

WORD BUILDING

Word building is the formation, construction, or composition of words.

English is a very flexible language and you can build on your vocabulary and learn how to build new words.

- Nouns often end with: -ment, -ion, -ness, -ity.
- People nouns often end with: -er, -or, -ist, -ian.
- Adjectives often end with: -able, -ible, -ive, -al, -ic, -ed, -ing.
- Some verbs end with: -ise, -ate, -en.
- Adverbs often end with: -ly.

For example:

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
beauty	beautify	beautiful	beautifully
benefit beneficiary	benefit	beneficial	beneficially
creation creator	create	creative	creatively
decision	decide	decisive	decisively
difference	differentiate	different	differently
distract	distract	distracted distracting	distractedly
justification	justify	justifiable	justifiably
protection	protect	protective	protectively
reliability	rely	reliable	reliably
sadness	sadden	sad	sadly
significance	signify	significant	significantly
strength	strengthen	strong	strongly
success	succeed	successful	successfully
understanding	understand	understandable	understandably

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
accept	acceptance	acceptable	acceptably
attract	attraction	attractive	attractively
beautify	beauty	beautiful	beautifully
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