**Verb to Noun Suffixes**

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| **SUFFIX** | **VERB – NOUN** | **VERB – NOUN** | **VERB – NOUN** |
| **-AL**  condition, quality | arrive –arrival  approve – approval | deny –denial  propose –proposal | refuse – refusal  dismiss – dismissal |
| **-ANCE / ENCE**  action, state, condition or quality | attend –attendance  accept –acceptance | prefer – preference  insure – insurance | refer – reference  exist –existence |
| **-ATION / TION**  action or resulting state | educate – education  inform – information | eliminate – elimination  declare – declaration | combine – combination  immigrate – immigration |
| **-SION**  action or resulting state | confuse – confusion  decide – decision | divide –division  revise – revision | impress – impression  profess–profession |
| -**URE**  action or resulting state | depart – departure  erase – erasure | fail – failure  enclose – enclosure | press – pressure  legislate – legislature |
| **-MENT**  state, act, condition | agree– agreement  pay – payment | employ – employment  argue – argument | punish – punishment  govern – government |
| **-AGE**  action, state, process | break – breakage  post – postage | pack – package  pass – passage | bag– baggage  marry – marriage |
| **-ING**  action, state, process | bless – blessing  land – landing | write – writing  feed – feeding | end –ending  seat – seating |
| **-ERY**  location, collective, behavior condition | cream – creamery  slave (N) – slavery | bake –bakery  brave (Adj) – bravery | brew – brewery  machine (N) – machinery |

**Nominalization**– the forming of words from other categories , verbs and nouns, by suffixation. (Huddleston 1706)

**Adjective to Noun Suffixes**

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| **SUFFIX** | **ADJECTIVE – NOUN** | **ADJECTIVE – NOUN** | **ADJECTIVE – NOUN** |
| -**NESS** state, quality, condition | happy – happiness  useful – usefulness | kind – kindness  truthful – truthfulness | quiet – quietness  sleepy – sleepiness |
| **-ITY**  state or condition | active – activity  stupid – stupidity | curious – curiosity  mobile – mobility | real – reality  tranquil – tranquility |
| **-ISM**state, practice | ideal – idealism  colonial – colonialism | human – humanism  imperial – imperialism | conservative – conservatism  favorite – favoritism |
| **-TH**  condition | wide – width  dead – death | long – length  foul – filth | born (V) – birth  grow (V) – growth |
| **-Y**  condition | private – privacy  difficult – difficulty | honest – honesty  jealous – jealousy | modest – modesty |
| **-ERY**location, collective, behavior condition | brave – bravery |  |  |
| **-TY**  condition | safe – safety  cruel – cruelty | certain – certainty  subtle – subtlety | loyal – loyalty  admiral (N) – admiralty |

**Verb to Personal Noun**

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| **SUFFIX** | **VERB – PERSONAL NOUN** | **VERB – PERSONAL NOUN** | **VERB– PERSONAL NOUN** |
| **-ANT / ENT** person / instrument / agent | attend– attendant  assist – assistant | inform – informant  correspond – correspondent | preside – president  reside – resident |
| **-EE**  person / instrument / recipient of action | appoint – appointee  attend – attendee | pay – payee  trust – trustee | divorce¹ – divorcée  (V/N)  license – licensee (V/N) |
| **-IST**  person who practices | tour – tourist | machine (V) – machinist | type – typist |
| **-AR**  person who does | beg – beggar  burgle – burglar | lie – liar | registrate – registrar |
| **-ER**  person who does | advertise – advertiser  believe – believer  build – builder | buy – buyer  call – caller  interpret – interpreter | keep – keeper  listen – listener  pitch – pitcher |
| **-OR**  person who does | act – actor  collect – collector  dictate – dictator | direct – director  instruct – instructor  legislate – legislator | navigate – navigator  sail – sailor  spectate – spectator |

**Adjective to Personal Noun**

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| **SUFFIX** | **ADJ – PERSONAL NOUN** | **ADJ – PERSONAL NOUN** | **ADJ– PERSONAL NOUN** |
| **-IST**  person who practices | active – activist  colonial – colonialist  extreme – extremist | human – humanist  ideal – idealist  imperial – imperialist | left – leftist  natural – naturalist  nude – nudist |
| **-STER**  person connected to | young¹ – youngster  old¹ – oldster | hip — hipster |  |

**Noun to Personal Noun**

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| **SUFFIX** | **NOUN – PERSONAL NOUN** | **NOUN – PERSONAL NOUN** | **NOUN– PERSONAL NOUN** |
| **-ARIAN**  holders of a particular doctrine | vegetable – vegetarian  discipline – disciplinarian | human – humanitarian  sect – sectarian | parliament – parliamentarian |
| **-EE**  person / instrument | address (N/V)  – addressee | refuge (N)  – refugee |  |
| **-ER**  person concern with | farm (N/V) – farmer  hat – hatter | law – lawyer  jewel – jeweler | prison – prisoner  village – villager |
| **-EER**  person concerned with | engine –engineer  profit – profiteer | musket – musketeer  racket – racketeer | auction – auctioneer  mountain – mountaineer |
| **-IST**  person who practices | bicycle – bicyclist (N→N)  cartoon – cartoonist (N→N) | column – columnist  physics – physicist | terror – terrorist  violin – violinist |
| **-STER**  person connected to | game – gamester  gang – gangster  mob – mobster | prank – prankster  song – songster  trick – trickster | old¹ – oldster  spin² – spinster |

**Noun to Collective Noun List**

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| **SUFFIX** | **NOUN – COLL. NOUN** | **NOUN – COLL. NOUN** | **OTHER – COLL. NOUN** |
| **-DOM**  state, condition, dignity, office | star – stardom  fan – fandom | bore – boredom  king – kingdom | free – freedom (Adj→N)  wise – wisdom (Adj→N) |
| **-SHIP** state, condition, skill, office, associated with | censor – censorship  partner – partnership | scholar – scholarship  dealer – dealership | workman – workmanship  apprentice – apprenticeship |
| **-HOOD**  state, collective | brother – brotherhood  widow – widowhood | neighbor – neighborhood  child – childhood | live – livelihood (V→N)  false – falsehood (Adj→N) |
| **-ERY** location, collective, behavior condition | slave – slavery (collective state) | machine – machinery |  |

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