machine operates \_\_\_\_\_.

**10. Act (Verb)**

- Noun: Her \_\_\_\_\_ in the play was outstanding.
- Adjective: They took \_\_\_\_\_ measures to ensure safety.
- Adverb: He responded \_\_\_\_\_ to the emergency.