

WORD FORMATION

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As you could see, you can form new words with different meanings by adding a prefix or a suffix

Negative Prefixes

**Prefixes don't change
the word class!**

- ★ unfair;
- ★ uncommon;
- ★ untrue...

- ★ illegal;
- ★ illegitimate;
- ★ illogical...

- ★ impossible;
- ★ immature;
- ★ imperfect...

- ★ disadvantage;
- ★ dislike;
- ★ dishonest...

- ★ incorrect;
- ★ informal;
- ★ inconvenient...

- ★ irrational;
- ★ irrelevant;
- ★ irresponsible...

- ★ misunderstanding;
- ★ mistrust;
- ★ misbehave...

- ★ non-smoker;
- ★ non-violent;
- ★ non-profit...

To memorize!

RULES

- ☐ When you want to change a word that starts with **P** or **M**, you add the prefix "im":
✎ improper; immodest; impartial; impersonal; impolite; impractical, immigrant...

- ☐ Adjectives starting with **L**, you add the prefix "il":
✎ illiterate; illegible; illicit; illegality; illegal; illogical...

- ☐ Adjectives beginning with **R**, you add the prefix "ir":
✎ irrational; irresistible; irregular; irreverent; irresponsible

If you have any doubts, go to the dictionary!
He's your friend!



Suffixes

Suffixes usually change the word class of the base word!

Noun formation

-al

- ★ survive - surviv**al**;
- ★ arrive - arriv**al**;
- ★ try - tri**al**...

-er

- ★ work - work**er**;
- ★ sing - sing**er**;
- ★ win - winn**er**...

-ation

- ★ combine - combin**ation**;
- ★ accuse - accus**ation**;
- ★ image - imagin**ation**...

**-ance/
-ence**

- ★ perform - perform**ance**;
- ★ insure - insur**ance**;
- ★ entry - entr**ance**;
- ★ differ - differ**ence**;
- ★ prefer - prefer**ence**...

-ment

- ★ employ - employ**ment**;
- ★ move - mov**ement**;
- ★ arrange - arrang**ement**...

-age

- ★ carry - carri**age**;
- ★ use - us**age**;
- ★ pack - pack**age**...

Noun formation

-ity

- ★ national - national**ity**;
- ★ feminine - feminin**ity**;
- ★ curious - curios**ity**...

-dom

- ★ king - king**dom**;
- ★ free - free**dom**;
- ★ wise - wis**dom**...

-hood

- ★ neighbour - neighbour**hood**;
- ★ man - man**hood**;
- ★ parent - parent**hood**...

-ness

- ★ dark - dark**ness**;
- ★ fit - fit**ness**;
- ★ weak - weak**ness**...

-ship

- ★ relation - relation**ship**;
- ★ friend - friend**ship**;
- ★ champion - champion**ship**...

-ess

- ★ actor - actr**ess**;
- ★ prince - princ**ess**;
- ★ waiter - waitr**ess**...

-ant/ ent

- ★ study - stud**ent**;
- ★ serve - serv**ant**;
- ★ assist - assist**ant**...

-ist

- ★ novel - novel**ist**;
- ★ art - art**ist**;
- ★ piano - pian**ist**...

-th/ -t

- ★ true - tru**th**;
- ★ grow - grow**th**;
- ★ weigh - weigh**t**...

Adjective formation

-ish

- ★ tall - tall**ish**;
- ★ dark - dark**ish**;
- ★ green - green**ish**...

-ful

- ★ care - care**ful**;
- ★ beauty - beauti**ful**;
- ★ delight - delight**ful**...

-y

- ★ sleep - sleep**y**;
- ★ rain - rain**y**;
- ★ fun - funny**y**...

-less

- ★ use - use**less**;
- ★ shame - shame**less**;
- ★ hair - hair**less**...

-ous

- ★ fame - fam**ous**;
- ★ fury - furi**ous**;
- ★ poison - poison**ous**...

-able/ ible

- ★ accept - accept**able**;
- ★ agree - agree**able**;
- ★ access - access**ible**...

-al

- ★ electric - electric**al**;
- ★ nation - nation**al**;
- ★ emotion - emotion**al**...

-ive

- ★ create - creat**ive**;
- ★ attract - attract**ive**;
- ★ act - act**ive**...

Verb formation

-en

- ★ deep - deep**en**;
- ★ wide - wid**en**;
- ★ short - short**en**...

-ify

- ★ identity - ident**ify**;
- ★ solid - solid**ify**;
- ★ example - exempl**ify**...

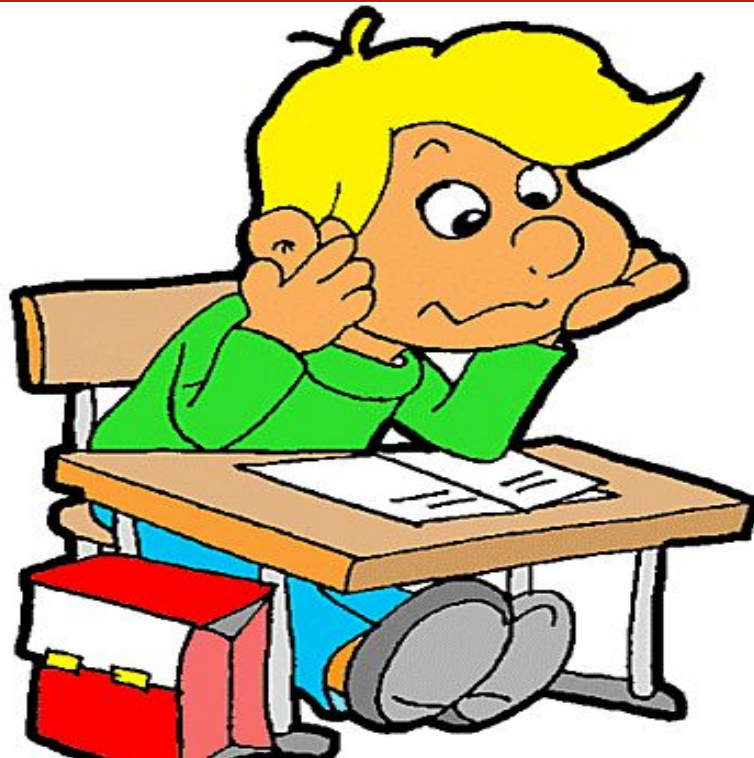
-ise/ -ize

- ★ apology - apolog**ise**;
- ★ tranquil - tranquil**ise**;
- ★ sympathy - sympath**ise**...

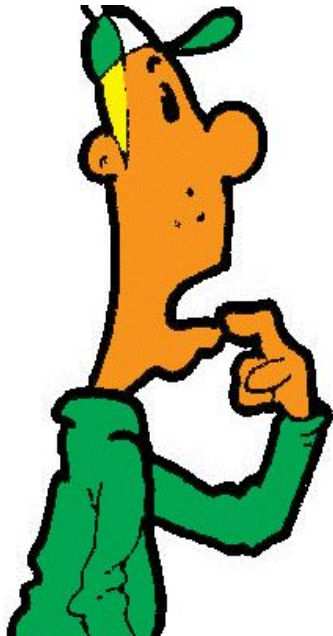
-ate

- ★ regular - regul**ate**;
- ★ circular - circul**ate**;
- ★ domestic - domestic**ate**...

**NOW LET'S
PRACTISE!**



Form nouns from the verbs:



to arrive -
to govern -
to arm -
to agree -
to recover -
to inform -
to propose -
to pay -

arrival
government
army
agreement
recovery
information
proposal
payment

Form nouns from the adjectives:

kind -

quiet -

happy -

active -

stupid -

human -

kindness

quietness

happiness

activity

stupidity

humanism



Form adjectives from the nouns:

the fool -
the child -
the fun -
the friend -
the month -
the danger -
the fame -

foolish
childish
funny
friendly
monthly
dangerous
famous

