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WORD FORMATION GUIDE

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WHAT IS THE Word formation ABOUT?

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH PAPER - PART 3

Part 3 consists of a text containing eight gaps (plus one gap as an example). At the end of some of the lines, and separated from the text, there is a stem word in capital letters. Candidates need to form an appropriate word from given stem words to fill each gap.

The focus of this task is primarily lexical, though an understanding of structure is also required. It tests the candidates' knowledge of how prefixes, suffixes, internal changes and compounds are used in forming words. Candidates may be required to demonstrate understanding of the text beyond sentence level.

FOCUS

Vocabulary, in particular the use of affixation, internal changes and compounding in word formation.

FORMAT

A text containing eight gaps. Each gap corresponds to a word. The stems of the missing words are given beside the text and must be changed to form the missing word.

NO. OF QS 8

- You need to understand the context of each gap in the text to decide which class of word (noun, verb, adjective or adverb) is required.
- Sometimes a plural form or a specific part of a verb will be required.
- Sometimes a negative prefix will be required.

There is usually at least one word requiring a negative prefix in each Part 3 task, so you will need to look out for these.

HOW MANY MARKS ARE THERE?

One mark for each correct answer.

Use of English – Part 3

WORD FORMATION

VERBS TO NOUNS

The most frequently recurring conversions are:-

appear to appearance / choose to choice / grow to growth / prove to proof
assist to assistance / employ to un/employment or employee /
improve to improvement / dominate to dominance / assist to assistance

NOUNS TO ADJECTIVES

The most frequently recurring conversions involve adding:-

-al -ful -ous -ic -less

addition to additional / delight to delightful / anxiety to anxious
economy to economic / coast to coastal / doubt to doubtful /
danger to dangerous / energy to energetic / industry to industrial
harm to harmless / poison to poisonous / science to scientific

ADJECTIVES TO ADVERBS

These are easy to form.

regular to regularly / punctual to punctually / easy to easily /
increase to increasingly / Quick to quickly / typical to typically

VERBS TO ADJECTIVE

The most frequently recurring conversions are:-

comfort to comfortable / impress to impressive / rely to reliable
satisfy to satisfying / convince to convincing / dispute to disputable

POSITIVE MEANING TO NEGATIVE MEANING

Common example conversions are:

able to unable / fortunate to unfortunately / like to unlike
possible to impossible / aware to unaware / satisfied to dissatisfied

INTERNAL CHANGE

Common example conversions are:-

choose to choice / fly to flight / hot to heat / long to length
strong to strength / receive to reception / wide to width

NOUNS (WORD FORMATION)

		ADJECTIVE	ADVERB	NOUN	VERB
AGRICULTURE		AGRICULTURAL			
AMERICA		AMERICAN		AMERICANIZATION	AMERICANIZE
BREATH		BREATHLESS		BREATHER BREATHING	BREATHE
CHALLENGE		CHALLENGING UNCHALLENGED		CHALLENGER	
CHARACTER		CHARACTERISTIC UNCHARACTERISTIC	CHARACTERISTICALLY UNCHARACTERISTICALLY		CHARACTERIZE
COAST		COASTAL		COASTER	
COMFORT		COMFORTABLE UNCOMFORTABLE COMFORTING	COMFORTABLY UNCOMFORTABLY	DISCOMFORT	
CONSEQUENCE		CONSEQUENT INCONSEQUENTIAL	CONSEQUENTLY INCONSEQUENTIALLY		
CROWD		CROWDED			
DELIGHT		DELIGHTFUL DELIGHTED	DELIGHTFULLY		
EFFICIENCY		EFFICIENT DEFICIENT	EFFICIENTLY DEFICIENTLY		
ENERGY		ENERGETIC	ENERGETICALLY		ENERGIZE
ENTHUSIASM		ENTHUSIASTIC	ENTHUSIASTICALLY	ENTHUSIAST	ENTHUSE
EXTENT		EXTENSIVE	EXTENSIVELY	EXTENSION	EXTEND
FASHION		FASHIONABLE UNFASHIONABLE	FASHIONABLY		
FOOD					FEED
FORTUNE		FORTUNATE UNFORTUNATE	FORTUNATELY UNFORTUNATELY		
FRIEND		FRIENDLY UNFRIENDLY		FRIENDLINESS FRIENDSHIP	BEFRIEND
HISTORY		HISTORIC PREHISTORIC HISTORICAL	HISTORICALLY	HISTORIAN	
HOME		HOMELY HOMELESS		HOMELAND	
LABOUR				LABOURER	
LIMIT		LIMITED UNLIMITED LIMITLESS LIMITING		LIMITATION	
PERSON		PERSONAL IMPERSONAL	PERSONALLY	PERSONALITY	PERSONALIZE PERSONIFY
POISON		POISONOUS			
POWER		POWERFUL POWERLESS OVERPOWERING	POWERFULLY OVERPOWERINGLY		EMPOWER OVERPOWER
RAIN		RAINY		RAINBOW	
REMARK		REMARKABLE UNREMARKABLE	REMARKABLY		
SCIENCE		SCIENTIFIC UNSCIENTIFIC	SCIENTIFICALLY	SCIENTIST	
SURPRISE		SURPRISING UNSURPRISING	SURPRISINGLY UNSURPRISINGLY		
WEALTH		WEALTHY			
WEIGHT		OVERWEIGHT UNDERWEIGHT WEIGHTY			WEIGH OUTWEIGH

ADJECTIVES (WORD FORMATION)

	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB	NOUN	VERB
ABLE	UNABLE DISABLED	ABLY	ABILITY DISABILITY INABILITY	ENABLE DISABLE
ACTIVE	INACTIVE PROACTIVE INTERACTIVE	ACTIVELY	ACTIVITY INACTIVITY	ACTIVE
LOCAL		LOCALLY	LOCATION RELOCATION	LOCATE RELOCATE DISLOCATE
NEW	RENEWABLE RENEWED	NEWLY ANEW	RENEWAL NEWNESS	RENEW
POLITE	IMPOLITE	POLITELY IMPOLITELY	POLITENESS	
SAD	SADDENED	SADLY	SADNESS	SADDEN
SUCCESSFUL	UNSUCCESSFUL SUCCESSION	SUCCESSFULLY UNSUCCESSFULLY SUCCESSION	SUCCESS	SUCCEED
TIGHT		TIGHTLY	TIGHTNESS	TIGHTEN
WIDE		WIDELY	WIDTH	WIDEN

VERBS (WORD FORMATION)

	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB	NOUN	VERB
ARGUE	ARGUMENTATIVE ARGUABLE	ARGUABLY	ARGUMENT ARGUMENTATION	
ATTACH	ATTACHED UNATTACHED DETACHABLE DETACHED		ATTACHMENT DETACHMENT	DETACH
COMPETE	COMPETITIVE UNCOMPETITIVE	COMPETITIVELY	COMPETITION COMPETITOR	
HOPE	HOPEFUL HOPELESS	HOPEFULLY HOPELESSLY	HOPEFULNESS HOPELESSNESS	RENEW
PRESENT	PRESENTABLE UNPRESENTABLE	PRESENTLY	PRESENCE	REPRESENT
REMARK	REMARKABLE UNREMARKABLE	REMARKABLE UNREMARKABLE		SADDEN
WARM		WARMLY	WARMTH	

- **ADJECTIVES CAN BE IN THEIR COMPARATIVE OR SUPERLATIVE FORM.**
- **NOUNS CAN BE REQUIRED IN THEIR PLURAL FORM.**
- **VERBS CAN BE CONJUGATED (ING , ED, "S" ADDED TO THE THIRD PERSON)**

HOW TO DO WORD FORMATION EXERCISES

We need to complete each gap with the correct form of the **ROOT WORD**, which appears appear in capitals at the end of the line.

There are only three kinds of root words, and they are the following:

ADJECTIVES NOUNS VERBS

TEXT

ROOT WORD

There were cultural (20) to be found on either ... **SIMILAR** (Adj.)

The growing number of weblogs – or blogs , as they are (0) known – on the internet has... **AFFECTION** (noun)

climatologists are working (17) to improve ... **CONTINUE** (verb)

These **ROOT WORDS** can be made only into four kinds of words, and they are the following:

ADJECTIVES ADVERBS NOUNS VERBS

WHEN THE ROOT WORD IS A NOUN

Nouns can be made into adjectives, adverbs or verbs

CONVERSIONS FROM NOUN TO ADJECTIVE

Examples:

ORIGIN TO ORIGINAL
ROMANCE TO ROMANTIC
CHILD TO CHILDLIKE

CONVERSIONS FROM NOUN TO ADVERB

Examples:

ORIGIN TO ORIGINALLY
DRAMA TO DRAMATICALLY
EFFECT TO EFFECTIVELY

CONVERSIONS FROM NOUN TO VERB

Examples:

ORIGIN TO ORIGINATE
FABRIC TO FABRICATE

WHEN THE ROOT WORD IS A VERB

Verbs can be made into nouns, adjectives or adverbs

CONVERSIONS FROM VERB TO NOUN

Examples:

PROMOTE TO PROMOTION

ENJOY TO ENJOYMENT

INVENT TO INVENTOR

EXIST TO EXISTENCE

CONVERSION FROM VERB TO ADJECTIVE

Examples:

VARY TO VARIED

CONTINUE TO CONTINUAL

AVOID TO AVOIDABLE

CONVERSION FROM VERB TO ADVERB

Examples:

VARY TO INVARIABLY

RELY TO RELIABLY

CONTINUE TO CONTINUALLY

WHEN THE ROOT WORD IS AN ADJECTIVE

Adjectives can be made into adverbs, nouns or verbs

CONVERSION FROM ADJECTIVE TO ADVERB

Examples: INITIAL TO INITIALLY
QUICK TO QUICKLY
HARD TO HARDLY

CONVERSIONS FROM ADJECTIVE TO NOUN

Examples: POPULAR TO POPULARITY
ACCURATE TO ACCURACY
INTENSE TO INTENSITY

CONVERSIONS FROM ADJECTIVE TO VERB

Examples: DARK TO DARKEN
SIMPLE TO SIMPLIFY
SPECIAL TO SPECIALISE

OPPOSITES (WORD FORMATION)

There is usually at least one word requiring a negative prefix in each Part 3 task. Opposites can be formed using suffixes , such as ab, de, dis, il, im, in, mal, mis, non, un and prefixes such as less, ful, free, etc.

FORMING OPPOSITES

PREFIX AB-	NORMAL TO ABNORMAL
PREFIX DE-	INCREASE TO DECREASE / PROMOTE TO DEMOTE ATTACH TO DETACH
PREFIX DIS-	HONEST TO DISHONEST / ARM TO DISARM AGREE TO DISAGREE / APPEAR TO DISAPPEAR
PREFIX IL-	LEGAL TO ILLEGAL / LITERATE TO ILLITERATE
PREFIX IM-	POSSIBLE TO IMPOSSIBLE / BALANCE TO IMBALANCE MORTAL TO IMMORTAL
PREFIX IN-	ACTIVE TO INACTIVE / ADEQUATE TO INADEQUATE
PREFIX IR-	REGULAR TO IRREGULAR RESPONSIBLE TO IRRESPONSIBLE
PREFIX MAL-	FUNCTION TO MALFUNCTION PRACTICE TO MALPRACTICE
PREFIX MIS-	BEHAVE TO MISBEHAVE / CARRIAGE TO MISCARRIAGE
PREFIX NON-	EXISTENT TO NONEXISTENT / VIOLENT TO NONVIOLENT
PREFIX UN-	TIDY TO UNTIDY / WELL TO UNWELL HAPPY TO UNHAPPY / POPULAR TO UNPOPULAR COMFORTABLE TO UNCOMFORTABLE

SUFFIXES (LESS- FREE-FUL)

BONE TO BONELESS / BRAIN TO BRAINLESS
CARE TO CARELESS / TROUBLE TO TROUBLEFREE
CAREFUL TO CAREFREE / STRESS TO STRESSFUL

BUT, HOW DO WE KNOW what kind of word we need?

We need to pay attention to the words before and after the gaps.

What kinds of words are they? Are they pronouns, articles, verbs, adverbs...?

HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE NEED A NOUN?

Nouns are most usually placed after articles (a , an , the) , possessive pronouns (his , her, its, etc.) and prepositions (about, with, of, etc). They are also commonly placed before coordinating conjunctions (and, for, or, etc) and verbs.

Example:

TEXT	ROOT WORD
journalists are often unable to, and this is shaking mainstream media out of its (24)	COMPLACENT
The (17) of the surgeon is especially impressive.	EXPERT

WORDS USUALLY PLACED BEFORE NOUNS

Prepositions

He came with friends ... / What to say to children ... I know a lot about tennis. / This is a different kind of problem , A kilo of apples , You are among friends.

Quantifiers

He came with many people , He has few enemies , Some friends of his...

Graded quantifiers

He came with more friends than.../ Fewer people want to.../ He has less time than...

Demonstrative pronouns

These cars are... / Those people are ... This boy is... , That girl has...

Possessive pronouns

My mother is French / Your car is beautiful / His friends are nice.

Articles

The children of... / A child ... An apple.

Adjectives

An intelligent boy / A strong company / A tall person.

Numbers Twelve children came to the party.

Subordinating conjunctions

Although children like ... / This can happen when children...

Verbs Is John coming over today? / He wants to learn to play tennis / She loves singing

Coordinating conjunctions

She loves singing and dancing / He loves all sports , but football is his favourite. / I want either chicken or turkey. / Both women and men like...

WORDS USUALLY PLACED AFTER NOUNS

Coordinating conjunctions

John and Susan are going out together. / I want either chicken or turkey.

Verbs

The children want to go but.../ My father ran downhill.../ The doctor said...

Modal verbs

The team should win today / The competition can be tough / That box may be heavy

Linking verbs

His name is Jimmy / His father is the headmaster / The soups smells good
The situation became unbearable / My sister has been sick /

Auxiliary verbs (helping verbs)

The patient was sleeping / The movie had finished when.../ The bank has been robbed

Subordinating conjunctions

Although children like ... / ..can happen when children...

Relative pronouns

He is one of those people who like... / The parcel that/which arrived this morning...

Adverbs His wife never said that.. / This team nearly always wins

Comparative adjective

A person smarter than him.../A car more expensive than.../...ways to make studying less stressful.

Prepositions They can have problem of a different kind / he has no interest in getting ... / Changes in society have meant ... / These are examples of.../ The reason for...

FORMING NOUNS FROM OTHER WORDS

The root word might sometimes have to be changed into a noun.

Nouns are often formed with suffixes such as the ones listed below:

Suffixes for Nouns that describe occupations and activities:

-ant assistant, participant / -ee attendee, referee, grantee
-ent correspondent, respondent / -(e)er engineer, manager
-ian librarian, historian / -ic mechanic, paramedic
-ician mathematician, politician / -(i)cist physicist, pharmacist
-or supervisor, survivor

Suffixes for Nouns that describe devices

-er condenser, opener / -or alternator, razor

Suffixes for abstract Nouns

-age mileage, percentage / -al disposal, proposal
-ance appearance, attendance / -ation information, resignation, transformation / -ence dependence, preference
-ication simplification, verification / -iety society, variety
-ism capitalism, idealism / -ity density, diversity, equality, regularity, validity
-ment agreement, statement / -ness usefulness, weakness
-ship membership, relationship / -sion conclusion, explosion
-ssion emission, transmission / -(p)tion assumption, consumption, recognition, solution / -ure exposure, failure

Suffixes for other Nouns

-t weight / -th breadth, length, strength, width

HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE NEED A VERB?

Verbs are most usually placed after pronouns (he, she , they...) , prepositions (for, to , between...) and auxiliary verbs (was, is, are, etc). They are also commonly placed before adjectives, articles and object personal pronouns (him, her, them, etc).

Example:

TEXT

ROOT WORD

These were (20) by various intricate markings. COMPANY

discoveries demanded that maps be constantly (22) DATE

WORDS USUALLY PLACED BEFORE VERBS

Common nouns / Pronoun (personal/indefinite)

He became an artist. / It was raining. / They developed a plan / The business became.

Preposition

Excuses for being late./ I have to tell him./ She had to decide between staying and...

Auxiliary verbs/ Modal verbs

He was noticed by.../ She is going to Madrid.../ They are moving home./ They should come to...

Modal verb

The problem might be... /You could do it if.../ You must get some sleep.

Demonstrative pronouns

This is John / That was fantastic. / Those are my friends.

Relative pronoun

A schedule that proved to be.../ ...which was very kind of him./ The person who saw the...

Adverb

He eventually joined .../ He often says that... / I had nearly finished when.../ We sometimes watch football matches./ They usually start work at 8 a.m. / He quickly became proficient in...

There is someone on the phone.../ The kids really liked the movie.

Coordinating conjunctions

He stopped and said that.../...love what you do or do what.../I neither know nor want to know.

Not He did not want to.../ They do not know about.../ He does not have...

WORDS USUALLY PLACED AFTER VERBS

Preposition

He is in a meeting at the moment./ I arrived in Madrid last.../ She applied for a job in...

Adjectives She is interesting./ That car is expensive./ Their house has big windows.

Articles The mechanic fixed the car./ I found a coin on the ground./ I had her send an email to...

Personal pronouns (object) / Common nouns :

I had her send an email to.../ I told them that.../ He wanted me to.../ I don't have time.

No/Not

He has no time to.../ There seemed no reason.../ They have not taken part in...

Adverbs I have particularly enjoyed.../ He ran very slowly./ It has become increasingly clear that...

Subordinating conjunctions :

The movie had finished when.../ They behaved as if nothing had happened.

Relative Pronouns (relative clause):

...anyone could tell that he was.../ I suggested that they should .../ I accept that there is...

Personal pronouns (subject) -Omitted Relative Pronouns

...anyone could tell he was.../ I suggested they should start.../ I accept there is...

Quantifiers : He knew more than anyone.../ His car is more expensive than.../ He studied less than...

Comparative adjective She is smarter than him.../ Their house has smaller .../ He runs faster than...

Coordinating conjunctions : The watch can be stopped and started.../ I neither know nor want to know.

Gerunds : I tried phoning him but.../ I prefer going to.../ She loves swimming./ She quitted working there.

Past participles : The book was written by.../ it has been done to...
...will have been finished...

FORMING VERBS FROM OTHER WORDS

The root word might sometimes have to be changed into a verb.

Verbs are often formed with suffixes and prefixes such as the ones listed below:

Verbs formed with suffixes

-ate approximate, calibrate, evaporate, hyphenate, integrate

-en broaden, harden, lengthen, quicken, soften, strengthen

-ify identify, justify, modify, qualify, simplify, specify, verify

-ize computerize, economize, emphasize, globalize, industrialize, magnetize, modernize, normalize, rationalize, specialize, standardize

Verbs formed with prefixes

co- co-author, cochair, coexist, cofound, cooperate, coproduce

counter- counteract, counterbalance, countercheck, countersign

de- debug, decode, decentralize, decompose, defrost, destabilize

dis- disagree, disappear, disbelieve, discolour, disconnect, discover, disintegrate,

dislike, disqualify

em- embed, embody, empower

en- enclose, encode, endanger, enlarge, enrich, entitle

fore- forecast, foresee, foretell

inter- interact, interchange, interconnect, interlink, international, interrelate

mis- miscalculate, misinform, misinterpret, mislead, mismanage, misunderstand

out- outdo, outnumber, outperform

over- overdo, overestimate, overheat, overreact, overwork

re- rearrange, reboot, recharge, reconsider, redo, re-elect, re-enter, re-establish,

re-examine, reformulate, rewind, rewrite

sub- subcontract, subdivide, sublet

un- undo, unload, unpack, unplug, unscrew

under- underestimate, underline, underpay

HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE NEED AN ADJECTIVE?

Adjectives are most usually placed after verbs (is, was, been...) , adverbs (very, extremely, especially, etc.) and pronouns (this, that, these, etc). They are also commonly placed before nouns and prepositions (of, in, at, etc).

Example:

TEXT

ROOT WORD

His puzzles came to be used as (20) tools in EDUCATION schools to help children learn.

The evidence is (18) , and advertising for their CONCLUDE dissected maps only appears in 1802.

WORDS USUALLY PLACED BEFORE ADJECTIVES

Verbs :

The speech was interesting . / He is tall and handsome. / They hotel has beautiful views.

Comparative adjective / quantifiers : She is smarter than him... / He runs faster than you... / He is more intelligent than ... / He is less effective than... / His most difficult customers.

Subordinating conjunctions :

When young people are ... / If wealthy taxpayers want to... / ...provided drastic measures are...

Pronouns:

These beautiful sceneries are... / That tall guy lives ... / this Spanish guitar is... / You don't know what difficult means.

Not

She is not beautiful. / They are not nice. / That house is not expensive.

Adverbs :

He is very tall / He was so rich... / The problem was extremely difficult. / It is a rather good book

Coordinating conjunctions : This is difficult but interesting / He is both tall and handsome.

Subordinating conjunctions : He doesn't like it when young people... / Unless successful people..

Determiner : She has such winning ways./ They are such nice people...

Exclamations : What dreadful weather...

Articles : A fast car../ An interesting approach to.../ The big house was...

Prepositions : He paid for these books./ The jacket of this man./ ..limited herself to pleasant ...

Adjectives (paired) : I have a small blue car. /There was a handsome tall man..

WORDS USUALLY PLACED AFTER ADJECTIVES

Nouns :

John is a clever man / That is an interesting question / It was a hard game. /

Preposition:

...the most interesting of all / She was nice to us. / ...the less intelligent among us cannot...

No/Not and most intelligent, not to mention handsome.../ It was helpful not only to users who...

Verbs / Auxiliary verbs/ Modal verbs

The most successful was awarded.../ a German can.../ The least beautiful should ...

Adverbs It's very hard , especially for children./...is very relaxing , particularly when.. / as good as you...

Coordinating conjunctions : This is easy and effective./ ...can be either cheap or good ...

Subordinating conjunctions :

I won't be easy unless.../ him to be nice , when you have never..

Articles: I have never seen so beautiful a girl./ ... not so great an option./ I have as good a car as you.

Adjectives (paired) : I have a small blue car. / There was a handsome tall man..

Nouns as adjectives : History teacher/ Ticket office / Race horse / Horse race / Love story / Car dealer

ING Adjectives - Adjectives that end in -ing are used to describe things and situations : Interesting, worrying, exciting, surprising, confusing, tiring, etc.

ED Adjectives - Adjectives that end in -ed are used to describe how people feel.

Interested , worried, excited , surprised , confused ,tired ,etc

FORMING ADJECTIVES FROM OTHER WORDS

The root word might sometimes have to be changed into an adjective.

Adjectives are often formed by adding suffixes, such as the ones listed below, to nouns and verbs:

Adding suffixes to nouns

- y dirty, smelly, tasty / – ic atomic , poetic, strategic
- ical technical, practical / – ful powerful, wonderful , hopeful
- less powerless, hopeless, meaningless / – ing interesting , boring
- ish British, childish, Irish, foolish
- eous, -ious, -ous spontaneous, hideous, ambitious, anxious, dangerous.

Adding suffixes to verbs

- able washable, lovable, readable
- ing , running , dancing, walking
- ive active, passive, objective

HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE NEED AN ADVERB?

Adverbs are most usually placed after verbs , other adverbs and conjunctions. They are also commonly placed before prepositions (of, in, at, etc), conjunctions and gerunds.

Example:

TEXT

ROOT WORD

However, as is almost (21) the case with...	VARY
Their forecast are becoming (19) accurate...	INCREASE

WORDS USUALLY PLACED BEFORE ADVERBS

Nouns: He uses his knowledge personally as well as.../ ...grow his skills professionally...

Verbs : He drove slowly. / He was late for work./ My life changed dramatically when...

Adjectives : I was afraid sometimes. / ...economic recovery is not strong enough ...

Articles : He drove a very fast car /

Adverbs: She walked quite slowly. / Increasingly, there is pressure.../ Interestingly enough, he...

Quantifiers : Could you speak a bit more slowly?/ Jimmy learns more quickly than...

Pronouns : I don't want to do it now / I particularly enjoyed the/ He completely rejected his.../ I only answer

Subordinating conjunctions :

They were sleeping when suddenly.../ He acted as if today he didn't .../ is necessary because soon enough...

Coordinating conjunctions :

...difficult and extremely painful at times./ but interestingly there are a number of.../

...but ultimately only he has responsibility...

Prepositions : A group of increasingly influential .../...in almost every company.../ He must have finished by now /

Auxiliary verbs/ Modal verbs:

I will probably see you there./ He has probably finished by now / What could possibly go wrong? Sales are gradually starting to .../_ They should firstly ask themselves... / ...has never been ...

Not : .. did not fully understand.../_.. were not seriously injured./ I could not possibly go..

WORDS USUALLY PLACED AFTER ADVERBS

Noun :

Quietly, Ross has hidden the biscuits / Increasingly, people are retiring younger.

Verb (past participle) :

Ross has quietly hidden the biscuits / he had cleverly hidden the....

Pronoun : Admittedly, I could have.../ but ultimately only he has responsibility.../ did absolutely nothing..

Preposition: Some of these are natural.../ Many of them want to.../ They advised me against going...

No/Not He told him not to .../ They recommended that I not undergo... I no longer remember...

Verbs/ Auxiliary verbs/ Modal verbs

He probably has the best chance... / He especially likes bananas. /

I particularly like action movies. / I nearly lost my voice. /

Adjectives : We are never afraid./ We were always willing to.../ His books are often interesting ./It is becoming increasingly hard to... / Her job has become increasingly difficult.

Adverbs She walked quite slowly. / Increasingly, there is pressure.../ Interestingly enough, he...

Coordinating conjunctions : ...both professionally and personally./

You can play a song either slowly or quickly

Subordinating conjunctions :

I can't do it quickly, unless.../ be as carefully if not more carefully studied as... / ...the game completely, provided that we...

Quantifiers : The political climate grew gradually less hostile./ The BBC has become progressively less objective./ ...cost the taxpayer considerably much more than...

Gerunds / Past participles: The economy is slowly opening up . He is probably waiting there.

He has probably finished by now. / He has always wanted to...

FORMING ADVERBS FROM OTHER WORDS

The root word might sometimes have to be changed into an adverb.

Adverbs are often formed with suffixes such as the ones listed below:

Most of adverbs are formed by adding “-ly” to adjectives.

Quickly, slowly, easily, angrily, strongly, fortunately, proudly, loudly, etc.

Suffixes –ways, -wise, wards

-WAYS Sideways, edgeways, lengthways

-WISE Clockwise, lengthwise, likewise, otherwise

-WARDS Inwards, outwards, downwards

WORD FAMILIES

A₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

ability, disability, inability able, unable, disabled enable, disable ably

acceptance acceptable, unacceptable, accepted accept acceptably, unacceptably

accident accidental accidentally

accuracy, inaccuracy accurate, inaccurate accurately, inaccurately

accusation, the accused, accuser accusing accuse accusingly

achievement, achiever achievable achieve

act, action, inaction, interaction, acting ,act, reaction, transaction

activity, inactivity active, inactive, interactive, proactive activate actively

addition additional add additionally

admiration, admirer admirable admire admirably

advantage, disadvantage advantageous, disadvantaged advantageously

advertisement, advertiser, advertise, advertising

advice, adviser advisable, inadvisable, advisory advise

agreement, disagreement agreeable agree, disagree agreeably

aim aimless aim aimlessly

amazement amazed, amazing amaze amazingly

anger angry anger angrily

announcement, announcer unannounced announce unannounced

appearance, disappearance, appear, disappear, reappear, reappearance

applicant, application applicable, applied apply

appreciation appreciable, appreciative appreciate appreciatively

approval, disapproval approving, disapproving approve, disapprove approvingly

approximation approximate approximate approximately

argument arguable, argumentative argue arguably

arrangement arrange, rearrange

art, artist, artistry artistic artistically



Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

attachment attached,unattached,detachable, attach,detach,detached

attack,counter-attack,attacker attack,counter-attack

attention attentive,inattentive attend attentively

attraction,attractiveness attractive,unattractive attract attractively

authority,authorization authoritarian,authoritative, authorize,unauthorized

availability available,unavailable

avoidance avoidable,unavoidable avoid

awareness aware,unaware unawares



base,the basics,basis baseless,basic base basically

bearer bearable,unbearable bear

beat,beating unbeatable,unbeaten beat

beauty,beautician beautiful beautifully

beginner,beginning begin

behaviour/ US behavior, behavioural/ US behavioral behave,misbehave

misbehaviour/ US misbehavior

belief,disbelief believable,unbelievable believe,disbelieve unbelievably

block,blockage blocked,unblocked block,unblock

blood,bleeding bloodless,bloody bleed

the boil,boiler boiling boil

bore,boredom bored,boring bore boringly

break,outbreak,breakage unbreakable,broken,unbroken break

breath,breather,breathing breathless breathe breathlessly

brother,brotherhood brotherly

build,builder, building build,rebuild

burn,burner burning,burnt burn

burial buried bury

C₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

calculation,calculator incalculable,calculated,calculating calculate

calm,calmness calm calm calmly

capability capable,incapable capably

care,carer careful,careless,caring,uncaring care carefully,carelessly

celebration,celebrity celebrated,celebratory celebrate

centre/ US center,centralization, central,centralized centre/ US

center,centralize, centrally

decentralization decentralize

certainty,uncertainty certain,uncertain certainly,uncertainly

challenge,challenger challenging challenge

change changeable,interchangeable, change

unchanged,changing

character,characteristic, characteristic,uncharacteristic characterize

characteristically,characterization

chemical,chemist,chemistry chemical chemically

circle,semicircle,circulation circular circle,circulate

cleaner,cleaning,cleanliness clean,unclean clean cleanly

clarity,clearance,clearing clear,unclear clear clear,clearly

close,closure closed,closing close

closeness close close,closely

clothes,clothing clothed,unclothed clothe

collection,collector collected,collective collect collectively

colour/ US color, coloured/ US colored, colour/ US color colourfully/ US

colorfully, colouring/ US coloring discoloured/ US discolored,

colourful/ US colorful, colourless/ US colorless

combination combined combine

comfort,discomfort comfortable, comfort comfortably, uncomfortable, comforting

commitment noncommittal,committed commit

communication,communicator communicative,uncommunicative communicate

comparison comparable,incomparable, compare comparatively

C₂

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

comparative

competition,competitor competitive,uncompetitive compete competitively

completion,incompleteness complete,incomplete complete,
completely,incompletely

complication complicated,uncomplicated complicate

computer,computing, computerize, computerization

concentration concentrated concentrate

concern concerned,unconcerned concern

conclusion concluding,conclusive,inconclusive conclude conclusively

condition,precondition, conditional,unconditional condition conditionally,
conditioner,conditioning unconditionally

confidence confident,confidential confide confidently,confidentially

confirmation confirmed,unconfirmed confirm

confusion confused,confusing confuse confusingly

connection connected,disconnected, connect,disconnect, unconnected

subconscious,unconscious, conscious,subconscious,

consciously,unconsciously, consciousness,unconsciousness unconscious

consequence consequent,inconsequential consequently

consideration considerable,considerate, consider,reconsider considerably,
inconsiderate,considered considerately

continent continental,intercontinental

continuation,continuity continual,continued,continuous continue,discontinue

continually,continuously

contribution,contributor contributory contribute

control,controller controlling,uncontrollable control uncontrollably

convenience,inconvenience convenient,inconvenient inconvenience
conveniently

convinced,convincing,unconvincing convince convincingly

cook,cooker,cookery,cooking cooked,uncooked cook

cool,coolness cool cool coolly

correction,correctness correct,incorrect,corrective correct correctly,incorrectly

count,recount countable,uncountable,countless count,recount

C₃

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

cover,coverage,covering undercover,uncovered cover,uncover undercover
creation,creativity,creator creative,uncreative create,recreate creatively
crime,criminal,criminologist criminal,incriminating incriminate criminally
critic,criticism critical,uncritical criticize critically
crowd,overcrowding crowded,overcrowded crowd
cruelty cruel cruelly
cry,outcry crying cry
culture,subculture cultural,cultured culturally
cure cured,incurable cure
custom,customer,customs customary accustom customarily
cut,cutting cutting cut,undercut

D₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

damage,damages damaging,undamaged damage
danger endangered, dangerous endanger dangerously
dare,daring daring dare daringly
dark,darkness dark,darkened,darkening darken darkly
date dated,outdated date,predate
day,midday daily daily
dead,death dead,deadly,deathly deaden deadly,deathly
deal,dealer,dealings deal
deceit,deceiver,deception deceitful,deceptive deceive deceptively
decision,indecision decided,undecided,decisive, decide decidedly,decisively,
indecisive indecisively
decoration,decorator decorative decorate decoratively
deep,depth deep,deepening deepen deeply
defeat,defeatism,defeatist undefeated,defeatist defeat
defence/ US defense, defenceless/ US defenseless, defend defensively
defendant,defender indefensible,defensive

D₂

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

definition definite, indefinite define definitely, indefinitely
demand, demands demanding, undemanding demand
democracy, democrat democratic, undemocratic democratically
demonstration, demonstrator demonstrable, demonstrative demonstrate
demonstrably
denial undeniable deny undeniably
dependant, dependence, dependable, dependent, depend dependably,
independence, dependency independent independently
description describable, indescribable, describe descriptively
nondescript, descriptive
desire desirable, undesirable, desired, desire, undesired
destroyer, destruction indestructible, destructive destroy destructively
determination, determiner determined, predetermined, determine determinedly
indeterminate
developer, development, developed, undeveloped, developing
develop, redevelop, redevelopment
difference, indifference, different, indifferent differ, differentiate differently
differentiation
directness, direction, direct, indirect direct, redirect directly, indirectly
directions, director
disagreement disagreeable disagree disagreeably
disappointment disappointed, disappointing disappoint disappointingly
disaster disastrous disastrously
disciplinarian, discipline disciplinary, disciplined, undisciplined discipline
discoverer, discovery discover
distance distant distance distantly
disturbance disturbed, undisturbed, disturbing disturb disturbingly
divide, division, subdivision divided, undivided, divisible, divisive
divide, subdivide
divorce, divorcee divorced divorce
do, doing done, overdone, undone do, outdo, overdo, redo, undo
doubt, doubter undoubted, doubtful, doubtless doubt undoubtedly, doubtfully

D₃

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

dream,dreamer dream,dreamless,dreamy dream dreamily
dress,dresser,dressing dressed,undressed,dressy dress,redress,undress dressily
drink,drinker,drinking, drunk, drunk,drunken drink drunkenly
drunkenness
drive,driver,driving driving drive
due,dues due,undue due,duly,unduly

E₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

earner,earnings earn
earth earthy,earthly,unearthly unearth
ease,unease,easiness easy,uneasy ease easily,uneasily,easy
east,easterner east,easterly,eastern east,eastward(s)
economics,economist,economy economic,economical,economize
economically
uneconomic(al)
education educated,uneducated,educational educate educationally
effect,effectiveness,ineffectiveness effective,ineffective,ineffectual effect
effectively,ineffectively
effort effortless effortlessly
election,re-election,elector, unelected,electoral elect,re-elect
electorate
electrician,electricity electric,electrical electrify electrically
electronics electronic electronically
embarrassment embarrassed,embarrassing embarrass embarrassingly
emotion emotional,emotive emotionally
emphasis emphatic emphasize emphatically
employee,employer,employment, unemployed employ
unemployment
encouragement,discouragement encouraged,encouraging,
encourage,discourage encouragingly,discouraging

E₂

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

end,ending unending,endless end endlessly
energy energetic energize energetically
enjoyment enjoyable enjoy enjoyably
enormity enormous enormously
entrance,entrant,entry enter
entertainer,entertainment entertaining entertain entertainingly
enthusiasm,enthusiast enthusiastic,unenthusiastic enthuse enthusiastically,
unenthusiastically
environment,environmentalist environmental environmentally
equality,inequality equal,unequal equalize equally,unequally
escape,escapism escaped,inescapable escape inescapably
essence,essentials essential essentially
estimate,estimation estimated estimate,overestimate,underestimate
event,non-event eventful,uneventful,eventual eventfully,eventually
exam,examination,cross-examination, examine,cross-examine,examiner
excellence excellent excel excellently
excitement excitable,excited,exciting, excite excitedly,excitingly,unexciting
excuse excusable,inexcusable excuse inexcusably
existence non-existent,existing,pre-existing exist,coexist
expectancy,expectation expectant,unexpected, expect,expectantly,
unexpectedly
expenditure,expense,expenses expensive,inexpensive expend
expensively,inexpensively
experience,inexperience experienced,inexperienced experience
experiment experimental experiment experimentally
expert,expertise expert,inexpert expertly
explaining,explanation unexplained,explanatory,explicable, explain
inexplicably, inexplicable
explosion,explosive exploding,explosive explode explosively
exploration,explorer exploratory explore
expression expressive express expressively
extreme,extremism,extremist, extreme,extremist extremely, extremity

F₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

fact factual factually

fail,failure unfailing fail unfailingly

fairness fair,unfair fairly,unfairly

faith,faithfulness faithful,unfaithful faithfully

familiarity,family familiar,unfamiliar familiarize familiarly

fame famed,famous,infamous famously,infamously

fashion fashionable,unfashionable fashion fashionably,unfashionably

fat fat,fattening,fatty fatten

fastener fasten,unfasten

fault faultless,faulty fault faultlessly

fear fearful,fearless,fearsome fear fearfully,fearlessly

feel,feeling,feelings unfeeling feel

fiction,nonfiction fictional

fill,refill,filling filling fill,refill

final,semifinal,finalist final finalize finally

finish finished,unfinished finish

firmness,infirmary firm,infirm firmly

fish,fishing fishy fish fishily

fit,fittings fitted,fitting fit fittingly

fix,fixation,fixture fixed,transfixed,unfixed fix

flat flat flatten flat,flatly

flower flowered/flowery,flowering flower

fold,folder folded,folding fold,unfold

follower,following following follow

force forceful,forcible force forcefully,forcibly

forest,deforestation,forestry forested

forgetfulness forgetful,unforgettable forget forgetfully

forgiveness forgiving,unforgiving forgive

form,formation,transformation, reformed form,reform,transform

reformer,transformer

formality formal,informal formalize formally,informally

F₂

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

fortune fortunate,unfortunate fortunately,
unfortunately

freebie,freedom free free free,freely

freeze,freezer,freezing freezing,frozen freeze

frequency,infrequency frequent,infrequent frequent frequently,infrequently

freshness,refreshments fresh,refreshing freshen,refresh freshly,refreshingly

friend,friendliness friendly,unfriendly befriend

fright frightened,frightening,frightful frighten frighteningly,frightfully

fruit,fruitation fruitful,fruitless,fruity fruitfully,fruitlessly

fund,refund,funding funded fund,refund

furnishings,furniture furnished,unfurnished furnish

G

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

garden,gardener,gardening garden

generalization general generalize generally

generosity generous generously

gentleness gentle gently

gladness glad gladden gladly

glass,glasses glassy

good,goodies,goodness,goods good

government,governor governmental,governing govern governmentally

gratitude,ingratitude grateful,ungrateful gratefully

greatness great greatly

green,greenery,greens green

ground,underground,grounding, groundless,underground ground underground
grounds

grower,growth,undergrowth growing,grown,overgrown grow,outgrow

guilt,guiltiness guilty guiltily

H

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

habit habitual habitually

hair, hairiness hairless, hairy

hand, handful underhand, handy hand

handle, handler, handling handle

hanger hanging hang, overhang

happiness, unhappiness happy, unhappy happily, unhappily

hardship hard harden hard, hardly

harm, harmfulness unharmed, harmful, harmless harm harmlessly

head, heading, overheads overhead, heady head, behead overhead

health healthy, unhealthy healthily, unhealthily

hearing unheard, unheard of hear, overhear

heart heartened, heartening, heartless, heartily, heartlessly

hearty

heat, heater, heating heated, unheated heat, overheat heatedly

height, heights heightened heighten

help, helper, helpfulness, helping helpful, unhelpful, helpless help

helpfully, helplessly

highness high high, highly

historian, history historic, prehistoric, historical historically

hold, holder, holding hold

home homeless, homely home home

honesty, dishonesty honest, dishonest honestly, dishonestly

hope, hopefulness, hopelessness hopeful, hopeless hope hopefully, hopelessly

human, humanism, humanity, human, inhuman, superhuman, humanly, humanely

inhumanity

humane

hunger hungry hungrily

hurry hurried, unhurried hurry hurriedly

hurt unhurt, hurtful hurt hurtfully

I

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

ice, icicle, icing icy ice icily

identification, identity identifiable, unidentified identify

imagination imaginable, unimaginable, imaginary, imagine unimaginably, imaginative imaginatively

importance important, unimportant importantly

impression impressionable, impressive impress impressively

improvement improved improve

increase increased increase increasingly

credibility, incredulity incredible, credible, incredulous incredibly, incredulously

independence, independent independent independently

industrialist, industrialization, industry industrial, industrialized, industrious

industrially, industriously

infection, disinfectant infectious infect, disinfect infectiously

inflation inflatable, inflated, inflationary inflate, deflate

informant, information, informer informative, uninformative, informed, inform, misinform, uninformed

injury injured, uninjured injure

innocence innocent innocently

insistence insistent insist insistently

instance, instant instant, instantaneous instantly, instantaneously

instruction, instructor instructive instruct instructively

intelligence intelligent, unintelligent, intelligible, intelligently, unintelligible

intent, intention intended, unintended, intentional, intend intentionally, unintentional unintentionally

interest interested, disinterested, interest, interestingly, uninterested, interesting

interruption uninterrupted interrupt

interview, interviewee interview

introduction introductory introduce

invention, inventiveness, inventor inventive invent, reinvent inventively

invitation, invite uninvited, inviting invite invitingly

involvement involved, uninvolved involve

item itemized itemize

J

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

joke,joker joke jokingly

journal,journalism,journalist journalistic

judge,judg(e)ment judgmental judge

juice,juices juicy

K

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

keenness keen keenly

keep,keeper,keeping kept keep

kill,overkill,killer,killing kill

kindness,unkindness kind,unkind kindly,unkindly

knowledge knowing,knowledgeable,known, know knowingly,unknowingly,

unknown knowledgeably

enlargement large enlarge largely

L

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

laugh,laughter laughable laugh laughably

law,lawyer,outlaw lawful,unlawful outlaw lawfully,unlawfully

laziness lazy lazily

lead,leader,leadership lead,leading lead

learner, learning learned,unlearned learn

legality,illegality,legalization legal,illegal legalize legally,illegally

length lengthy,lengthening lengthen lengthily

liar,lie lying lie

life lifeless,lifelike,lifelong lifelessly

light,lighter,lighting,lightness light light,lighten lightly

dislike,liking likeable like,dislike

likelihood likely,unlikely likely

limit,limitation,limitations limited,unlimited limit

L₂

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

literature,literacy literary,literate,illiterate

liveliness,living live,lively,living live,outlive,relive live

local,location,relocation local dislocate,relocate locally

loser,loss lost lose

loud aloud,loud/loudly

love,lover lovable,unlovable,loveless,lovely, love lovingly

loving

low low,lower,lowly lower low

luck lucky,unlucky luckily,unluckily

M₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

machine,machinery,mechanic, mechanical,mechanized mechanically

mechanics,mechanism,machinist

magic,magician magic,magical magically

make,remake,maker,making unmade make,remake

man,manhood,mankind,manliness, manly,manned,unmanned, man

mannishly,manfully

mannishness mannish

management,manager,manageress manageable,unmanageable,manage

managerial

mark,marker,markings marked,unmarked mark markedly

market,marketing,marketability, marketable market

marketer,marketeer

marriage married,unmarried,marriageable marry,remarry

match,mismatch matching,unmatched,matchless match matchlessly

material,materialism,materialist, material,immaterial,materialistic materialize

materially

materials,materialization

meaning,meaningfulness meaningful,meaningless mean meaningfully,

meaninglessly

M₂

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

measure,measurement measurable,immeasurable,measured measure
immeasurably

medical,medication,medicine medical,medicated,medicinal, medically
medicinally

memorial,memory memorable memorize memorably

mentality mental mentally

method,methodology methodical,methodological methodically

militancy,militant,the military,militia, military,militant,militaristic,
militantly,militarily

militarist,militarism demilitarized

mind,minder,reminder,mindlessness mindless,mindful mind,remind
mindlessly

minimum,minimization minimal,minimum,minimalist minimize minimally

miss missing miss

mistake mistaken,unmistakable mistake unmistakably,mistakenly

mix,mixer,mixture mixed mix

modernity,modernization modern,modernistic modernize

moment momentary,momentous momentarily

mood,moodiness moody moodily

moral,morals,morality,immorality moral,amoral,immoral,moralistic moralize
morally

mother,motherhood motherly mother

move,movement,removal,remover, movable,unmoved,moving move,remove
movingly, mover

murder,murderer murderous murder murderously

music,musical,musician, musical,unmusical musically

musicianship,musicality,musicologist,musicology

N

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

name named,unnamed,nameless name,rename namely
nation,national,multinational, national,international, nationalize
nationally,internationally
nationalism,nationalist,nationality, multinational,nationalistic
nationalization
nature,naturalist,naturalization, natural,supernatural, naturalize
naturally,unnaturally
naturalness the supernatural, unnatural,naturalistic
naturist,naturism
necessity necessary,unnecessary necessitate necessarily,unnecessarily
need,needs needless,needy,needed need needlessly
nerve,nerves,nervousness nervous,nervy , nerveless , unnerving unnerve
nervously,nervelessly,
unnervingly
news,renewal,newness new,renewable,renewed renew newly,anew
night,midnight overnight,nightly,nights
noise,noisiness noisy,noiseless noisily
normality/ US normalcy,abnormality, normal,abnormal normalize
normally,abnormally
norm
north,northerner north,northerly,northern, north,northward(s),
northward(s),northbound northbound
notice noticeable,unnoticed notice noticeably
number,numeral innumerable,numerical,numerous,
number,outnumber,enumerate,numbered,numerate
nurse,nursery,nursing nurse

O

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

obedience,disobedience obedient,disobedient obey,disobey

obediently,disobediently

occasion occasional occasionally

offence/ US offense,offender, offensive,inoffensive offend offensively
offensive

office,officer,official,officialdom official,unofficial officiate

officially,unofficially

the open,opener,opening,openness open,opening open openly

operation,cooperation,operative, operational,operative,cooperative,

operate,cooperate operationally

cooperative,operator operable

opposition,opposite opposed,opposing,opposite oppose opposite

option optional opt optionally

order,disorder disordered,orderly,disorderly,ordered order

organization,disorganization, organizational,organized, disorganized

organize,disorganize,

reorganization,organizer reorganize

origin,original,originality,originator original,unoriginal originate originally

owner,ownership own,disown

P₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

pack,package,packaging,packet, packed pack,unpack,package

packing,packer

pain pained,painful,painless pain painfully,painlessly

paint,painter,painting paint

part,counterpart,parting,partition partial,parting,impartial

part,partition,depart,impart part,partially,partly

pass,overpass,underpass,passage, passing,passable pass

passing

patience,impatience,patient patient,impatient patiently,impatiently

P₂

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

pay,payment,repayment,payee, unpaid,underpaid pay,repay

payer,payoff,payback,payout

peace peaceful pacify peacefully

perfection,imperfection,perfectionist, perfect,imperfect perfect perfectly

perfectionism

performance,performer perform

permission,permit,permissiveness permissible,impermissible,permissive

permit

person,personality personal,impersonal,personalized, personalize,personify

personally,personable

persuasion,persuasiveness persuasive persuade,dissuade persuasively

photo,photograph,photographer, photogenic,photographic photograph

photography

picture pictorial,picturesque picture

place,placement,displacement, misplaced place,displace,replace

replacement

plan,planner,planning unplanned plan

plant,transplant,plantation,planter plant,transplant

play,interplay,replay,player, playful,playable play,outplay,replay,downplay,

playfully

playfulness,playback,playoff underplay

pleasantry,pleasure,displeasure pleasant,unpleasant,pleased, please,displease

pleasantly,unpleasantly,displeased,pleasing,pleasurable

poem,poet,poetry poetic poetically

point,pointer,pointlessness pointed,pointless,pointy point pointlessly,pointedly

politeness polite,impolite politely,impolitely

politician,politics,politicking political,politicized politicize politically

popularity,unpopularity, popular,unpopular popularize popularly

popularization

population populated,unpopulated,populous populate

possibility,impossibility, possible,impossible possibly,impossibly

the impossible

P₃

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

post,postage postal post

power,superpower,powerlessness powerful,overpowering,powerless

power,empower,overpower powerfully

practical,practicalities,practicality, practicable,practical,impractical practically
practicability

practice,practitioner practised/ US practiced,practising/ practise/ US practice
US practicing

precision precise,imprecise precisely

preference preferable,preferential,preferred prefer preferably

preparation,preparations, prepared,unprepared,preparatory prepare
preparedness

presence,present,presentation, present,presentable present,represent presently
presenter

press,pressure pressed,pressing,pressurized

press,pressure/pressurize,depress,repress

prevention preventable,preventive/preventative prevent

price overpriced,priceless,pricey/pricy price

print,printer,printing printed,printable print

prison,prisoner,imprisonment imprison

privacy,private,privatization private privatize privately

probability probable,improbable probably,improbably

process,processing,procession, processed, processional process

processor

produce,producer,product, productive,counterproductive, produce,reproduce
unproductive,

productively

production,reproduction, reproductive,unproductive

productivity

profession,professional, professional,unprofessional professionally

professionalism

profit,profitability,profiteer, profitable,unprofitable profit profitably

profiteering

P₄

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

progress,progression progressive progress progressively
proof proven,unproven prove,disprove, proof
protection,protector,protectionism, protected,unprotected,protective, protect
protectorate protectionist,protectively
provider,provision,provisions provisional provide provisionally
public,publication,publicist,publicity public publicize publicly
publisher,publishing published,unpublished publish
punishment punishable,punishing punish punishingly
purification,purist,purity,impurity, pure,impure purify purely
purifier
purpose,purposelessness purposeful,purposeless purposefully,purposely,
purposelessly
push,pusher,pushiness pushed,pushy push

Q

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

qualification,disqualification, qualified,unqualified qualify,disqualify
qualifier
quarter,quarters quarterly quarter quarterly
question,questioning,questioner, questionable,unquestionable question
unquestionably
questionnaire
quiet,disquiet quiet quieten/quiet quietly

R₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

race,racism,racist racial,multiracial,racist race racially
rarity rare,rarefied,rarified rarely
rate,rating,ratings overrated,underrated rate,underrate
reaction,reactor,reactant reactionary react,overreact



Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

read,reader,readership,reading readable,unreadable read
readiness ready readily
realism,realist,realty,unreality, real,unreal,realistic,unrealistic, realize
real,really,realistically
realization realisable
reason,reasoning,reasonableness reasonable,unreasonable,reasoned reason
reasonably,unreasonably
receipt,receipts,receiver,reception, receptive,reciprocal,received receive
reciprocally
recipient,reciprocity
recognition recognizable,unrecognizable, recognize recognizably
recognized
record,recorder,recording recorded,unrecorded record
referee,reference,referral refer,referee
reflection,reflector reflective reflect reflectively
regret regrettable,regretful regret regrettably,regretfully
regular,regularity,irregularity regular,irregular regulate regularly,irregularly
relation,relations,relationship, related,unrelated,relative relate relatively
relative
relaxation relaxed,relaxing relax
reliability,reliance reliable,unreliable,reliant rely reliably
religion religious,irreligious religiously
the remainder,remains remaining remain
remark remarkable,unremarkable remark remarkably
repair,disrepair irreparable repair irreparably
repeat,repetition repeated,repetitive/repetitious repeat repeatedly,repetitively
report,reporter unreported report reportedly
representation,representative representative,unrepresentative represent
reputation,disrepute reputable,disreputable,reputed reputedly,reputably
respect, disrespect, respectability, respectable,respected, respectful, respect
respectably,respectfully, respecter,respects disrespectful,respective
disrespectfully, respectively,irrespective

R₃

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

respondent,response,responsiveness responsive,unresponsive respond
responsively
responsibility,irresponsibility responsible,irresponsible
responsibly,irresponsibly
rest,unrest,restlessness restless,rested,restful rest restlessly
retiree,retirement retired,retiring retire
reward rewarding,unrewarding reward
riches,richness,enrichment,the rich rich enrich richly
ride,rider,riding overriding,riderless ride,override
right,rightness,rights,righteousness, right,righteous,rightful,rightist right
right,rightly,rightfully,rightist
roll,roller roll,unroll
romance,romantic,romanticism romantic,unromantic,romanticized
romance,romanticize romantically
rough,roughage,roughness rough rough,roughen rough,roughly
round,rounders,roundness round,rounded round round,roundly
royal,royalist,royalty royal,royalist royally
rudeness rude rudely
rule,ruler,ruling,unruliness ruling,unruly rule,overrule
run,rerun,runner,running,rundown running,runny run,outrun,overrun

S₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

sadness sad,saddened sadden sadly
safe,safety safe,unsafe safely
satisfaction,dissatisfaction satisfactory,unsatisfactory, satisfy satisfactorily,
satisfied,dissatisfied,unsatisfied, unsatisfactorily,satisfying
save,saver,saving,savings,saviour/ save,US savior
scare scared,scary scare
school,pre-school,schooling pre-school,scholastic school scholastically
science,scientist scientific,unscientific scientifically

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

score, scorer scoreless score, outscore, underscore
 search, research, researcher searching, searchable search, research searchingly
 seat, seating seated seat, unseat
 secrecy, secret, secretiveness secret, secretive secretly, secretively
 sense, nonsense, sensibility, sensitivity, sensible, senseless, sensitive,
 sense, sensitize, desensitize sensibly, sensitively,
 insensitivity, sensitiveness, sensor insensitive, nonsensical, sensory
 insensitively, senselessly
 separation, separatism, separatist separable, inseparable, separate separate
 inseparably, separately
 seriousness serious seriously
 servant, serve, server, service, serviceable, servile serve, service
 disservice, services, serving, servitude, servicing
 sex, sexism, sexuality sexist, sexual, bisexual, sexy, asexual sexually, sexily
 shadow, shade shadowy shadow, overshadow
 shake, shakiness, shaker shaky shake shakily
 shame ashamed, unashamed, shameful, shame shamefully, shamelessly
 shameless
 shape, shapeliness, shapelessness shapeless, shapely, shaped shape shapelessly
 (pencil) sharpener, sharpness sharp sharpen sharp, sharply, sharpish
 shine, shininess shiny shine, outshine
 shock, shocker shocked, shocking, shockable shock shockingly
 shop, shopper, shopping shop
 short, shortage, shortness, shorts short, shortish shorten short, shortly
 shyness shy shy shyly
 sick, sickness sick, sickening, sickly sicken sickeningly
 sight, insight, oversight, sighting sighted, unsightly sight
 sign, signal, signatory, signature, signed, unsigned sign, signal, signing
 significance, insignificance, significant, insignificant signify significantly,
 signification insignificantly
 silence, silencer silent silence silently
 similarity similar, dissimilar similarly

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

simplicity,simplification simple,simplistic simplify simply
 singer,singing unsung sing
 single,singles single,singular single singly
 skill skilful/ US skillful,skilled,unskilled skilfully/ US skillfully
 sleep,sleeper,sleepiness,sleeplessness asleep,sleepless,sleepy,sleeping sleep
 sleepily
 slight slight,slighted,slightest slight slightly
 slip,slipper slippery slip
 smoke,smoker,non-smoker,smoking smoked,smoking,non-smoking,smoky,
 smoke, smokeless
 smoothness,smoothie smooth smooth smoothly
 society,sociologist,sociology, sociable,unsociable,social, socialize
 socially,sociologically
 socialism,socialist,socialite anti-social,unsocial,sociological
 softness,softy,softener soft soften softly
 solid,solidarity,solidity,solids solid solidify solidly
 solution,solvent,solubility,solvency soluble,insoluble,unsolved,solvent, solve
 solvable
 south,southerner south,southerly,southern,southbound, south,southward(s),
 southward,southernmost southbound
 speaker,speech unspeakable,speechless, outspoken, speak unspeakably
 unspoken
 special,specialist,speciality/ US special,specialized specialize specially
 specialty,specialization,specialism
 speed,speeding,speediness speedy speed speedily
 spelling,speller spell,misspell
 spoils spoilt/spoiled,unspoiled/unspoilt spoil
 sport sporting,sporty,unsporting sport
 spot spotted,spotless,spotty spot spotlessly
 stand,standing,standoff,standstill standing,outstanding stand,withstand
 outstandingly
 standard,standardization standard,substandard standardize

S₄

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

start,starter,non-starter start,restart

statement,understatement understated state,overstate

steam,steamer steamy,steaming steam

steepness steep steepen steeply

sticker,stickiness sticky,stuck,unstuck stick

stiffness stiff stiffen stiff,stiffly

stone stoned,stoned stone

stop,stoppage,stopper non-stop stop non-stop

storm stormy storm

straight straight straighten straight

stranger,strangeness strange,estranged strangely

strength strong strengthen strongly

stress,distress stressed,stressful,distressing stress distressingly

strike,striker striking,strikebound strike strikingly

structure,restructuring,structuralism, structural,structuralist

structure,restructure structurally,structuralist

student,study,studies,studiousness studious,studied study studiously

stupidity stupid stupidly

style,stylist,stylishness stylish,stylistic style stylishly,stylistically

substance substantial,insubstantial,substantive substantiate substantially

success,succession,successor successful,unsuccessful,successive succeed

successfully,unsuccessfully

suddenness sudden suddenly

sufferer,suffering,sufferance insufferable suffer insufferably

suggestion suggestive,suggestible suggest suggestively

summer,midsummer summery

supplier,supplies,supply supply

support,supporter,supportiveness supportive,supporting support supportively

supposition supposed suppose,presuppose supposedly

surface surface surface,resurface

surprise surprised,surprising surprise surprisingly

surroundings,surrounds surrounding surround

S₅

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

survival,survivor surviving,survivable survive

suspect,suspicion suspect,suspected,unsuspecting, suspect suspiciously
suspicious

swearing sworn swear

sweet,sweetener,sweetness, sweetly sweet sweeten sweetly

swim,swimmer,swimming swim swimmingly

symbol,symbolism,symbolist symbolic,symbolist symbolize symbolically

sympathy,sympathizer,sympathies sympathetic,unsympathetic sympathize
sympathetically

system,systematization systematic systematize systematically

T₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

takings,undertaking,taker taken take,overtake,undertake

talk,talks talkative talk

taste,distaste,taster tasteful,distasteful,tasteless,tasty taste

tastefully,distastefully, tastelessly

tax,taxation taxable,taxing tax

teacher,teaching,teachings taught teach

tear,tearfulness tearful tearfully

technicalities,technicality,technician, technical technically

technique

technology,technologist technological technologically

thanks,thankfulness thankful,thankless thank thankfully

theorist,theory,theorem theoretical theorize theoretically

thick,thickness,thickener thick thicken thickly

thinness,thinner thin thin thinly

think,rethink,thinker,thinking unthinkable think,rethink

thirst thirsty thirstily

thought,thoughtfulness, thoughtful,thoughtless thoughtfully,

thoughtlessness thoughtlessly

T₂

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

threat threatening threaten threateningly

tie tie, untie

tightness tight tighten tight, tightly

time, overtime, timer, timing timeless, timely, untimely time

tiredness tired, tireless, tiresome, tiring tire tirelessly, tiredly, tiresomely

title, subtitles, surtitle, titles titled entitle

top, topping top, topless, topmost top

touch touched, untouched, touching, touchy touch touchingly, touchily

tough toughen toughly

trade, trader, trading trade

tradition, traditionalist, traditionalism traditional traditionally

trainee, trainer, training, retraining untrained train

transport, transportation, transporter transport

treat, treatment, mistreatment, untreated treat, mistreat, maltreat

maltreatment

trick, trickery tricky trick

trouble troubled, troublesome, troubling trouble troublingly

trust, distrust, mistrust, trustee, trusting, trustworthy trust, distrust, mistrust, entrust

trustfully, trusteeship

truth, untruth, truthfulness true, untrue, truthful truly, truthfully

try, trier trying, untried try

turn, upturn, turning, turnout, upturned turn, overturn

turnaround, turnover

twist, twister twisted, twisty twist

type, typing, typist typical typify typically

U₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

understanding, misunderstanding understandable, understanding,

understand, misunderstand understandably, misunderstood

upset upset, upsetting upset

U₂

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

urgency,urge,urging urgent urgently

usage,use,disuse,misuse,usefulness, reusable,used,disused,unused,

use,misuse,reuse usefully,user useful,useless

V

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

valuables,value,values,valuer, valuable,invaluable,undervalued,

value,devalue,evaluate, valuation valueless

variable,variance,variant,variety, variable,varied,various vary

invariably,variously,variation

vegetable,vegetarian vegetarian

view,overview,preview,review,viewer view,preview,review

violence violent,non-violent violate violently

visit,visitor,visitation visit,revisit

vote,voter,voting vote

W₁

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

want,wants wanted,unwanted want

war,warfare,warrior postwar,warring,warlike

warmth warm warm warmly

wash,washer,washing,washout washable,unwashed,awash wash

wastage,waste,waster waste,wasteful waste wastefully

watch,watchfulness watchful watch

water,waters underwater,waterproof,watery water underwater

way,subway wayward midway

weakling,weakness weak weaken weakly

wear,underwear wearing,worn,wearable wear

week,midweek weekly,midweek weekly,midweek

W₂

Nouns Adjectives Verbs Adverbs

weight, weights, weighting overweight, underweight, weighted, weigh, outweigh
weightlessly, weighty, weightless

welcome welcome, unwelcome, welcoming welcome

west, western, westerner, westerly, western, westernized, westernize

west, westward(s), westernization westbound, westernmost westbound

white, whiteness, whitening, whites white, whitish whiten

whole whole, wholesome, unwholesome wholly

width wide widen wide, widely

wild, wildness wild wildly

willingness, unwillingness willing, unwilling willingly, unwillingly

win, winner, winnings winning win

winter, midwinter wintry

wire, wireless, wiring wiry wire

woman, womanhood womanly womanize

wonder wonderful wonder wonderfully

wood wooded, wooden, woody woodenly

wool, woollens, woolliness woollen/ US woolen, woolly/ US, wooly

word, wording wordy, worded, wordless word, reword

work, workaholic, worker, workings, workable, unworkable, overworked,
work, rework, workout, working

world, underworld world, worldly, unworldly, worldwide worldwide

worry, worrier worried, unworried, worrying, worry worryingly

worriedly, worrisome

worth, worthlessness worth, worthless, worthwhile, worthy, worthily

unworthy

writer, writing, writings written, unwritten write, rewrite

wrong, wrongdoer wrong, wrongful wrong wrong, wrongly, wrongfully

Y

year yearly yearly

young, youngster, youth young, youthful youthfully

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