

Practice

Abstract nouns can be made from adjectives by adding the suffixes **ness**, **ance** and **ence**.

adjective

happy
important
confident

abstract noun

happ**iness**
import**ance**
confid**ence**



- A** Add the suffix *ness*, *ance* or *ence* to make these adjectives into *abstract nouns*.

1 silent 2 weak 3 fragrant 4 violent
5 forgetful 6 magnificent 7 brilliant 8 elegant

- B** Use three of the *abstract nouns* you have formed in **A** in sentences of your own.

Abstract nouns can be made from verbs by adding the suffixes **tion** and **sion**.

verb

alter
divide

abstract noun

alter**ation**
divis**ion**

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- C** Add the suffix *tion* or *sion* to make these adjectives into *abstract nouns*.

1 admit 2 inform 3 decide 4 multiply
5 educate 6 describe 7 collect 8 imagine

- D** Use three of the *abstract nouns* you have formed in **C** in sentences of your own.

Extension

Solve the clues with *abstract nouns*.

- 1 If you are angry, you show _____.
- 2 If you are frightened you show _____.
- 3 If you think, you have _____.
- 4 Your eyes give you the sense of _____.
- 5 Going very fast is to travel at _____.

These abstract nouns do not have suffixes!

