
Word formation: nouns

A fast way to expand your vocabulary is to make sure you know the different forms of the words you learn.

Exercise 1. The words in this list are all verbs. What are the noun forms? Write them in the second column. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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| 1. | diagnose | <u>diagnosis</u> | 9. | infect | _____ |
| 2. | examine | _____ | 10. | carry | _____ |
| 3. | prescribe | _____ | 11. | replace | _____ |
| 4. | suffer | _____ | 12. | degenerate | _____ |
| 5. | operate | _____ | 13. | refer | _____ |
| 6. | cure | _____ | 14. | paralyse | _____ |
| 7. | recover | _____ | 15. | obstruct | _____ |
| 8. | analyse | _____ | | | |

Exercise 2. First, check your answers to Exercise 1 in the key. Then rewrite the sentences below, changing the verbs (which are in **bold**) to nouns. Do not change the meaning of the sentences, but be prepared to make grammatical changes if necessary. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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| 1. I diagnosed that the patient had a heart condition.
<i>My diagnosis was that the patient had a heart condition.</i> | 9. We found that the tissue was infected .
<i>We found an _____</i> |
| 2. I examined the patient fully.
<i>I made a full _____</i> | 10. Ten per cent of the population are thought to carry the bacteria.
<i>Ten per cent of the population are thought to be _____</i> |
| 3. I prescribed a course of antibiotics.
<i>I wrote a _____</i> | 11. We replaced the patient's hip.
<i>The patient was given a hip _____</i> |
| 4. He suffered very little.
<i>He experienced very little _____</i> | 12. His condition has degenerated .
<i>There has been a _____</i> |
| 5. We operated immediately.
<i>The _____</i> | 13. The patient was referred to a specialist.
<i>The patient was given a _____</i> |
| 6. This disease cannot be cured .
<i>There is no _____</i> | 14. His arm was paralysed after the stroke.
<i>He suffered _____</i> |
| 7. He has recovered fully.
<i>He has made a full _____</i> | 15. The artery was obstructed by a blood clot.
<i>The blood clot was forming an _____</i> |
| 8. The lab analysed the blood sample.
<i>The lab made an _____</i> | |