

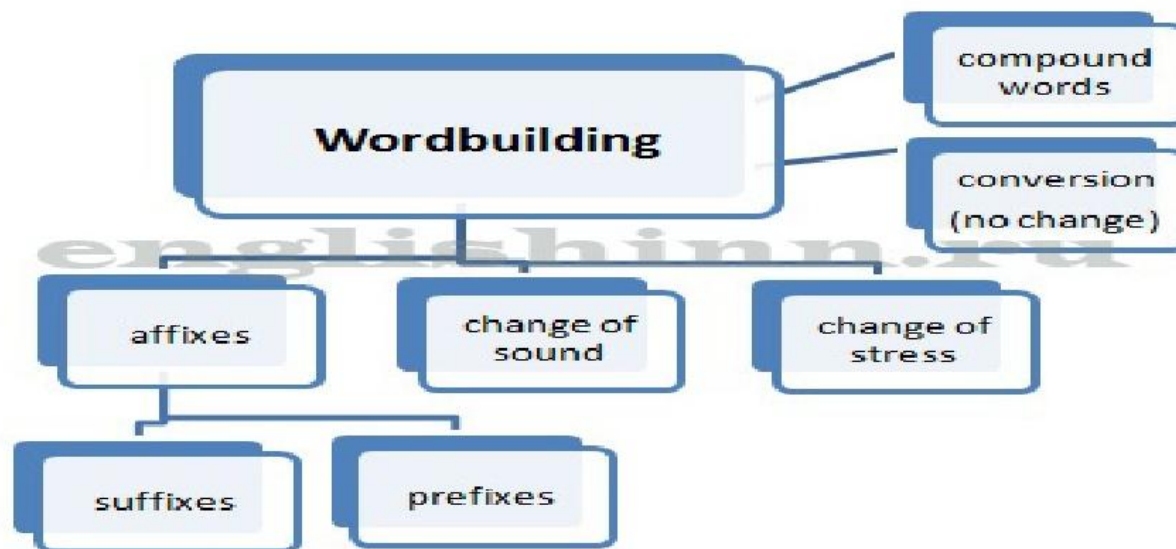
TEACHING VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

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HOW TO BUILD WORDS

Word formation

How to build words



COMMON PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

Word formation: common prefixes and suffixes

Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives	Adverbs
-ion -tion / -sion -er / -or -ance / -ence -ing -ity / -ty / -cy -ist / -ism -ment -ship	mis-, re-, un-, -ize (-ise), -en	un-, in-, il-, im-, non-, dis-, ir- -able / -ible -al, -(i)an -ful, -ic, -ing -y(ly), -ous -ive -less	un- -ly

VERB-NOUN

- Word formation involves building up complex words from base morphemes and affixes.
- Examples:

Verb	Agentive Nouns (verb + -er)
(to) teach	teacher
(to) drive	driver
(to) kill	killer
(to) lead	leader
(to) farm	farmer

Suffixes

Suffixes usually change
the word class of the base
word!

Noun formation

-al

- ★ survive - survival;
- ★ arrive - arrival;
- ★ try - trial...

-ation

- ★ combine - combination;
- ★ accuse - accusation;
- ★ image - imagination...

-ment

- ★ employ - employment;
- ★ move - movement;
- ★ arrange - arrangement...

-er

- ★ work - worker;
- ★ sing - singer;
- ★ win - winner...

-ance/
-ence

- ★ perform - performance;
- ★ insure - insurance;
- ★ entry - entrance;
- ★ differ - difference;
- ★ prefer - preference...

-age

- ★ carry - carriage;
- ★ use - usage;
- ★ pack - package...

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 - act**ress**;
- ★ prince - princ**ess**;
- ★ waiter - wait**ress**...

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

Adjective formation

-ish

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

-ful

- ★ care - care**ful**;
- ★ beauty - beaut**iful**;
- ★ delight - delight**ful**...

-y

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

-less

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

-ous

- ★ fame - fam**ous**;
- ★ fury - fur**ious**;
- ★ poison - poison**ous**...

-able/ ible

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

-al

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

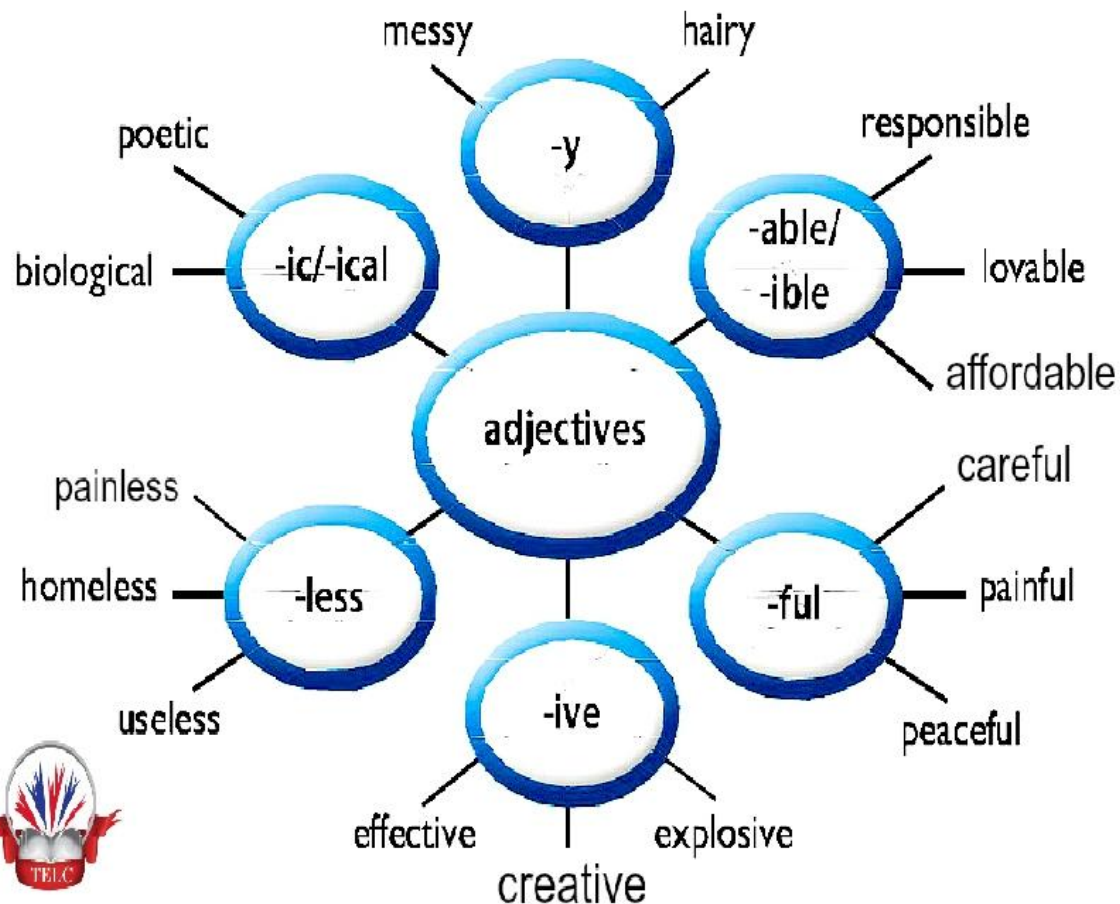
-ive

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

Word formation of adjectives

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-able	а) возможность осуществления; б) обладание некоторым качеством	to change – changeable to comfort – comfortable
-al	подобие, сходство	addition – additional
-ant; -ent	соответствующие существительные имеют суффиксы –ant и –ent	importance – important difference – different
-ar	обладание чем-то, сходство с чем-то	circle – circular
-ary; -ery	качество	diet – dietary
-en	сделанный из чего-либо	wood – wooden
-er	сравнительная степень прилагательных	big – bigger
-ese	национальность или язык	China – Chinese
-ic	состав, структура чего-либо, отношение к чему-либо	drama – dramatic
-ish	а) национальная принадлежность; б) слабая степень качества (соответствует русским суффиксам – оват, еват)	Scotland – Scottish red – reddish

WORD FORMATION OF ADJECTIVES



Suffixes Of Adjectives



1. Remember these suffixes of adjectives!

2. Form adjectives using the correct the correct suffix:

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. enjoy | 15. chill |
| 2. sun | 16. harm |
| 3. home | 17. form |
| 4. use | 18. act |
| 5. music | 19. snow |
| 6. wind | 20. rely |
| 7. change | 21. nation |
| 8. beauty | 22. dust |
| 9. end | 23. count |
| 10. pain | 24. attract |
| 11. comfort | 25. love |
| 12. person | 26. care |
| 13. realist | 27. eat |
| 14. create | 28. doubt |

3. Underline the correct word:

- This coffee is not drinkable/drinkless.
- Paul is a lucky/lukiful man.
- There rules are formaly/formal.
- My sofa is very comfortless/comfortable.
- The situation on the roads is dangerous/dangerable.
- It is a national/nationful holiday.
- Do you know all the musicly/musical instruments?
- My granny is a very careful/carely person.
- I think this film is endly/endless.
- Your actions are harmful/harmly.
- My attempts were use usely/useless.
- She has a lovely/lovic dress on.
- What a windy/windic day today!
- Look at this cubical/cubic table!

4. Fill in the correct words with suffixes:

- Look! This armchair is very _____ (comfort).
- Tom is a very _____ (create) person.
- My friend is a _____ (beauty) girl.
- Your report was _____ (success).
- The injection was _____ (pain).
- Be _____ (care)! It is slippery here.
- The situation was rather _____ (danger).
- Ben is _____ (friend) and sociable.
- This rule is very _____ (use).
- These prices are _____ (reason).
- This snake is _____ (harm).
- Tom is _____ (success); he has bought a new car.
- The weather is _____ (change) here.
- Kate's hair is _____ (curl).

Word formation

- SUFFIXES

-ing **-ive**
-less
-ful **-ic**
-able
-ous **-y**

- Fill in the adjectives

verb	adjective
care	caring
act	
create	
trust	
annoy	
fear	
hope	

OFTEN CONFUSED

UN...

unhealthy
unfriendly
unhelpful
unspoken
unhappy
unfair
unfaithful
uncomfortable
unusual
unlikely
unshaven
unreal

IM...

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impossible
impolite
imperfect
impatient
imprecise
immoral
improbable
imperceptible
impure
imbalanced
immaculate
impeccable

IN...

infrequent
incompetent
incapable
incorrect
incredible
inexpensive
inexpressive
inseparable
incompatible
inconsiderate
inadequate
invalid

Word formation

префиксы un-, il-, im-, in-, ir-.

logical

illogical

responsible

irresponsible

believable

unbelievable

possible

impossible

active

inactive

balanced

unbalanced

forgettable

unforgettable



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WORD FORMATION: check your works!

Noun	Adjective	Verb
imagination	imaginative	imagine
profession	professional	----
creation/creator	creative	create
competence	competent	----
enthusiasm/-t	enthusiastic	enthuse
responsibility	responsible	----
competition/ competitor	competitive	compete
persistence	persistent	persist
inspiration	inspirational	inspire



Word-formation

Add a suffix to these words to make adjectives, adverbs and nouns

- | | | | |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------|
| ▪ Cheer | | | |
| ▪ Difference | | -ance | -able |
| ▪ Tradition | | | -al |
| ▪ Comfort | | | -able |
| ▪ Expense | -ful | | |
| ▪ Attract | | -ful | |
| ▪ Beauty | | | -ful |
| ▪ Use | | -ive | |
| ▪ Suit | | | -tion |
| ▪ Fashion | | -ness | |
| ▪ Appear | | -al | |
| ▪ Person | -able | | -ently |

Word formation

academy academic, academically	improve improvement, improved	solve solution, (un)solvable
attend attention, (in)attentive(ly), attendance, attendant	intense intensity, intensify, intensely	study student, studies, studio
behave behaviour	literate illiterate, (il)literacy, literature	teach teacher, taught
certify certificate, certified	reason (un)reasonable, (un)reasonably, reasoning	think thought, (un)thinkable, thoughtful, thoughtless
educate education, educator, educational(ly)	revise revision, revised	understand (mis)understanding, (mis)understood, understandable, understandably
fail failure, failing	scholar scholarship, scholarly, scholastic	

[Types of compound nouns:]

- One Word:

- grandmother, basketball, cowboy

- Hyphenated Word:

- mother-in-law, light-year

- Two or More Words:

- grand piano, jumping jack, University of Iowa

★ ★ ★ SUFFIX -ION ★ ★ ★






















Write **the noun** or **the verb** in the squares below and match:




1 instruct	2 operate	3 confusion	4 collection
5 opt	6 instruction	7 connect	8 restriction
9 suggest	10 expression	11 edition	12 demonstrate
13 election	14 impress	15 protection	16 locate
17 interaction	18 infect	19 decoration	20 react

a	b	c	d	e
f	g	h	i	j
k	l	m	n	o
p	q	r	s	t

Word Formation

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

<p>1. Teenagers love beauty and _____.</p> <p>a) appear b) appearances c) disappear</p> 	<p>2. Different opinions are usually the _____ reason for most _____.</p> <p>a) agreements b) agrees c) disagreements</p> 	<p>3. Susan is very _____. She never takes anything seriously.</p> <p>a) immature b) mature c) maturity</p> 
<p>4. _____ people don't accept well our differences.</p> <p>a) tolerant b) tolerance c) intolerant</p> 	<p>5. The lack of _____ has created many wars in our world.</p> <p>a) tolerant b) tolerance c) intolerant</p> 	<p>6. Michael is a very _____ person. He is always telling us to hurry up.</p> <p>a) impatient b) patient c) patience</p> 
<p>7. This is a _____ section, so you can't smoke here.</p> <p>a) smoker b) smoking c) non-smoker</p> 	<p>8. These are _____ immigrants who were caught by the immigration office.</p> <p>a) illegal b) illegality c) legal</p> 	<p>9. Your _____ is to do your best and not the work of the others.</p> <p>a) responsible b) responsibility c) irresponsibility</p> 
<p>10. She is a very _____ person. Everything bad happens to her.</p> <p>a) fortunate b) misfortune c) misfortunate</p> 	<p>11. Those kids were very _____. They interrupted us and didn't even say "sorry".</p> <p>a) politeness b) impolite c) polite</p> 	<p>12. Jason is a _____ driver. He had 5 accidents in 2 years.</p> <p>a) careless b) careful c) caring</p> 
<p>13. I think you should wear _____ clothes for the job interview.</p> <p>a) formality b) formal c) informal</p> 	<p>14. The old woman must be _____ because she couldn't read the sign on the door.</p> <p>a) illiterate b) literacy c) literate</p> 	<p>15. If you want to go to the Facebook, you need an Internet _____.</p> <p>a) connected b) disconnected c) connection</p> 
<p>16. Her outfit for the disco had her parents' _____.</p> <p>a) approved b) disapproved c) approval</p> 	<p>17. The _____ of many leaders has led the world to terrible situations.</p> <p>a) incompetence b) competent c) competence</p> 	<p>18. Energy _____ light bulbs can save lots of energy at home.</p> <p>a) efficiency b) efficient c) inefficient</p> 
<p>19. My schoolmate is very _____. He always cheats in tests.</p> <p>a) honest b) dishonesty c) dishonest</p> 	<p>20. This is _____ information. We can't trust it.</p> <p>a) inaccurate b) accuracy c) accurate</p> 	<p>21. The child's _____ at the party created an embarrassing situation for the parents.</p> <p>a) misbehave b) misbehaviour c) behave</p> 

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SYNONYM WORDS

Word	Synonym	Word	Synonym
capture	apprehend, seize	conflict	fight, battle, struggle
care	concern, protection	conform	comply, submit
careful	cautious, watchful	confuse	complicate, muddle
cease	stop, discontinue	connect	join, link, attach
certain	sure, definite	conscious	aware, cognizant
charming	delightful, appealing	consecutive	successive, continuous
chilly	cool, nippy	conservative	cautious, restrained
clarify	explain, simplify	considerate	thoughtful
close	near, imminent	constantly	always, continually
combine	blend, unite, join	contented	satisfied, pleased
competent	capable, qualified	continue	persist, persevere
comprehend	understand, grasp	convenient	handy, accessible
complete	conclude, finish	correct	accurate, right, proper
complex	complicated	courage	bravery, valor
compress	condense, squeeze	cover	conceal, hide
condense	concentrate	crazy	insane, daft, mad
confess	admit, acknowledge	cry	sob, weep

Like



FEELING WORDS

ANGER

Annoyed
Agitated
Fed up
Irritated
Mad
Critical
Resentful
Disgusted
Outraged
Raging
Furious
Livid
Bitter

HAPPY

Amused
Delighted
Glad
Pleased
Charmed
Grateful
Optimistic
Content
Joyful
Enthusiastic
Loving
Marvelous

SAD

Depressed
Desperate
Dejected
Heavy
Crushed
Disgusted
Upset
Hateful
Sorrowful
Mournful
Weepy
Frustrated

CONFUSION

Uncertain
Upset
Doubtful
Uncertain
Indecisive
Perplexed
Embarrassed
Hesitant
Shy
Lost
Unsure
Pessimistic
Tense

ENERGIZED

Determined
Inspired
Creative
Healthy
Renewed
Vibrant
Strengthened
Motivated
Focused
Invigorated
Refreshed

STRONG

Sure
Certain
Unique
Dynamic
Tenacious
Hardy
Secure
Empowered
Ambitious
Powerful
Confident
Bold
Determined

Opposites game - Intermediate

Blunt	Sharp	Expand	Contract
Imitation	Genuine	Landlord	Tenant
Minority	Majority	Permanent	Temporary
Singular	Plural	Absence	Presence
Accept	Refuse	Ancient	Modern
Admit	Deny	Arrival	Departure
Attack	Defense	Build	Demolish
East	West	Exterior	Interior

PRACTICE

- ◉ Word Formation (B2) - PDF Worksheets
- ◉ [english-practice.at>...word-formation...word...index.htm](#)
- ◉ **Word Formation - PDF Worksheets for English Language Learners - Upper-intermediate Level (B2).**
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- Use the word in brackets to form a new word that fits into each blank.
- 1. Leading _____ have warned about the danger to animal species around the world. (ZOO) 2. In her application she emphasized the _____ skills she had acquired over the years. (SECRETARY) 3. The _____ effects of losing a job can be very serious. (PSYCHOLOGY) 4. She has received three marriage _____ this year. (PROPOSE) 5. The use of dictionaries at the final exam is not _____. (PERMIT) 6. The _____ was not convicted because there was no conclusive evidence. (DEFEND) 7. We live in an _____ world, so people and governments make mistakes all the time. (PERECT)

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- 3. The psychological effects of losing a job can be very serious. (PSYCHOLOGY)
- 4. She has received three marriage proposals this year. (PROPOSE)
- 5. The use of dictionaries at the final exam is not permissible. (PERMIT)
- 6. The defendant was not convicted because there was no conclusive evidence. (DEFEND)
- 7. We live in an imperfect world, so people and governments make mistakes all the time. (PERECT)

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- ◉ Word formation Spotlight 10
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Descriptive adjectives

GOOD

excellent
great
amazing
fantastic
incredible
wonderful

BAD

horrible
awful
terrible
miserable
unpleasant
horrific

NICE

pleasant
lovely
admirable
enjoyable
pretty
beautiful

HAPPY

glad
cheerful
pleased
joyful
merry
ecstatic

SAD

upset
gloomy
unhappy
miserable
depressed
blue

FUNNY

amusing
hilarious
playful
jolly
silly
comical

INTERESTING

exciting
entertaining
amusing
intriguing
gripping
fascinating

BORING

tiring
monotonous
dull
lifeless
uninteresting
tiresome

SCARY

spooky
creepy
horrifying
terrifying
frightening
chilling

SMALL

tiny
little
miniature
petite
microscopic
mini

BIG

huge
enormous
large
gigantic
colossal
massive

ANGRY

furious
outraged
resentful
annoyed
boiling
heated

Collocation verbs

BREAK

Break a habit
Break a leg
Break a promise
Break a record
Break a window
Break someone's heart
Break the ice
Break the law
Break the news to someone
Break the rules

DO

Do business
Do nothing
Do someone a favour
Do the cooking
Do the housework
Do the shopping
Do the washing up
Do your best
Do your hair
Do your homework

HAVE

Have a bath
Have a drink
Have a good time
Have a haircut
Have a holiday
Have a problem
Have a relationship
Have a rest
Have lunch
Have sympathy

COME

Come close
Come complete with
Come early
Come first
Come into view
Come on time
Come prepared
Come right back
Come to a compromise
Come to a decision
Come to an agreement
Come to an end
Come to a standstill
Come to terms with

CATCH

catch a ball
catch a bus
catch a chill
catch a cold
catch a thief
catch fire
catch sight of
catch someone's attention
catch someone's eyes
catch the flu

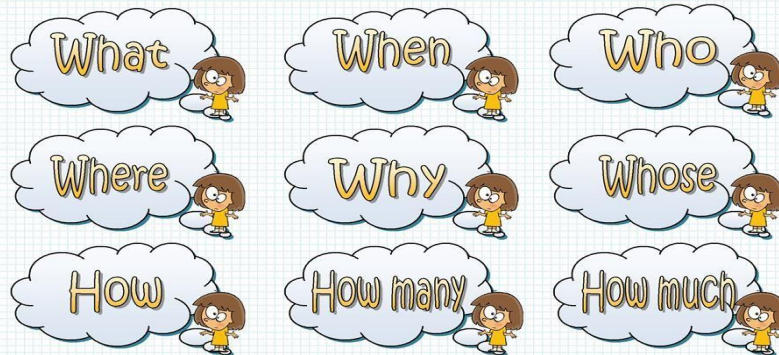
KEEP

keep a diary
keep a promise
keep a secret
keep an appointment
keep calm
keep control
keep in touch
keep quiet
keep someone's place
keep the change

Question Words



Complete the sentences with the correct Question Word. Then match these questions to the right answer. Follow the example.



- 1) _____ are you smiling?
- 2) _____ is your brother's birthday?
- 3) _____ is your mum's favourite food?
- 4) _____ is the weather like today?
- 5) _____ is this school bag?
- 6) _____ can I buy a birthday cake?
- 7) _____ homework have you got?
- 8) _____ water do you drink a day?
- 9) **What** _____ your name?
- 10) _____ is situated Madrid?
- 11) _____ does the school year finish?
- 12) _____ does your father do?
- 13) _____ is your favourite singer?
- 14) _____ does have you got?

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- a) 9 I'm called Rosa.
- b) _____ I've got a Biology project to do.
- c) _____ It's cold but sunny.
- d) _____ My feet have got ten.
- e) _____ He's a mechanic.
- f) _____ It's on 4th May. He will be 12 years old.
- g) _____ He's Bruno Mars. His music is great!
- h) _____ It ends in June.
- i) _____ because I've got 9 out of 10 in Maths!
- j) _____ At a bakery.
- k) _____ It's Michael's.
- l) _____ She likes pasta and lemon cake.
- m) _____ Usually a litre and a half.
- n) _____ It's in the middle of Spain.



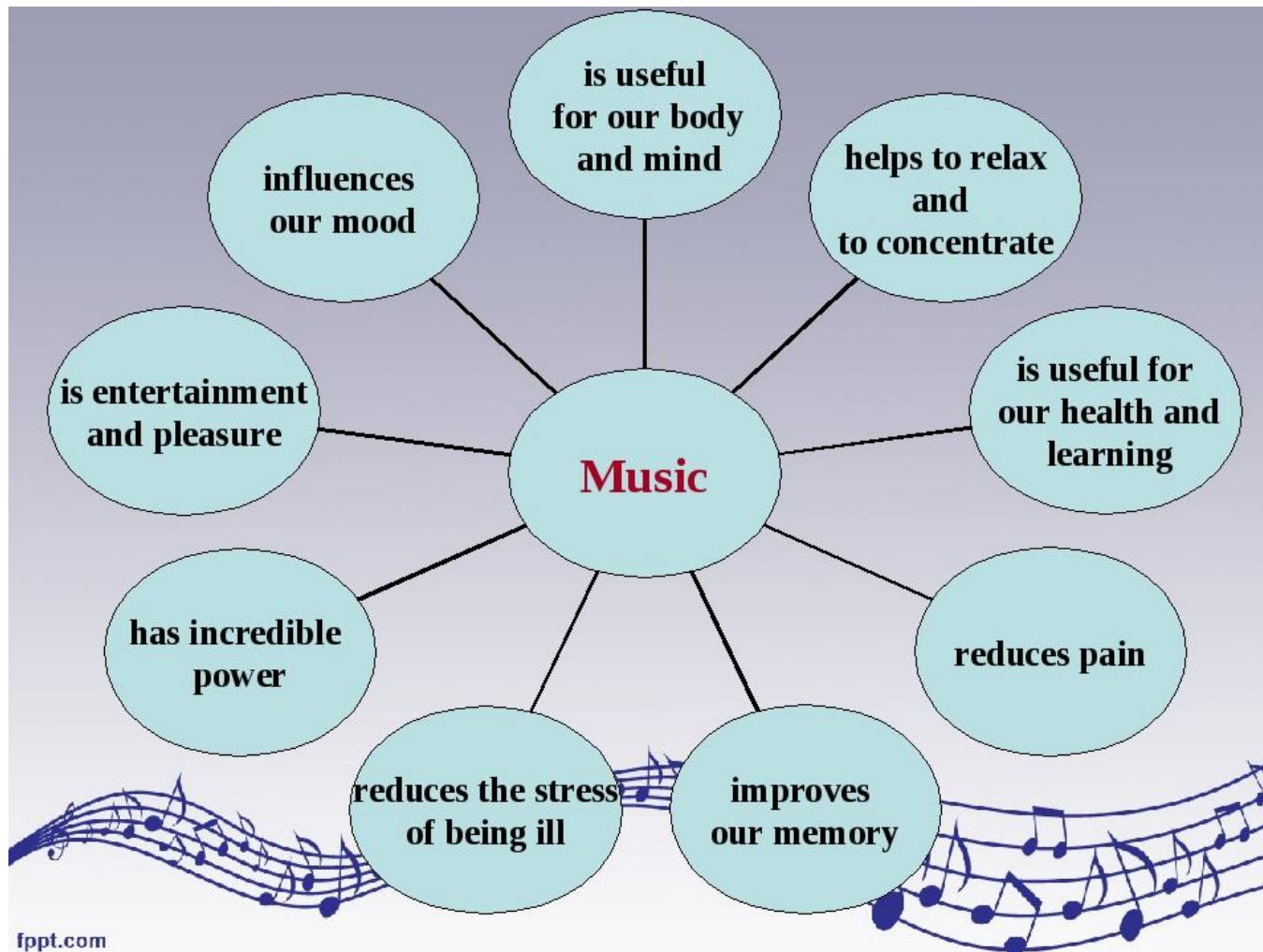
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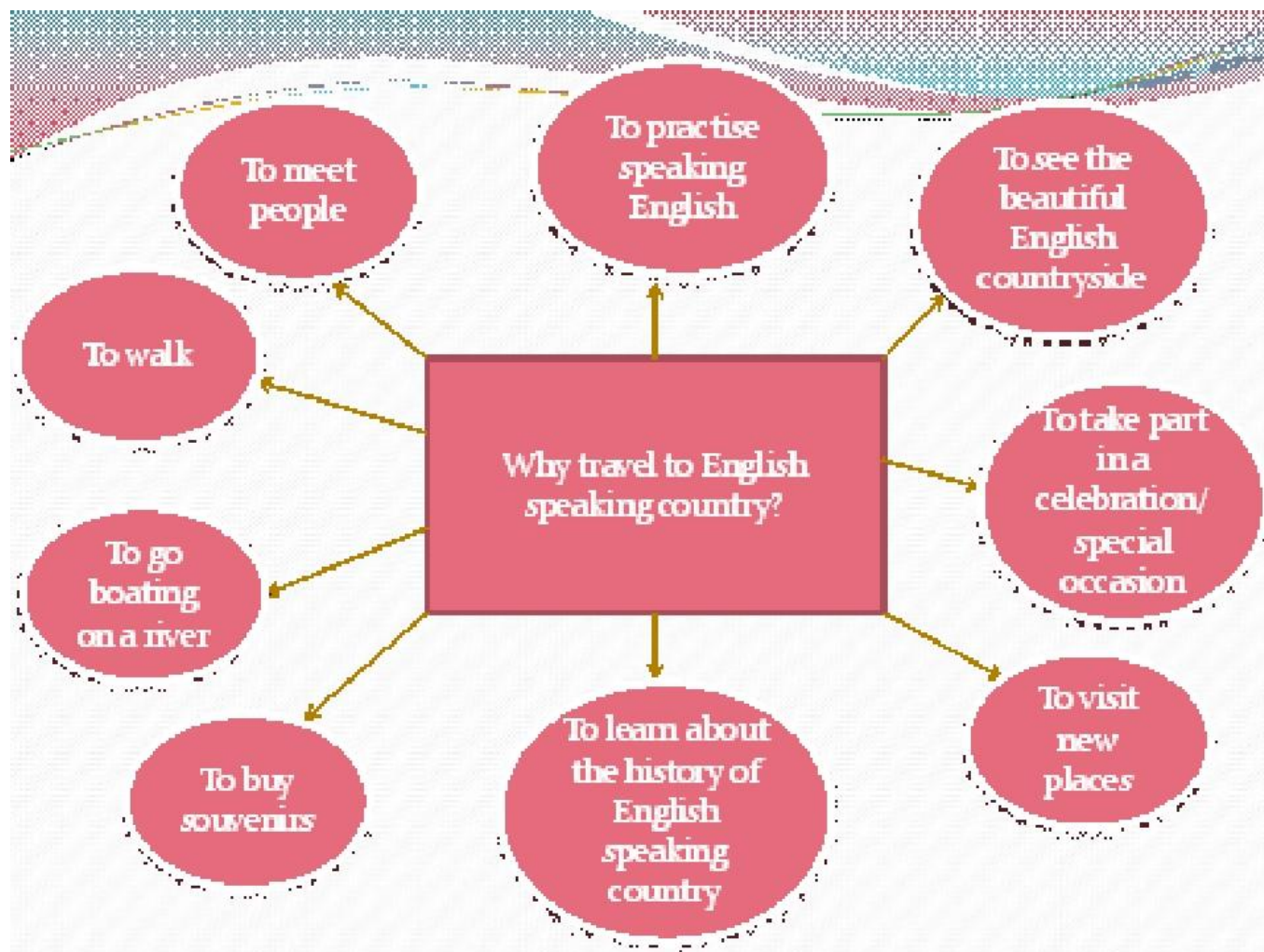
COME

GROW

- come close
- come complete with
- come early
- come first
- come into view
- come late
- come last
- come to a compromise
- come to life
- come second
- come to decision
- come to a total of
- come to an end
- come to an agreement
- come direct
- come cheap
- come to a stop
- come into sth.
- come clean about
- come under attack
- come up with
- come to life
- come prepared
- come to a realization
- come to terms with
- come in last
- come on time
- come to power
- come right back
- come to sb's rescue
- come to a conclusion

- grow up
- grow up on something
- grow hair
- grow a bread
- grow older
- grow a moustache
- grow wiser
- grow stronger
- grow fruit
- grow a tree
- grow 2 inches
- grow vegetables
- grow out of something
- grow together
- grow leisure time
- grow well
- grow quickly
- grow 4 centimetres
- grow slowly
- grow out
- begin to grow
- grow wheat
- grow wiser
- grow tired of something





Question Words

Fill in the right question word.

				
----- is he waiting? At the bus stop.	----- does she wear that black dress? She graduates.	----- is his job? He is a reporter.	----- nationality is she? She is Japanese.	----- is that boy? He is my brother.
				
----- dog is it? It's mine.	----- colour is the girl's hair? It's blond.	----- did they find the treasure? On an island	----- is the weather like? It's stormy?	----- do you go to bed? At half past seven.
				
----- do they celebrate? The 4 th of July.	----- does he come from? From Spain.	----- season is it? It's autumn?	----- old are you? I'm five years old.	----- is she baking a cake? Some friends are coming.
				
----- is she wearing on her head? A crown.	----- does he go to school? By car.	----- are they? They're Native Americans.	----- does she drink tea? In the afternoon.	----- is she wearing that costume? She's going to a party.
				
----- does he help his mother? It's Mother's Day.	----- do you have a shower? Every morning.	----- do they work? In a hospital.	----- is she carrying a light? Because it's dark	----- does she travel? By train.

ADJECTIVES + PREPOSITIONS

OF

- Accused of
- Ashamed of
- Aware of
- Afraid of
- Capable of
- Fond of
- Guilty of
- Innocent of
- Incapable of
- Jealous of
- Scared of
- Sick of
- Silly of
- Typical of
- Unaware of

AT

- Annoyed at
- Amazed at
- Angry at
- Awful at
- Brilliant at
- Delighted at
- Disappointed at
- Excellent at
- Excited at
- Hopeless at
- Lucky at
- Skillful at
- Surprised at
- Terrible at

FROM

- Absent from
- Derived from
- Different from
- Free from
- Made from
- Safe from

BY

- Amazed by
- Astonished by
- Excited by
- Impressed by
- Shocked by
- Surprised by

IN

- Comfortable in
- Connected in
- Disappointed in
- Excellent in
- Experienced in
- Interest in
- Impolite in
- Polite in
- Present in
- Skilled in
- Slow in
- Successful in
- Talented in