

# 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 - truth**th**;
- ★ grow - growth**th**;
- ★ weigh - weight**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**...

## -able/ ible

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

## -less

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

## -ous

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

## -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**...

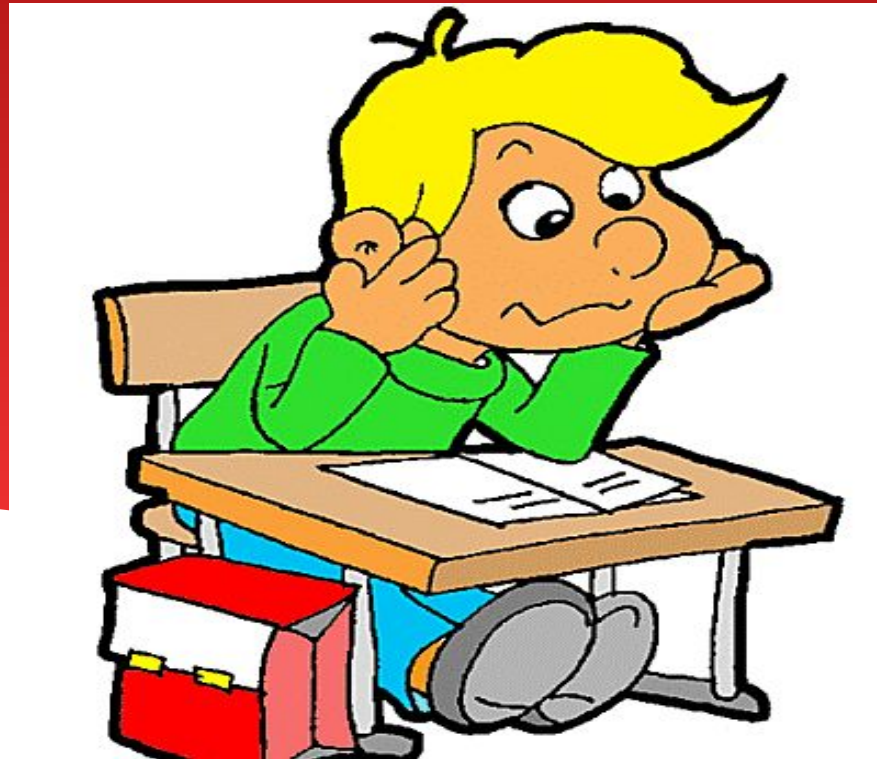
## -ise/ -ize

- ★ 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*

