



Abstract Nouns

Nouns that refer to qualities, feelings or states—things that you can think about but cannot see, hear, smell, touch or taste are called abstract nouns.

happiness
sadness
merriment
friendship
honesty
hunger
thirst
joy
anger
love

compassion
beauty
bravery
courage
dedication
curiosity
enthusiasm
hatred
hope
humility

vanity
sanity
stupidity
talent
warmth
delight
anxiety
wisdom
weakness
trust

Nouns that Occur only in Plural Form

Some nouns occur only in plural form. They do not have a singular form.

news
mathematics
physics
civics
gymnastics
headquarters
aerobics
athletics

Some nouns occur only in plural form. But these plural nouns can be made singular by using the words: **a pair of**

a pair of socks shoes
binoculars gloves
scissors jeans
trousers pyjamas
tongs pliers
handcuffs shorts
spectacles headphones

Derivations

Some words in English language have been derived from ancient Latin and Greek words.

Latin	Meaning	Examples of usage in English
aqua	water	aquamarine, aquarium
anima	breath, life, soul	animal, animation
ager	field	agriculture, agrarian
ars	art, skill	artificial, artisan
optimus	best	optimal, optimum
campus	field	camp, campaign
caro	flesh	carnival, carnivore
cavus	hollow	cave, cavity, concave
circus	circle	circular, circus
cor	heart	record, courage
corpus	body	corporal, corpse
centum	one hundred	century, percent
cumulus	together	accumulate, cumulative
dictus	to say	dictator, dictation
forma	shape	formation, reform
mater	mother	maternal, matrimony
multus	many	multitude, multiple
medius	middle	median, medieval
memor	mindful	memorable, memory
miles	soldier	militant, military
pater	father	paternal, patronize



Endings of Adjectives

Adjectives have different types of endings.

ending with -able	ending with -ful	ending with -some
bearable	plentiful	bothersome
acceptable	fearful	gruesome
advisable	delightful	handsome
readable	successful	irksome
amicable	graceful	loathsome
capable	peaceful	quarrelsome
lovable	helpful	tiresome
reliable	harmful	wholesome

ending with -y	ending with -ly
angry	abnormally
bulky	abruptly
chilly	accidentally
bushy	accordingly
curly	accurately
cloudy	actively
crafty	acutely
hungry	adequately

ending with -ous	ending with -ic	ending with -ical
adventurous	artistic	biological
disastrous	academic	chemical
famous	domestic	critical
hazardous	athletic	cynical
enormous	majestic	grammatical
fabulous	energetic	logical
nervous	fantastic	medical
jealous	historic	mechanical
numerous	pathetic	musical

ending with -en
barren
bedridden
beaten
broken
brighten
downtrodden
drunken
frozen
rotten
shaven

ending with -ible	ending with -al	ending with -less
eligible	critical	flawless
feasible	essential	fearless
flexible	traditional	careless
terrible	official	homeless
horrible	naval	ageless
gullible	tropical	aimless
negligible	additional	artless
responsible	national	bottomless
reversible	beneficial	breathless



Greek	Meaning	Examples of usage in English
autos	self	autograph, automatic
bios	life	biology, autobiography
dia	through, across	diameter, dialogue
demos	people	democracy, epidemic
geo	earth	geometry, geography
graphos	write	lithograph, telegraph
homos	same	homophones, homonym
hydro	water	hydrogen, hydrant
logos	study	zoology, dialogue
metron	measure	barometer, kilometre
monos	one, alone	monoplane, monotone
pathos	suffering	naturopathy, pathology
phone	sound	telephone, symphony
psyche	breath, soul	psychology, psychiatry
scopos	watch	periscope, microscope
sophia	wisdom	philosophy, theosophy
techne	art	technical, technician
tele	far, far off	telephone, television
therme	heat	thermometer, thermostat
zoon	living creature	zoology, zodiac

