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Word Formation

- **There are certain prefixes (syllables put at the beginning of words) and suffixes (syllables put at the end of words) which are used to form new words. However, there are no exact rules to follow to form one word from another.**

Prefixes

anti-	= **against**	***anti**nuclear*	**pre-**	= **before**	***pre**judge*
bi-	= **two**	***bi**lingual*	**pro-**	= **in favour of**	***pro**-American*
co-	= **with**	***co**operation*	**re-**	= **again**	***re**arrange*
de-	= **acting against**	***de**bug*	**semi-**	= **half**	***semi**circle*
ex-	= **before, former**	***ex**-general*	**sub-**	= **under**	***sub**conscious*
inter-	= **between**	***inter**mediate*	**super-**	= **above**	***super**natural*
mono-	= **one**	***mono**lingual*	**trans-**	= **across**	***trans**atlantic*
non-	= **not**	***non**-stop*	**tri-**	= **three**	***tri**cycle*
over-	= **too much**	***over**eat*	**under-**	= **not enough**	***under**estimate*
post-	= **after**	***post**graduate*	**uni-**	= **one**	***uni**form*

- **There are certain prefixes which mean not or show an opposite state or process. These are:**

un- *unbelievable*	**ir-** (before r) *irresistible*	**in-** *incompetent*
im- *impossible*	**il-** (before l) *illegal*	**dis-** *disagree*
mal- *malfunction*		**mis-** *mistreat*

Suffixes

-ee	(with passive meaning)	*employ**ee***	**-ish**	a) = with the quality	*child**ish***
-er	(with active meaning)	*employ**er***		b) = rather	*small**ish***
-ful	a) = with	*care**ful***	**-less**	= without	*care**less***
	b) = indicates quantity	*spoon**ful***	**-proof**	= safe against	*water**proof***

- **To describe people we add -ar, -er, -or to the end of verbs or -ist, -ian to the end of nouns or verbs making any necessary spelling changes.** *lie – li**ar**, rob – robb**er**, create – creat**or**, type – typ**ist**, music – music**ian***

Nouns formed from verbs

-age	*break – break**age***	**-ence**	*prefer – prefer**ence***	**-sis**	*analyse – analy**sis***
-al	*propose – propos**al***	**-ion**	*confuse – confus**ion***	**-tion**	*direct – direc**tion***
-ance	*annoy – annoy**ance***	**-ment**	*amuse – amuse**ment***	**-y**	*perjure – perjur**y***
-ation	*organise – organis**ation***	**-sion**	*suspend – suspen**sion***		

Nouns formed from adjectives

-ance	*tolerant – toler**ance***	**-tion**	*desperate – desper**ation***	**-ment**	*content – content**ment***
-cy	*fluent – fluen**cy***	**-iness**	*happy – happ**iness***	**-ty**	*royal – royal**ty***
-ence	*obedient – obedi**ence***	**-ity**	*popular – popular**ity***	**-y**	*honest – honest**y***

Adjectives formed from verbs

-able	*bear – bear**able***	**-ive**	*decide – decis**ive***

Verbs formed from adjectives/nouns

-en	*dark – dark**en***	*fright – fright**en***

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14 Make nouns from the following words.

1 employ employee, employer, employment
2 injure .....
3 except .....
4 amaze .....
5 differ .....
6 publish .....
7 loyal .....
8 reject .....
9 drive .....
10 examine .....

15 Add the correct *prefixes* to the words in bold.

1 The anti- **government** protesters marched to parliament.
2 John ..... **slept** and was late for work.
3 He is taking a ..... **atlantic** flight from London to New York.
4 The ..... **president** of the United States was honoured at a ceremony.
5 Superman is a comic strip character who has ..... **human** strength.
6 John left his job because he was ..... **able** to deal with such a large amount of work.
7 The two countries ..... **operated** to catch the criminal.
8 That child looks very thin. I think he must be ..... **fed**.
9 The train travels ..... **stop** from London to Edinburgh.
10 Tom knew the information was somewhere in his ..... **conscious**, but he couldn't remember it.

16 Fill in the correct form of the words in capitals.



To be a good nurse, a nursing 1) qualification is not all you need. As a nurse, your 2) ..... plays a huge part in how 3) ..... you are in your work. Therefore, it's very important to make an honest 4) ..... of your own character before you start a career in nursing. You should certainly not 5) ..... the challenges involved in the 6) ..... . As a nurse, you need to have the 7) ..... to care for patients on both a medical and a personal level. For example, 8) ..... of difficult patients is a very important quality. All in all, nursing may not always be 9) ....., but very few other jobs give such a wonderful sense of 10) ..... each day.

QUALIFY
PERSONAL
SUCCESS
ANALYSE

ESTIMATE
OCCUPY
ABLE
TOLERANT
ENJOY
ACHIEVE

17 Add the correct *prefixes* to form the opposite of the words in bold.

1 I don't know what this letter says because the handwriting is totally il **legible**.
2 It's raining, so ..... **fortunately** the game has been cancelled.
3 Ricky is quite ..... **polite** as he never says 'please' or 'thank you'.
4 The garden is surrounded by a tall fence and is ..... **visible** from the main road.
5 Kim found a dog on her doorstep which had obviously been ..... **treated** by its owner.
6 They had their electricity ..... **connected** because they didn't pay the bill in time.
7 Grace is quite a(n) ..... **honest** person, so I'm not sure she is telling the truth.
8 Our team isn't playing well as they seem ..... **capable** of keeping possession of the ball today.

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