

The Grammar Corner - Noun Formation.

Noun Formation (İsim oluşumu)

Add suffixes to verbs, adjectives, or nouns to form nouns:

Verb + -er / -or / -ar → person or agent (kişi veya fail)

paint → *painter*

sail → *sailor*

beg → *beggar*

Verb + -ion / -ment / -ing → abstract nouns (soyut isimler)

decide → *decision*

improve → *improvement*

train → *training*

Root + -dom / -hood / -ism

wise → *wisdom*

child → *childhood*

social → *socialism*

Adjective + -ness / -ty / -ity

happy → *happiness*

honest → *honesty*

active → *activity*

Verb + -ant →

assist → *assistant*

participate → *participant*

serve → *servant*

Irregular forms

choose → *choice*

speak → *speech*

prove → *proof*

Task 1: Add a suffix

Change the verb into a noun.

1. decide → _____
 2. develop → _____
 3. improve → _____
 4. educate → _____
 5. govern → _____
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Task 2: Type the correct noun form of the word in brackets to fill the gaps.

1. Her quick _____ helped the team succeed. (*decide*)
 2. Education plays an important role in a country's _____. (*develop*)
 3. This new plan will lead to great _____. (*improve*)
 4. The _____ explained the lesson clearly. (*teach*)
 5. We had an interesting _____ about the problem. (*discuss*)
 6. His _____ surprised everyone. (*arrive*)
 7. The company needs better _____ with its customers. (*communicate*)
 8. The _____ of the project took three months. (*complete*)
 9. She showed great _____ during the exam. (*confident*)
 10. The _____ of the event was very successful. (*organize*)
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Quick Tip:

Word Formation Practice: **Focus on one suffix at a time.**

- Pick a common suffix (e.g., -tion, -ment, -er).
- Make a list of verbs you know.
- Change each verb into a noun using that suffix.
- Use the nouns in sentences to remember them better.

Example:

- Verb: decide → Noun: decision → “Her decision was correct.”
- Verb: develop → Noun: development → “The city’s development is impressive.”

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📌 **Tip: Start small (5–10 words per day) and gradually expand your list.**

Answer Key:

Task 1: *decision, development, improvement, education, government.*

Task 2:

1. Her quick **decision** helped the team succeed.
2. Education plays an important role in a country’s **development**.
3. This new plan will lead to great **improvement**.
4. The **teacher** explained the lesson clearly.
5. We had an interesting **discussion** about the problem.
6. His **arrival** surprised everyone.
7. The company needs better **communication** with its customers.
8. The **completion** of the project took three months.
9. She showed great **confidence** during the exam.
10. The **organization** of the event was very successful.