

Grammar lesson: The Formation of Nouns and Adjectives

How do we form nouns and adjectives in the English language?

- Through adding **suffixes**.
- ❖ Suffix: is a morpheme (a small dependent unit of meaning) **placed at the end of a word**.
- ❖ The suffixes are used to form nouns, adjectives, and adverbs.

Nouns (Root+ Suffix)	Adjectives (Root+ Suffix)
Ion, tion, ment, ence, ance, ness, ing, ity, ty.	Ic, ical, al, ive, ed, able/ible, ing, ous, ious, ent, less, ful.

I-How to use suffixes to create nouns from adjectives and verbs:

Tip 1: Add **–ment** to form nouns from adjectives or verbs:

Verbs	Nouns
To invest	Investment
To appoint	Appointment
To develop	Development
To establish	Establishment

Tip 2: Add **–tion** or **–sion** to form nouns from verbs:

Verbs	Nouns
To evolve	Evolution
To contribute	Contribution
To adjudicate	Adjudication
To dispute	Disputation

Tip 3: Add **–ance** or **–ence** to form nouns from adjectives or verbs: The suffix **–ance** (or **–ence**) can be added to either adjectives or verbs to form nouns.

This is particularly used for adjectives ending in **–ent** or **–ant** (where the spelling changes to replace **t** with **–ce**)

Adjectives	Nouns
Independent	Independence
Silent	Silence
Resist	Resistance

II- Tips to formulate Adjectives:

Tip 1: In most cases, we can form adjectives through adding **"ed"** to the stem when the verb is **regular**.

Verbs	Adjectives
To appoint	Appointed
To draft	Drafted
To establish	Established

Tip 2: However, we can form adjectives from **the past participle** of the verb if it is **irregular**.

Verb	Adjective
To write	Written
To break	Broken

Tip 3: In most cases, if you have **a noun that ends** with the following **suffixes (ty, ity, and ness)** **remove/drop them to get the adjective**.

Noun	Adjective
Sadness	Sad
Morality	Moral
Honesty	Honest

Adjectives of IVE

Verbs	Adjectives
To cooperate	Cooperative
To adjudicate	Adjudicative
To invest	Investive

Adjectives of Able

Verbs	Adjectives
To ratify	Ratifiable
Indemnify	Indemnifiable

To prevent	Preventable
To adopt	Adoptable
To object	Objectionable

Adjectives of ious

Verb	Adjectives
To dispute	Disputatious
To fail	Faillious

III- Tips for formulating Verbs

In most cases, if you have a noun that ends with the following **suffixes (ance, ence)** **drop/remove them to get the verb.**

Nouns	Verbs
Avoidance	To Avoid
Existence	To exist
Appearance	To appear

Exercise: Complete the following chart

Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives
To settle	Settlement	Settled
To mediate	Mediation	Mediate
To agree	Agreement	Agreeable
To appear	Appearance	Apparent
To finance	Finance	Financial
To confide	Confidence	Confident
To maintain	Maintenace	Maintainable
To litigate	Litigation	Litigious