

Creating nouns using -ity suffix



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Can you spot the '-ity' suffix word in this sentence?

Baking cakes and biscuits was Nadine's speciality.



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The majority of the people polled voted for the Red Party.



speciality

majority

What kind of words have we created when the **'-ity'** suffix has been added?

They are both **nouns**

speciality

majority

What kind of root words was the '**-ity**' suffix added to?

'special' and 'major' are both adjectives

The '**-ity**' suffix usually changes adjectives into nouns.

'**Special**' and '**major**' are easy root words to add the '-**ity**' suffix to because they don't change.

special + ity = speciality

major + ity = majority

But do **all** root words behave this way?

active



curious

able

eternal

sensitive

flexible

captive

possible

visible

commune

How do the root words change?

Can you put the words into groups that follow the same rule?



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How do **'active'**, **'sensitive'** and **'captive'** change when they become nouns?

active → activity

captive → captivity

sensitive → sensitivity

When the **-ity** suffix is added, the **'e'** from the end of adjectives usually disappears.

Does this always happen?

How do **'active'**, **'sensitive'** and **'captive'** change when they become nouns?

flexible → flexibility

able → ability

visible → visibility

possible → possibility

When the suffix is added, the **'le'** from the end of adjectives usually disappears and its replaced by **'-ility'**.

Can you think of any other nouns where this happens?

Which word didn't belong in a group?

curious → curiosity

What's happened to the root word?

'**Curiosity**' is an exception to the usual rules and a word that you must learn to spell as it is a Y5/Y6 statutory spelling word.



Here are your spelling words for this week.

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community

curiosity

ability

captivity

activity

sensitivity

possibility

flexibility

visibility

eternity

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Work hard to practise these -ity suffix nouns.





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