

# Beginner

# ABSTRACT NOUNS

An **abstract noun** is the name of quality, action, condition and feeling. This quality, action, condition, thought or feeling is something that we cannot see, smell, taste, or touch. We can only think of it or feel it.

Examples of Abstract nouns:

*Love, hate, pain, sorrow, bravery, heroism, responsibility, truth, darkness*

<u>Word</u>	<u>Abstract Noun</u>
Sweet	sweetness
Know	knowledge
Behave	behavior
Happy	happiness
Speak	speech
Think	thought
Sick	sickness
Poor	poverty
Beautiful	beauty
Insane	insanity
Foolish	foolishness

## How abstract noun are formed

Abstract nouns can be formed from adjectives, or common nouns, or verbs. Suffixes are used to form abstract nouns.

### From Verbs

Live – life	hate – hatred
Believe – belief	see – sight
Relieve – relief	conceal – concealment
Please – pleasure	think – thought
Move – movement	laugh – laughter

## How abstract noun are formed

### The following are Noun-forming Suffixes:

_ion	ex. educate _ education
_ment	ex. appoint _ appointment
_ness	ex. kind _ kindness
_hood	ex. father _ fatherhood
_ship	ex. owner _ ownership
_cy	ex. infant _ infancy
-_ity	ex. scare _ scarcity
_ism	ex. hero _ heroism
_y	ex. honest _ honesty
_cc	ex. abundant _ abundance

### From Adjectives

Wise – wisdom	young – youth
Poor – poverty	proud – pride
High – height	brave – bravery
Short – shortness	coward – cowardice
True – truth	wide - width
Honest – honesty	humble – humility
Just – justice	lovely – loveliness
Broad – breadth	angry – anger

### From Common Nouns

Man – manhood	crime – criminality
Child – childhood	slave – slavery
Friend – friendship	infant – infancy
Hero – heroism	owner – ownership
Thief – theft	agent – agency