

# 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*

**Word**

**Abstract Noun**

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FOOISnness

## 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

Believe – belief

Relieve – relief

Please – pleasure

Move – movement

hate – hatred

see – sight

conceal – concealment

think – thought

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

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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