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**what my friends think I do**



**what my mom thinks I do**



**what my customers think I do**



**what society thinks I do**



**what I think I do**



**what I actually do**

# Nouns and Adjectives

It is easy to confuse the noun and adjective forms of some words e.g. ‘probable’ (adjective) and ‘probability’ (noun).

- Complete the gaps in the table.

<b>Noun</b>	<b>Adjective</b>
strategy	<i>strategic</i>
<b>necessity</b>	necessary
exterior	<b>external</b>
<b>particularity</b>	particular
danger	<b>dangerous</b>
<b>relevance</b>	relevant
reason	<b>rational / reasonable</b>
<b>confidence</b>	confident

# Nouns and Adjectives

analytical  
approachable  
authoritative  
ideological  
innovative  
intuitive  
motivational  
phenomenal  
provisional  
sequential  
synthetic  
technical  
valid

- Although quite famous, the professor was always **approachable** for students.
- Her book is the most **authoritative** work on the subject.
- My objection to the book is **ideological**, despite it being well written.
- California offers an **innovative** culture where new ideas are welcomed.
- She had an **intuitive** feeling she would get the job.
- In addition to money, praise and recognition are both highly **motivational**.
- The Harry Potter books have been a **phenomenal** publishing success.
- Until it is approved by the council the agreement is only **provisional**.
- The courses in this faculty are **sequential**: you must pass one to move to the next.
- The **synthetic** fabric is much stronger than natural materials.
- **Technical** support for computer users is available 24/7.
- Your bus pass is **valid** until October next year.

# Nouns and Adjectives

Certain common adjectives have two forms, with slightly different meanings:

*Martin Luther King made his **historic** speech in Washington.*

*Cleopatra was a **historical** character, born in 69 BCE.*

*The **electric** guitar was developed in the 1930s.*

***Electrical** Engineering was a popular course.*

*The Jaguar E-type is a famous **classic** car.*

*Beethoven was a leading composer of **classical** music.*

# One approach to these adjectives is to learn them as pairs of opposites: absolute/relative

abstract		<i>concrete</i>
accurate	•	Inaccurate
ambiguous	•	Unambiguous
analytical	•	Synthetic
effective	•	Ineffective
exclusive	•	Inclusive
logical	•	Illogical
metaphorical	•	Literal
precise	•	approximate/vague
rational	•	Irrational
reliable	•	Unreliable
relevant	•	Irrelevant
specific	•	non-specific
subjective	•	Objective
theoretical	•	practical/empirical/pragmatic

Underline the adjective in each sentence and write the related noun in brackets.

Example:

*Several steel producers are likely to shut down next year. (likelihood)*

- a) The HR team have just completed a strategic review of pay. (**strategy**)
- b) Dr Lee adopted an analytical approach to the inquiry. (**analysis**)
- c) Nylon was one of the earliest synthetic fibres. (**synthesis**)
- d) Her major contribution to the research was her study of ante-natal care. (**majority**)
- e) Some progress was made in the theoretical area. (**theory**)
- f) A frequent complaint is that too much reading is expected. (**frequency**)
- g) We took a more critical approach to marketing theory. (**criticism/critic**)
- h) Finally, the practical implications of my findings will be examined. (**practice**)

# Speaking of Prefixes...



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- a) Negative prefixes: non-, un-, in-, im-, mis-, de- and dis- often give nouns, adjectives and verbs a negative meaning:

*nonsense, unclear, incapable, impossible, mishear, decrease, disagree*

Prefix	Example	Example sentence	Meaning
Anglo*	Anglosphere	The <b>Anglosphere</b> includes Canada and the USA.	<i>English</i>
anti	antidepressant	<b>Antidepressant</b> drugs are often overprescribed.	<i>against</i>
auto	automatically	Over-18s <b>automatically</b> have the right to vote.	• <b>by itself</b>
bio	biodegradable	Most paper bags are <b>biodegradable</b> .	• <b>life</b>
co	co-ordinator	The <b>co-ordinator</b> invited them to a meeting.	• <b>together</b>
eco	ecosystem	The river's <b>ecosystem</b> was damaged by the floods.	• <b>environmental</b>
ex	ex-president	The <b>ex-president</b> gave a speech on climate change.	• <b>(i) previous (ii) outsider</b>
fore	forecast	The long-term <b>forecast</b> is for higher inflation.	• <b>in front/in advance</b>
inter	intervention	Government <b>intervention</b> in the market is needed.	• <b>between</b>
intra	intra-state	<b>Intra-state</b> conflict can lead to civil war.	• <b>inside one group</b>
macro	macroeconomics	Keynes focused on <b>macroeconomics</b> .	• <b>large</b>
meta	metascience	<b>Metascience</b> aims to critique scientific methods.	• <b>transcending</b>
micro	microscope	She examined the tiny animals with a <b>microscope</b> .	• <b>small</b>
multi	multinational	Ford is a <b>multinational</b> motor company.	• <b>many</b>
neo	Neolithic	The <b>Neolithic</b> period saw the first farmers.	• <b>new</b>

over	oversleep	He missed the lecture because he <b>overslept</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>too much</b></li> <li>• <b>Across</b></li> <li>• <b>Many</b></li> <li>• <b>Later</b></li> <li>• <b>in support of</b></li> <li>• <b>Partially</b></li> <li>• <b>Again</b></li> <li>• <b>Autonomous</b></li> <li>• <b>Below</b></li> <li>• <b>Distance</b></li> <li>• <b>Across</b></li> <li>• <b>(i) below (ii) not enough</b></li> </ul>
pan	pan-European	The <b>pan-European</b> games were held in Trieste.	
poly	polyglot	She was a true <b>polyglot</b> , speaking five languages.	
post	postpone	The meeting is <b>postponed</b> until next Monday.	
pro	promote	Their website <b>promoted</b> the college's facilities.	
quasi	quasi-monopoly	The tech giant developed a <b>quasi-monopoly</b> .	
re	retrain	The firm <b>retrained</b> staff to use the new software.	
self	self-regulating	The media business prefers to be <b>self-regulating</b> .	
sub	subtitle	Chinese films often have <b>subtitles</b> in the West.	
tele	televise	Parliament was first <b>televised</b> in 1989.	
trans	transmitter	Early radio <b>transmitters</b> were short-range.	
under	undervalue	Buying <b>undervalued</b> assets can be profitable.	

- a) human interaction removed
- b) very local climate

Suggest possible meanings for the words in bold.

- a) The growth of internet shopping has **depersonalised** the retail experience.
- b) The **microclimate** in this district allows early vegetables to be grown.
- c) It is claimed that technology has created a **post-industrial** economy.
- d) **Staycations** became very popular during the pandemic.
- e) The class was **underwhelmed** by the quality of the lecture.
- f) The couple decided to draw up a **prenuptial** agreement.
- g) The company is looking for a **proactive** manager.
- h) She felt that much of the comedian's humour was **self-referential**.

c) economy based on information not production

f) before marriage

d) holiday in local area, instead of abroad

g) able to anticipate and control situations

e) disappointed

h) focussed on his experience

# Suffixes

<b>Nouns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–er often indicates a role: <i>teacher, gardener</i></li> <li>–ee can show a person who is on the receiving end of a transaction: <i>employee, trainee</i></li> <li>–ism and –ist are often used with belief systems and their supporters: <i>socialism/ socialist</i></li> <li>–ness converts an adjective into a noun: <i>sad/ sadness</i></li> <li>–ion helps change a verb to a noun: <i>convert/ conversion</i></li> </ul>
<b>Adjectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–ive <i>effective, constructive</i></li> <li>–al <i>commercial, agricultural</i></li> <li>–ious <i>precious, serious</i></li> </ul>
<b>Verbs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–ise/–ize to form verbs from adjectives: <i>private/ privatise</i></li> <li>NB: in the USA only the –ize spelling is used, whereas both forms are accepted in the UK</li> </ul>
<b>Adverbs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–ly to form adverbs from adjectives: <i>happily, radically</i></li> <li>NB: most (but not all) adverbs have this suffix</li> </ul>

Give the word class for the following underlined words:

- a) The cancellation of the exams delighted the students.
- b) The fact that both books were published in June was coincidental.
- c) The team worked cooperatively on their project.
- d) Their evolutionary process was studied in detail.
- e) The bacteria live symbiotically in the cow's stomach.
- f) The weather was unpredictable all month.
- g) Although forty years old, the Jaguar was very saleable.
- h) The first interviewee appeared very nervous.
- i) Consumerism involves a focus on the interests of private buyers.
- j) The symbolism of the flag's colours impressed the children.

- a) noun
- b) adjective
- c) adverb
- d) adjective
- e) adverb
- f) adjective
- g) adjective
- h) noun
- i) noun
- j) noun

# Back to Academic writing

Why punctuation matters.  
Some people find inspiration in  
cooking their families and their  
dogs.

Others find inspiration in  
cooking, their families,  
and their dogs.



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# How confident are you with your punctuation?

If you don't think punctuation is important, try forgetting the semicolon when you tell someone, "I'm sorry; I love you."



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# 9 Practice A

## Punctuate the following sentences.

- a) The study was carried out by Christine Zhen-Wei Qiang of the National University of Singapore .
- b) Professor Rowan's new book *The End of Privacy* (2009) is published in *New York*.
- c) As Keynes said: 'it's better to be roughly right than precisely wrong'.
- d) Banks such as HSBC and Barclays were in penny-pinching mode in the 1990s .
- e) As Matheson (1954) wrote: 'it was the germ that was the villain'.
- f) Thousands of new words such as 'vlog' enter the English language each year .

# Practice A

## Punctuate the following sentences.

- g) The BBC's World Service is broadcast in 33 languages including Somali and Vietnamese.
- h) She scored 56% on the main course, the previous semester she had achieved 67%.
- i) Their article, a reassessment of the changing patterns of the indian monsoon 2015–2020, was well received.
- j) Before submitting her essay on TS Eliot she checked it for spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Have you seen the new season of the Simpsons?



# Exploring the promise of AI-powered tools

1. QuillBot Translate
2. Azure AI Translator
3. MachineTranslation.com
4. TranslatePress AI
5. Smartling AI Translation Toolkit
6. Lokalise AI
7. Wordly AI
8. Krisp AI Interpreter

# In pairs: explore

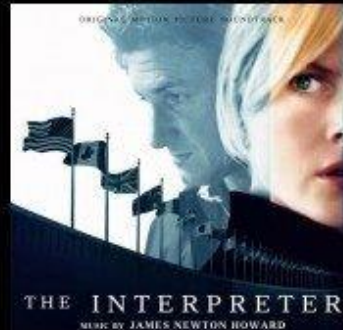
- **Purpose:** What kind of users or situations is this tool designed for?
- **AI Features:** What makes it “AI-powered”? (e.g., neural translation, adaptive learning, live captions, etc.)
- **Trial:** Translate a short text. What works well? What goes wrong?
- **Human Role:** What parts still need human intervention or checking?
- **Professional Use:** Where could this tool realistically fit in a translator’s or interpreter’s workflow?
- **Ethics & Risks:** Are there privacy, accuracy, or cultural issues to be aware of?
- **Verdict:** Would you recommend it? For what type of work (and why)?

# See you!

## Interpreter



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