

Common Noun Suffixes:

<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Example</i>
-acy	privacy, delicacy
-al	refusal, proposal
-ance, -ence	maintenance, assurance
-dom	freedom, kingdom, boredom
-er, -or	trainer, protector
-ism	communism, optimism
-ist	chemist, scientist
-ity, -ty	inactivity, reality
-ment	argument, punishment
-ness	heaviness, sadness, rudeness
-ship	friendship, ownership, membership
-sion, -tion	transition, abbreviation

Common Verb Suffixes:

<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Example</i>
-ate	regulate, eradicate,
-en	enlighten, awaken, strengthen
-ify, -fy	terrify, satisfy, rectify, exemplify
-ize/-ise	humanize, socialize, criminalize

Common Adjective Suffixes:

<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Example</i>
-able, -ible	edible, presentable
-al	regional, grammatical, emotional, coastal
-ful	useful, doubtful
-ical	musical, political
-ious, -ous	nutritious, humorous
-ish	childish, foolish
-ive	creative, decisive
-less	endless, ageless, effortless
-y	greasy, smelly, windy

WORD FORMATION

Read the text and then use the word given in capitals at the end of the line to form a word that fits in the gap.

RAFTING ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER

Victoria Falls on the Zambezi river in Africa is one of the most (1) _____ sights in the world. It is also an (2) _____ place for water sports. The translation of the local Zambian name for the falls is “the smoke that thunders” and it’s a pretty good (3) _____. On arrival, it’s the noise that makes the greatest (4) _____ on you as the water drops 108 meters in a waterfall that is nearly two kilometres wide. The (5) _____ landscape is also awesome, and well worth a visit.

You can’t go white-water rafting over the falls themselves, but the rapids (6) _____ down the Zambezi river provide a very exciting location. Although the rapids are given grades five and six on the sports (7) _____ scale, there are places where relative (8) _____ can have a go, as long as they are accompanied by experienced operators. These people guide you through the rapids and ensure that you don’t stray into the more (9) _____ sections by mistake

SPECTACLE

CREDIBLE

DESCRIBE

IMPRESS

SURROUND

FAR

DIFFICULT

BEGIN

DANGER