

LESSON 182

1111 Common noun suffixes

Some common suffixes we use to form nouns are: "-ness", "-ment", "-ance", "-ence", "-ship", "-hood", "-ity", and "-ion".

Some examples of such nouns are "greatness", "enjoyment", "acceptance", "correspondence", "membership", "motherhood", "regularity", and "adoption".

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| discount | error |
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| element | hydrogen | formula |
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| combat | cooperate (co-operate) |
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| bloke | guy | chap |
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| monotonous | repetitive |
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| outlook | optimistic | pessimistic |
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| optimism | pessimism |
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| demonstrate | demonstration | protest |
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| squash | elevator |
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| out of order | overtime |
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| rip | rip-off | patch |
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| 1115 | self-respect | self-service |
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| self-catering | self-centred |
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| villa | consideration |
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| operator | hold on | put through |
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| get through |
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| 1116 | breakdown |
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put up with **snore**

acknowledge **commute** **outstanding**

come on (go on) **go off**

restore

1117 **oral** **hygiene** **filling**

conservative

forecast **favourable**

continental

1118 **Phrase exercise 2**

From the three options given below each sentence, choose the one that has a similar meaning to the sentence itself.

- 1 **You need to get a grip on yourself.**
 - a) You need to plan a secure future for yourself.
 - b) You need to gain control of your emotions.
 - c) You need to realize your strengths and weaknesses.
- 2 **My favourite radio programme's on air now.**
 - a) My favourite radio programme is very popular.
 - b) My favourite radio programme might be cancelled.
 - c) My favourite radio programme is being broadcast.
- 3 **I find it hard to make ends meet.**
 - a) It's hard for me to manage my relationship successfully.
 - b) It's hard for me to find enough money to pay for everything.
 - c) It's hard for me to finish all my work in the time available.
- 4 **You should stand up to him.**
 - a) You should defend yourself against him.
 - b) You should show respect to him.
 - c) You should try to be like him.
- 5 **I passed up the opportunity.**
 - a) I told someone else about the opportunity.
 - b) I decided not to take advantage of the opportunity.
 - c) I waited too long and missed the opportunity.
- 6 **Why don't we call it a day?**
 - a) Why don't we have a party?
 - b) Why don't we make arrangements?
 - c) Why don't we finish now?

- 7 **She's got a nest egg.**
a) She wants to have a baby.
b) She is keeping a secret from us.
c) She has money saved for the future.
- 8 **I got the hang of the job very quickly.**
a) I became bored of the job very quickly.
b) I learnt how to do the job very quickly.
c) I managed to find the job very quickly.
- 9 **They made quite a splash at the party.**
a) They attracted a lot of attention during the party.
b) They behaved badly when they went to the party.
c) They spent a great deal of money on the party.
- 10 **Do you have a soft spot for him?**
a) Do you take advantage of him?
b) Are you quite keen on him?
c) Can you find an easy job for him?