**Verb to Noun Suffixes**

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| **SUFFIX** | **VERB – NOUN** | **VERB – NOUN** | **VERB – NOUN** |
| **-AL**    condition, quality | arrive –arrivalapprove – approval | deny –denialpropose –proposal | refuse – refusaldismiss – dismissal |
| **-ANCE / ENCE**    action, state, condition or quality | attend –attendanceaccept –acceptance | prefer – preferenceinsure – insurance | refer – referenceexist –existence |
| **-ATION / TION**  action or resulting state | educate – educationinform – information | eliminate – eliminationdeclare – declaration | combine – combinationimmigrate – immigration |
| **-SION**  action or resulting state  | confuse – confusiondecide – decision | divide –divisionrevise – revision | impress – impressionprofess–profession |
| -**URE**  action or resulting state | depart – departureerase – erasure | fail – failureenclose – enclosure | press – pressurelegislate – legislature |
| **-MENT**  state, act, condition | agree– agreementpay – payment | employ – employmentargue – argument | punish – punishmentgovern – government |
| **-AGE**  action, state, process | break – breakagepost – postage | pack – packagepass – passage | bag– baggagemarry – marriage |
| **-ING**action, state, process | bless – blessingland – landing | write – writingfeed – feeding | end –endingseat – seating |
| **-ERY**location, collective, behavior condition | cream – creameryslave (N) – slavery | bake –bakerybrave (Adj) – bravery | brew – brewerymachine (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 – happinessuseful – usefulness | kind – kindnesstruthful – truthfulness |  quiet – quietnesssleepy – sleepiness |
| **-ITY**  state or condition | active – activitystupid – stupidity | curious – curiositymobile – mobility | real – realitytranquil – tranquility |
| **-ISM**state, practice  | ideal – idealismcolonial – colonialism | human – humanismimperial – imperialism | conservative – conservatismfavorite – favoritism |
| **-TH**  condition  | wide – widthdead – death | long – lengthfoul – filth | born (V) – birthgrow (V) – growth |
| **-Y**  condition  | private – privacydifficult – difficulty | honest – honestyjealous – jealousy | modest – modesty  |
| **-ERY**location, collective, behavior condition | brave – bravery |    |   |
| **-TY**  condition  | safe – safetycruel – cruelty | certain – certaintysubtle – subtlety | loyal – loyaltyadmiral (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 – informantcorrespond – correspondent | preside – presidentreside – resident |
| **-EE**  person / instrument / recipient of action | appoint – appointeeattend – attendee | pay – payeetrust – 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 – beggarburgle – burglar | lie – liar | registrate – registrar |
| **-ER**  person who does   | advertise – advertiserbelieve – believerbuild – builder | buy – buyercall – callerinterpret – interpreter | keep – keeperlisten – listenerpitch – pitcher |
| **-OR**  person who does  | act – actorcollect – collectordictate – dictator | direct – directorinstruct – instructorlegislate – legislator | navigate – navigatorsail – sailorspectate – spectator |

**Adjective to Personal Noun**

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| **SUFFIX** | **ADJ – PERSONAL NOUN** | **ADJ – PERSONAL NOUN** | **ADJ– PERSONAL NOUN** |
| **-IST**  person who practices  | active – activistcolonial – colonialistextreme – extremist | human – humanistideal – idealistimperial – imperialist | left – leftistnatural – naturalistnude – nudist |
| **-STER**  person connected to | young¹ – youngsterold¹ – 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 – vegetariandiscipline – disciplinarian | human – humanitariansect – sectarian | parliament – parliamentarian |
| **-EE**  person / instrument   | address (N/V)  – addressee | refuge (N)  – refugee |    |
| **-ER**  person concern with | farm (N/V) – farmerhat – hatter | law – lawyerjewel – jeweler | prison – prisonervillage – villager |
| **-EER**  person concerned with | engine –engineerprofit – profiteer | musket – musketeerracket – racketeer | auction – auctioneermountain – mountaineer |
| **-IST**  person who practices  | bicycle – bicyclist (N→N)cartoon – cartoonist (N→N) | column – columnistphysics – physicist | terror – terroristviolin – violinist |
| **-STER**  person connected to | game – gamestergang – gangstermob – mobster | prank – prankstersong – songstertrick – trickster | old¹ – oldsterspin² – 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 – stardomfan – fandom | bore – boredomking – kingdom | free – freedom (Adj→N)wise – wisdom (Adj→N) |
| **-SHIP** state, condition, skill, office, associated with | censor – censorshippartner – partnership | scholar – scholarshipdealer – dealership | workman – workmanshipapprentice – apprenticeship |
| **-HOOD**  state, collective | brother – brotherhoodwidow – widowhood | neighbor – neighborhoodchild – childhood | live – livelihood (V→N)false – falsehood (Adj→N) |
| **-ERY** location, collective, behavior condition | slave – slavery (collective state) | machine – machinery |    |

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