

# 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”.

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix “-ness”, please.

There was great gentleness in her voice when she spoke. He failed the exam as a direct result of his idleness.

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix “-ment”, please.

I got the email you sent me but I'm afraid I couldn't open the attachment. I think your judgement of the situation is exactly right.

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix “-ance” or “-ence”, please.

The painting's disappearance was reported in all the newspapers. The lawyer was determined to prove the man's innocence.

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix “-ship”, please.

The government granted him citizenship three years ago. Home ownership is rising in this country.

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix “-hood”, please.

He wasn't really suited to fatherhood. His life of crime continued into adulthood.

1112 Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix “-ity”, please.

Many of his colleagues admire him for his sincerity. Diamonds sell for high prices because of their rarity.

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix “-ion”, please.

One small hesitation can often mean missing a great opportunity. When she entered the office, the tension in the room rose immediately.

**discount****error**

If a shop offered you a 20% discount on a product that originally cost £100, how much would you pay? If ..., I'd pay £80

Is it reasonable to discount errors one makes in dictations if they're just simple spelling mistakes? No, it isn't ...

Why not? Because part of learning a word is learning how to write it, and spelling is very important in the real world

**element****hydrogen****formula**

What's the name of the element that's required in addition to oxygen in order to make water? The name of ... hydrogen

So what's the chemical formula of water? The chemical formula of water is H<sub>2</sub>O

**combat****cooperate (co-operate)**

Are you trained in any form of unarmed combat? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

1113 Do you think countries need to cooperate more to combat the threat of global climate change? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

**bloke****guy****chap**

Tell me some words we often use in colloquial English instead of the word "man"? Some ... "bloke", "guy", "chap" etc.

Give me an example, please. I've only met him once, but he certainly seems like a nice chap

**monotonous****repetitive**

What do we mean by a monotonous job? By..., we mean a job where the activities and general routine are repetitive and don't change

**outlook**

**optimistic**

**pessimistic**

**optimism**

**pessimism**

What sort of outlook do you think you have on life: optimistic or pessimistic?

I have ...

Which nouns describe the feelings of being optimistic and pessimistic?

The nouns ... "optimism" and "pessimism"

**demonstrate**

**demonstration**

**protest**

**furious**

When a fitness instructor wants a class to try a new exercise, do they always demonstrate it first?

Yes, ...

1114 How can people protest when they're furious about a government decision?

People ... by holding a public demonstration, by submitting a written protest etc.

**squash**

**elevator**

When the doors to an elevator open and it's already quite squashed inside, do you try to enter or do you wait for another one?

When ..., I ...

**out of order**

**overtime**

What does it mean when there's a notice hanging on a lift or a drinks machine saying "Out of order"?

When there's ...,

it means the lift or the

machine isn't working at the moment

Do you think it's out of order for a boss to ask someone to work overtime for no extra pay?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

**rip**

**rip-off**

**patch**

If you ripped a hole in your favourite pair of jeans, would you sew a patch over the hole?

Yes, if I ... ~ No, if I ...



**put up with**

**snore**

If you could hear your flatmate snoring loudly every night, would you be able to put up with it? Yes, if I ... ~ No, if I ...

**acknowledge**

**commute**

**outstanding**

How would you feel if you sent a letter of complaint to a company and they didn't even acknowledge receipt of the letter? If ..., I'd feel ...

If you commuted on the same train every morning, do you think you'd eventually start to acknowledge the other regular passengers?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

How does the army acknowledge outstanding courage displayed by soldiers in combat?

The army acknowledges ... by awarding medals

**come on (go on)**

**go off**

Do street lights come on (go on) automatically when it starts to get dark and then go off again at dawn? Yes, ...

**restore**

Which would you rather buy: an old house that was interesting but needed restoring, or a brand new house that was lacking in character?

I'd rather ...

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**oral**

**hygiene**

**filling**

In reference to language learning, what's an oral examination?

In reference ..., ... a speaking test

In the long run, does a good oral hygiene routine reduce the need for fillings?

Yes, ...

**conservative**

Why do you suppose people tend to become more conservative as they get older?

I suppose ...

## forecast

## favourable

When it comes to selecting what to wear each day, do you pay any attention to the weather forecast on the radio or TV? Yes, when it ...

~ No, when it ...

Is the forecast for next weekend favourable? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

## continental

In a hotel, what's the difference between a continental breakfast and an English breakfast? In a hotel, the difference ...

a continental breakfast consists of fruit juice, bread, sweet pastries, jam, marmalade and so on, whereas an English breakfast consists of eggs, bacon, sausages, tomatoes and so on

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### 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?



It'd been a dreadful plan./ In an ambitious attempt/ to discourage other runners,/ Paula had shot ahead./ but after a mere five miles,/ she was being overtaken./ So exhausted/ that she felt she might even collapse,/ she now stood no chance of a medal./ This is outrageous!/ The architect's initial sketches/ for the hotel project/ show that he plans/ to support the ceiling in the lounge/ with stone columns./ He claims it'll give the area/ a luxurious appeal./ but I think it's an appalling idea,/ and would just look weird./ My proudest moment as an inventor/ was watching the aircraft/ launch into the atmosphere/ full of technological equipment/ that I'd designed./ Soon, it'd be sending back/ invaluable scientific information./ Recruit, forthcoming, vehicle, plough, laundry.

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