

— L3b Grammar —

# Changing words into nouns

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# -er, -or

Many nouns ending in ‘-er’ and ‘-or’ mean someone who does.

verb	noun	Meaning of noun	Example sentence
manage	manager	someone who manages	My dad is a manager at work.
drive	driver	someone who drives	My aunt is a lorry driver.
dance	dancer	someone who dances	Dancers have to be very fit.
bake	baker	someone who bakes	A baker is making my birthday cake.
teach	teacher	someone who teaches	My teacher knows a lot about English.
act	actor	someone who acts	I love drama, so I want to be an actor.
sail	sailor	someone who sails	A sailor must take good care of his boat.
visit	visitor	someone who visits	There is a visitor at the door.

# -ness

Many nouns ending in ‘**ness**’ describe a state of being.

adjective	noun	Meaning of noun	Example sentence
sad	sad <b>ness</b>	the state of being sad	Sad <b>ness</b> is common when someone dies.
happy	happ <b>iness</b>	the state of being happy	My dog brings me happ <b>iness</b> .
dark	dark <b>ness</b>	the state of being dark	I can't see anything in this dark <b>ness</b> .
fit	fit <b>ness</b>	the state of being fit	I've started jogging to improve my fit <b>ness</b> .
sick	sick <b>ness</b>	the state of being sick	His sick <b>ness</b> is getting worse, sadly.
kind	kind <b>ness</b>	the state of being kind	Kind <b>ness</b> is a very good quality to have.
useful	useful <b>ness</b>	the state of being useful	This broken table has lost its useful <b>ness</b> .
weak	weak <b>ness</b>	the state of being weak	Crying does not show weak <b>ness</b> .

# -ship

Many nouns ending in ‘-ship’ describe a position held.

noun	noun	Meaning	Example sentence
leader	leadership 領導地位	the position of being a leader	You need to learn some leadership skills.
member	membership 會員資格	the position of being a member	Membership to the gym costs \$300 a month.
friend	friendship 友誼	the position of being a friend	Your friendship is very important to me.

# -ee

Many nouns ending in ‘-ee’ describe somebody who has something done to them.

verb	noun	Meaning	Example sentence
interview	interviewee 被訪問的人	someone who is interviewed	The interviewee really wanted the job.
train	trainee 被訓練的人	someone who is being trained	Please could you show the trainee what to do?
employ	employee 雇員	someone who is employed	The manager was very kind to her employees.

# -tion

Many nouns ending in ‘**-tion**’ describe the state, act or result of something.

verb	noun	Meaning	Example sentence
inform	information 資訊	result of informing	Thank you for this useful information <b>tion</b> .
educate	education 教育	result/act of educating	Everyone deserves a good education <b>tion</b> .
communicate	communication 溝通	result/act of communicating	Communication <b>tion</b> with your parents is important.
introduce	introduction 介紹	result of introducing	Every essay needs a clear introduction <b>tion</b> .
describe	description 描述	result/act of describing	He wrote a brilliant description <b>tion</b> of a tree.
explain	explanation 解釋	result/act of explaining	They gave a clear explanation <b>tion</b> of the task.
create	creation 創作	result/act of creating	The artist looked proudly at this creation <b>tion</b> .
suggest	suggestion 建議	result/act of suggesting	Please can I offer a suggestion <b>tion</b> ?
instruct	instruction 指示	result of instructing	Listen to these important instruction <b>tion</b> .
separate	separation 分離	act of separating	The separation <b>tion</b> of my parents was difficult for me.

# -ty

Many nouns ending in ‘-ty’ describe a state, condition or quality.

adjective	noun	Meaning	Example sentence
honest	honesty 誠實	the state of being honest	Thank you for your honesty and help.
loyal	loyalty 忠心	the state of being loyal	They swear their loyalty to the king.
modest	modesty 謙虛	the state of being modest	He accepted the award with modesty.

# -OUS

Many nouns can be formed by cutting ‘**-ous**’ at the end of adjectives.

adjective	noun	Meaning	Example sentence
courageous	courage 勇氣	the ability to do something dangerous	Her courage to speak in front of 400 people is admired.
humorous	humour 幽默感	the ability to laugh at things that are amusing	Our headmaster has a sense of humour and can always make us laugh.
glamorous	glamour 魅力	the attractive and exciting quality	The jewellery certainly adds glamour to your outfit.