

Abstract nouns

An abstract noun is the name of a quality, action or state. Abstract nouns refer to ideas that we cannot see or touch.

Examples are given below.

Quality - *goodness, kindness, beauty, intelligence, generosity, cleverness, obedience, honesty, brightness, wisdom, bravery, courage, hardness, softness*

Action - *laughter, theft, movement, judgment*

State - *childhood, boyhood, manhood, youth, slavery, sickness, poverty, death, sleep*

The names of the arts and science are also abstract nouns. Examples are: *physics, chemistry, grammar, music*

Abstract nouns can be formed from adjectives, verbs and common nouns.

From adjectives

Kindness from kind

Bravery from brave

Illness from ill

Honesty from honest

From verbs

Obedience from obey

Growth from grow

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Pleasure from please

From common nouns

Childhood from child

Slavery from slave

Exercise

Form abstract nouns from the following adjectives.

1. Long _____

2. Strong _____

3. Wide _____

4. Young _____

5. Humble _____

6. Decent _____

7. Cruel _____

8. Bitter _____

9. Prudent _____

10. Dark _____

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11. Wise _____

12. Good _____

13. Vacant _____

14. Sweet _____

15. Human _____

16. Free _____

17. Proud _____

18. Brave _____

19. Novel _____

20. Poor _____

21. Just _____

22. Vain _____

23. Sane _____

24. Ignorant _____

Answers

1. Long -> length

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2. Strong -> strength

3. Wide -> width

4. Young -> youth

5. Humble -> humility

6. Decent -> decency

7. Cruel -> cruelty

8. Bitter -> bitterness

9. Prudent -> prudence

10. Dark -> darkness

11. Wise -> wisdom

12. Good -> goodness

13. Vacant -> vacancy

14. Sweet -> sweetness

15. Human -> humanity

16. Free -> freedom

17. Proud -> pride

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18. Brave -> bravery

19. Novel -> novelty

20. Poor -> poverty

21. Just -> justice

22. Vain -> vanity

23. Sane -> sanity

24. Ignorant -> ignorance