

AFFIXES (PREFIXES & SUFFIXES) to create NOUNS

N.B. Keep in mind that countable nouns can be used in the plural form

SUFFIXES:

People:

-ant inhabitant
-ee employee (who receives work)
-er employer (who gives work)
-ese Chinese
-ess waitress
-ian librarian
-ish Danish
-ist economist
-or director

Other nouns:

-ism nationalism
-ocracy democracy
-ship friendship
-hood childhood
-ery slavery
-t complaint
-ery delivery
-se/ce response service
-ure failure

Nouns from verbs:

-ation information
-ion inflation (vb. inflate)
-ence insistence
-ing understanding
-ment establishment
-tion interaction
-ance performance

Others:

choose → choice
lose → loss
sell → sale
succeed → success

Nouns from adjectives:

-ity similarity
-ness happiness (adj. happy)
-th strength (adj. strong)

Gerunds, plurals:

-ing running
-s friends

Diminutives:

-ette cigarette

PREFIXES & **SUFFIXES** combined:

(the prefix gives a negative meaning)

-un unemployment (-un is the most common)
-im impossibility (-im is used before 'm' or 'p')
-mis misinterpretation (-mis = badly or wrongly)
-in inability (-in is often before words of Latin origin)
-ir irregularity (-ir is only before words with 'r')
-dis dishonesty (-dis is used in the sense of 'lack')