



Word Endings

Creating Nouns: When changing verbs or adjectives to nouns, remember these common noun endings. -ity: nationality ; -ment: appointment; -ness: happiness; -tion: elation; -hood: childhood; -er/-or: painter / actor; -ist: artist.

- Words ending in L: Change the part of speech of words ending in L by adding the suffix TY or ITY. (Example: novel, novelty; special, specialty; national, nationality)
- Words ending in IEVE: Some verbs ending in IEVE can be changed to nouns by dropping the VE and adding F. (Example: believe belief; relieve, relief) The noun "mischief" is made into an adjective by dropping the F and adding VOUS. (Example: mischief, mischievous)
- Words ending in Y: When changing the part of speech of a word ending in Y, drop the Y, add I and then add the suffix. (Example: happy, happiness; beauty, beautiful)