Derivatives

This unit deals with verbs and nouns which derive from adjectives.

Adjective Root	Verb = Adjective + -ise
Describing a state or condition	Acquiring the state or condition described by the adjective
general	generalise

- Some other common adjectives that form verbs in the same way are: *familiar, fertile, legal, mobile, modern, neutral, special, stable* and *sterile.*
- Pay attention to the following irregularity:
  stable → *stabilise*

Adjective Root in -able/-ible	Noun in -ability/-ibility
(in)capable (im)possible	(in)capablity (im)possibility

- Some other common adjectives that form nouns in **-ability** are: *available, stable* and *suitable.*
- Some other common adjectives that form nouns in **-ibility** are: *flexible, responsible, sensible* and *visible.*
- The nouns **ability** and **stability** form opposites with the addition of the prefix **-in**, not **-un**.
  un*able* → ***in****ability*
  un*stable* → ***in****stability*

	Adjective Root	Noun + -ity
-ous	generous	generosity
-e	secure	security
-al	original	originality
-ive	creative	creativity
-or	major	majority
-ar	similar	similarity
-an	human	humanity
-ic	authentic	authenticity
-d	humid	humidity

- Some nouns which derive from adjectives do not follow the rules presented above. Some of these are:
  ambiguous → *ambiguity*
  anonymous → *anonymity*
  ferocious → *ferocity*
  simple → *simplicity*
- Note the following irregularities:
  safe → *safety*
  various → *variety*

Nouns in -hood
likely → likelihood lively → livelihood

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