



## Lesson3: Abstract Nouns

**An abstract noun** is the name of quality, action, condition and feeling.

This quality, action, condition, thought or feeling is something that we cannot see, smell, taste, or touch. We can only think of it or feel it.

Examples of Abstract nouns:

Love, hate, pain, sorrow, bravery, heroism, responsibility, truth, darkness

<u>Word</u>	<u>Abstract Noun</u>
Sweet	sweetness
Know	knowledge
Behave	behavior
Happy	happiness
Speak	speech
Think	thought
Advice	advise
Brother	brotherhood
Die	death
Angry	hunger
Free	freedom
Sick	sickness
Poor	poverty
Beautiful	beauty
Insane	insanity
Foolish	foolishness

### How abstract noun are formed

Abstract nouns can be formed from adjectives, or common nouns, or verbs. Suffixes are used to form abstract nouns.

The following are Noun-forming Suffixes:

_ion	ex. educate _ education
_ment	ex. appoint _ appointment
_ness	ex. kind _ kindness
_hood	ex. father _ fatherhood
_ship	ex. owner _ ownership
_cy	ex. infant _ infancy
_ity	ex. scare _ scarcity
_ism	ex. hero _ heroism
_y	ex. honest _ honesty
_cc	ex. abundant _ abundance

a.) From Adjectives

Wise – wisdom	young – youth
Poor – poverty	proud – pride
High – height	brave – bravery
Short – shortness	coward – cowardice
True – truth	wide - width
Honest – honesty	humble – humility
Just – justice	lovely – loveliness
Broad – breadth	angry – anger

b.) From Common Nouns

Man – manhood	crime – criminality
Child – childhood	slave – slavery
Friend – friendship	infant – infancy
Hero – heroism	owner – ownership
Thief – theft	agent – agency

c.) From Verbs

Live – life	hate – hatred
Believe – belief	see – sight
Relieve – relief	conceal – concealment
Please – pleasure	think – thought
Move – movement	laugh – laughter

d.) Abstract Nouns of the same form as Verbs

<u>Verb</u>	<u>Abstract Noun</u>
Cry	cry
Love	love
Laugh	laugh
Taste	taste
Touch	touch
Sob	sob
Stay	stay
Run	run
Step	step
Fear	fear
Hope	hope
Regret	regret

Common Noun  
Noun

Proper Noun

Abstract

Boy	Luis	boyhood
Girl	Beatrice	girlhood
Man	Mr. Lucas	manhood

Exercise 5

From abstract nouns from the following words using suffixes:

1. vacant \_\_\_\_\_
2. alcohol \_\_\_\_\_
3. boy \_\_\_\_\_
4. frank \_\_\_\_\_
5. impress \_\_\_\_\_
6. intent \_\_\_\_\_
7. sportsman \_\_\_\_\_
8. chair \_\_\_\_\_
9. real \_\_\_\_\_
10. leader \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 6

Woman	Ms. Gigi Tan	womanhood
Brother	Mark	brotherhood
Sister	Donna	sisterhood
Parents	Mr. & Mrs. Cruz	parenthood
Leader	Henry	leadership
King	Paul	kingdom
Swimmer	Jack	swimming
Scholar	Darwin	scholarship
Shop	Metro Mall	shopping
Guardian	Mr. Isidro	guardianship
Democrat	Jack Kennedy	democracy
Tyrant	Abu Laden	tyranny
Despot	Hitler	despotism
Socialist	Mao Che Tong	socialism

