

WORD BUILDING



NOUN SUFFIXES

-er/-or	doer, maker, resident	narrator, Londoner
-ness	quality, state	vividness
-ist	doer, believer, related to	pianist, Buddhist
-ship	state, condition	friendship
-ing	process	shopping
-sion/-tion	state, quality	tension, recognition
-ance/-ence	state, quality	guidance, existence
-ment	action, result	amazement
-ity	state, quality	validity

- 1) Emergency help is needed for **(survival)** of the earthquake.
- 2) Without **(warn)**, the soldiers started firing into the crowd.
- 3) The **(govern)** are planning further cuts in public spending.
- 4) Newspaper **(intruder)** into private life should be stopped.
- 5) People enjoyed this beautiful **(perform)**.
- 6) The thing I hate most about him is his **(selfish)**.
- 7) She has an **(appoint)** with a client at 10.30.
- 8) She had all the normal childhood **(ill)**.
- 9) Franklin gave a memorable **(perform)** at last year's festival.

- 10) The beauty of e-mail is its speed and (**easy**) of use.
- 11) The researcher drew (**attentive**) to a whole range of very detailed (**similar**) between these two types.
- 12) (**Necessary**) is the mother of (**inventive**).
- 13) What are the reasons for his (**reject**) of the theory?
- 14) How much is the (**insure**) on your car?
- 15) (**Science**) have already accumulated enough evidence to show a clear link between smoking and cancer.
- 16) You have an absolute right to refuse medical (**treat**).
- 17) We'll have to take on a (**work**).
- 18) As shots rang out, the crowd ran screaming in all (**director**).
- 19) Greece won European (**Champion**).
- 20) A (**travel**) must be able to walk long distances.

VERB AFFIXES

(PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES)

re-	again, back	rewrite, reopen
dis-	not, opposite of	disconnect, disobey
mis-	wrongly, bad	misbehave
-ize/ise	make, cause to be	centralize

- 1) Unfortunately, their aim for a rapid improvement in the economy was not (**fulfilment**).
- 2) These results are (**summary**) in table 7.
- 3) The group was (**character**) as being well-educated and liberal.
- 4) Has anything been (**decision**) yet?
- 5) The package (**inclusion**) cycle hire for the duration of your holiday.
- 6) The thieves fled when they were (**disturbance**) by a neighbour.
- 7) The government has (**announcement**) plans to (**creative**) 10,000 new jobs.
- 8) They offered me a job and I (**acceptance**).
- 9) The magician made the rabbit (**appear**).

- 10) I've got three for my test, that's why I want to **(write)** it.
- 11) Sorry for my being late, perhaps I've **(understood)** where we have to meet.
- 12) I'm afraid you're mistaken. I **(agree)** with you.
- 13) Two white doves in this picture **(symbol)** purity.
- 14) I like this book so much that I **(read)** it from time to time.
- 15) My parents often punish my younger brother because he **(obeys)**.

ADJECTIVE AFFIXES

inter-	between, among	international
un-/in-/im-/il-/ir-	not, without, lacking, opposite	unknown, incomplete, irregular, illegal
-y	like, showing	shady
-ic	relating to, characteristic of	romantic
-ful	full of, having	wonderful
-al	characteristic of	seasonal
-ly	like, characteristic of	motherly
-ian/-an	belonging	American
-ing	full of, characteristic	interesting
-ous	full of, marked by	furious
-ible/-able	able, capable	reasonable
-less	lacking, without	lifeless
-ive	given to	attractive

- 1) This (**ambition**) attempt ended in failure.
- 2) It was a (**luxury**) 30-room villa on the Mediterranean coast.
- 3) The west is hilly or (**mountain**).
- 4) The episode was the turning-point in his (**artist**) career.
- 5) We want to make this a truly (**memory**) day for the children.
- 6) The roof is supported by a (**centre**) column.
- 7) Her descriptions are vivid; her characters are drawn with a (**skill**) pencil.
- 8) It's (**understand**) that parents are (**anger**), and looking for someone to blame.
- 9) The warmth from the fire made her feel (**sleep**).

- 10) The applications of genetic engineering in agriculture is very (**profit**).
- 11) I get very (**offence**) when he talks to me like that.
- 12) Tourism generates income for (**location**) communities.
- 13) Football is a (**nation**) kind of sport.
- 14) This is the (**base**) principle of chemistry.
- 15) I don't like the (**economy**) changes that have taken place in my country.
- 16) The working hours are (**flex**).
- 17) When it takes so long I become (**patient**).
- 18) Your answer is (**logic**). Can't you see it?
- 19) I'll never sell this picture. For me it's (**price**).
- 20) I don't know the name of this (**Ukraine**) singer.

ADVERB SUFFIX

-ly	highly, beautifully, strongly
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- 1) Suicide rates have remained (**essence**) unchanged.
- 2) The family (**original**) came from France.
- 3) She waited (**anxiety**) by the phone.
- 4) (**Addition**), staff will be offered a bonus scheme.
- 5) I (**complete**) forgot it's his birthday today.
- 6) A teacher must be able to communicate (**effect**) to students.
- 7) There are ways of (**legality**) avoiding taxes.
- 8) Most students rely on their parents to support them (**finance**).
- 9) They're (**certainty**) not mine.
- 10) His family were (**comfort**) off (=fairly rich).
- 11) The actor spoke his lines (**mechanic**), hardly caring about the meaning.

- 12) She glanced (**fear**) over her shoulder.
- 13) It's (**perfection**) normal to be nervous before a performance.
- 14) Your written compositions should always be (**logic**) paragraphed.
- 15) The almond tree, growing somewhat larger than the peach and living longer, is (**strike**) beautiful when in flower.
- 16) I think that the matter could be (**easy**) settled with a little practical demonstration.
- 17) See you next week, (**hope**).
- 18) She was (**tragic**) killed in a car accident.
- 19) (**Interest**) enough, he made no attempt to protect her.
- 20) Students must take two years of a foreign language, (**prefer**) Spanish.

NUMERAL SUFFIXES

-teen	seventeen
-ty	ninty
-th	sixth

Mixed Word building

There are conflicts everywhere: in families, between (1-**neighbourhood**), between the boys and the girls of your class. What are the (2-**reasonable**) for the conflicts? Perhaps the neighbours get (3-**anger**) because your football lands in their garden, or because your cassette-recorder is too (4-**noise**). Maybe adults say nasty things about your hairstyle or about the way you dress. Perhaps your mother has a serious (5-**argue**) with you because of your boyfriend. Perhaps your brother and his best friend have become bitter (6-**rivalry**) because they are in love with the same girl. Or a friend in your class cannot (7-**decisive**) which classmate he / she should (8-**invitation**) to a party.

And if you open a newspaper, almost every day you will find reports about individuals that do not get along with each other at all. (**9-Liar**), (**10-tolerant**) and discrimination often cause serious problems which can lead to (**11-violent**) and even war. (**12-North**) Ireland is a sad example.

Every country has its drinkable (**1-habitual**). Most countries also have a (**2-nation**) drink. In England the national drink is beer, and the pub is a (**3-peculiarity**) English institution. At tables round in a (**4-usual**) not very large room people will be sitting and in front of each person you will see a pint or half pint mug of beer or fruit (**5-juicy**). From time to time they will make a sip - for Englishmen sip their drinks - and then put down the mug to (**6-continuation**) conversation. There is a general atmosphere of (**7-warm**) and cosiness. Comfort is (**8-essence**), for here people do not drop in for a quick drink and go. They generally want to "make an evening of it," talking to friends or a (**9-strange**), until closing time.

(**1-Humanity**) have much in common with other life forms on Earth. Since the very first life forms (**2-appearance**), all living things have been struggling to(**3-survivor**) the harsh and changing conditions of our planet. This has (**4-involvement**) adapting to new situations and, in many cases, has led to either evolution or (**5-extinct**). We are not (**6-loneliness**) in making use of the world around us (birds use twigs to build nests, for example) or in being particularly (**7-skill**) (spiders make intricate webs).

In this, it appears that we are unique. There is still much mankind does not know about the earliest humans, of course, but we are increasingly becoming a species with detailed **(8-know)** about our past. The more we learn, the better are our chances of **(9-survivor)** in the future. It must also be **(10-recognition)**, however, that we are also the only species on Earth which has managed to create the means to **(11-destruction)** the planet we live on.

The saying 'never judge a book by its cover' could not be more **(1-truth)** for **(2-Ridicule)** *Rules by Marjorie Allen*. The cover is **(3-completion)** blank, whereas the book is crammed full of **(4-wonder)** examples and anecdotes. Allen is an outspoken **(5-critical)** of much of what is taught to native and non-native **(6-speak)** of English, and has issued a **(7-declare)** of war against textbooks and style books which tell **(8-liar)**. Take the main rule of never ending a sentence with a preposition. The lovely – if **(9-fame)** – story goes, that Winston Churchill, well known for his writings as well as for being **(10-Britain)** Prime Minister during the Second World War, received a manuscript back from an ignorant editor, who had told him rather rudely that he had to rephrase a sentence which ended with a preposition. Churchill answered by making the simple yet forceful **(11-state)** in the margin.

(1-Work) at Shepparton Carpets Ltd have voted today to continue with their (2-industry) action. Union (3-lead) Elaine Watkins issued a (4-state) saying: 'Although we do not envisage an all-out strike at this stage, everyone at the plant will continue to refuse to work overtime until this dispute is settled. We urge (5-manage) to reconsider their proposals.' The (6-industry) action, which began three weeks ago, has affected (7-produce) at the factory. Joe Turner, Managing (8-Direction) of Shepparton Carpets, has, however, didn't agree to bow to union demands.

'If Shepparton Carpets wants to survive, it has to become more **(9-competition)**,' he said. 'It is my **(10-responsible)** as an **(11-employ)** of over 500 employees to ensure this company continues to make a profit **(12-period)**, we have to make changes to improve efficiency). If we don't, we'll all be out of a job. It may not be pleasant, but it is **(13-essence)**. Some of the working practices at the factory are, frankly, antiquated and **(14-total)** inapplicable to the **(15-modernity)** world. I just wish the unions would work with me on this, rather than fighting me every step of the way.'