

## Part 5: Word Formation

### Forming opposite meanings

This exercise focuses on the common prefixes and suffixes used to form opposite words.

Choose the correct prefix or suffix to form the opposite of the word in CAPITALS.

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- 1 When he became a teenager he wanted to be more (DEPENDENT) from his parents.
- 2 It was really (HONEST) of you to take that money without asking.
- 3 If you hadn't been so (CARE) with that book you'd still have it now.
- 4 My broken leg means I'll be (ABLE) to go on holiday with you.
- 5 In many countries it is (LEGAL) to smoke cigarettes under the age of 16.
- 6 He waited (PATIENTLY) for the train to arrive at the station.
- 7 The teacher told me it was (RESPONSIBLE) of me to set off the fire alarm.

### Forming verbs

This exercise looks at some common suffixes used in creating verbs.

Choose from one of the endings to create a verb that completes the sentence. Pay attention to tenses and spelling!

1. He told her that he (SYMPATHY) ..... with her problem but couldn't do anything to help.  
-en  
-ify  
-ize
2. My belt feels a bit tight after that huge lunch. I think I'll have to (LOOSE) ..... it a little.  
-en  
-ify  
-ize
3. She was severely (WEAK) ..... by the long illness she had.  
-en  
-ify  
-ize
4. There are many different ways to (CLASS) ..... areas of English Grammar.  
-en  
-ify  
-ize
5. If you're really sorry for what you said you won't mind (APOLOGY).....  
-en  
-ify  
-ize

6. There's no need to (**CRITIC**) ..... my work. I'm trying as hard as I can.

-en  
-ify  
-ize

7. The pain in his back (**LESS**) ..... as soon as he took the medication.

-en  
-ify  
-ize

8. Everybody was (**HORROR**) ..... by the news of the earthquake.

-en  
-ify  
-ize

### **Forming nouns from verbs**

**This exercise focuses on people and their jobs using the most common suffixes.**

**Use the word in bold to form the noun which refers to the person who does that job.**

1. A person who **acts** for a living is called an .....

2. A ..... is someone who earns money from writing **music**.

3. She didn't become famous as a ..... until her 17th **novel** was published.

4. In Part 5 of the FCE **Exam** your speaking ability will be assessed by the .....

5. At the end of the **interview** the ..... asked if he could be shown around the company.

6. The **waiter** asked the ..... if she would help him deal with a difficult customer.

7. An ..... is someone who will be able to go through your **accounts** and work out how much money you have.

8. .... to the castle are expected to come during **visiting** times only.

### **Forming other nouns**

**This exercise looks at forming nouns from verbs, nouns and adjectives by using suffixes.**

**Type the correct form of the word in the box.**

1. My teacher says there has been a big (**IMPROVE**) ..... in my English lately.

2. The recipe says you only need to add two (**SPOON**) ..... of salt.

3. Why did you do that? I thought you had more (**INTELLIGENT**) ..... than that.

4. The singer gave a brilliant (**PERFORM**) ..... on stage yesterday.

5. Have you seen her magazine (**COLLECT**) .....? She must have over 200 editions.

6. On hearing the news, everyone was overcome with a feeling of (**SAD**) .....

7. When you take the FCE Speaking paper you will be given marks for your (**ACCURATE**) ..... and also on how fluent you are.

8. She has the (**ABLE**) ..... to pass the exam first time round providing she works hard.

### Forming adjectives and adverbs

This exercise looks at the most common adjective and adverb endings.

Write the correct form of the adjective or adverb of the word in CAPITALS. For questions 5-8 you will need to make TWO changes to the stem word.

1. Be sure to contact him if you need advice. He's a very (**HELP**) ..... person.
2. It was a really (**ENJOY**) ..... party. Thanks for inviting me.
3. He has just taken out a (**MONTH**) ..... subscription to the magazine.
4. She smiled (**HAPPY**) ..... when they offered her the new job.
5. (**HOPE**) ..... we'll have enough money saved to get married next year. (2 changes required)
6. In order for the medicine to work (**EFFECT**) ..... you must take the correct amount. (2 changes required)
7. Although our teacher is very strict in class, she is (**FRIEND**) ..... than you would expect. (2 changes required)
8. What a beautiful vase! That's the (**LOVE**) ..... present I've ever had. (2 changes required)

### Difficult spellings

This exercise focuses on tricky spelling changes.

Choose from A or B the word with the correct spelling to complete the sentence.

1 He tried to fix his machine but it was (**POSSIBLE**) .....  
impossible  
impossible

2 You don't need to wear a suit to the party. You can look (**FORMAL**) ..... if you wish.  
informal  
informal

3 She won the bicycle race (**EASY**) .....  
easyly  
easily

4 The weather forecast says it's going to be (**RAIN**) ..... today.  
rainy  
rainny

5 The body was discovered (**LIE**) ..... on the floor.  
lieing  
lying

6 He told her that he was (**TRUE**) ..... in love with her.  
truely  
truly