

6.8 Language in focus

Word families – suffixes

I can recognise and form a wide range of words using suffixes.

1 Read the information and complete the table. Mark the stress.

Words are formed and word families are created by adding different suffixes to the same 'root word'. Root words can be nouns, verbs or adjectives. The table lists the most common suffixes for each part of speech.

NOUN (concept)	NOUN (person)	VERB	ADJECTIVE
-al -ance/-ence -cy -dom -ful -hood -ing -ion -ism -ity -ment -ness -ship -y	-ant -ee -ess -er -ian -ist -or	-ate -en -ify -ise	-able/-ible -al -ary -ed -ent -ful -ic -ing -ish -ive -less -like -ly -ous -y
¹ employment	3 _____	employ	8 _____
2 _____	4 _____	6 _____	perfect
sympathy	5 _____	7 _____	9 _____

- 2 Translate the word families in Exercise 1. How are new words formed from a root word in your language?
- 3 Complete the statements using the root words in the box. Make any necessary spelling changes. Which statements do you agree with?

employ lead perfect point qualify
strong sympathy terror

- The more _____ions you get, the more _____able you become.
- You should never _____ise with _____ists. Violence is always wrong.
- It's _____less looking for _____ion; it's unattainable.
- There is a need to _____en the political _____ship in our country.

4 Form words from the 'person' nouns in the box and write them in the table. Mark the stress.

applicant believer creator dependant pacifist purist

NOUN (concept)	NOUN (person)	VERB	ADJECTIVE
application	applicant	apply	applicable

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. Then tick the sentences that are true for you.

- We should never _____ (just) biased or dishonest _____ (journal).
- I think most fast food is _____ (disgust) and very _____ (fat).
- I'd like to _____ (deep) my _____ (know) of British rock music.
- I have no idea what the secret to a _____ (success) _____ (art) career is.

6 Complete the quote with the noun form of the words in brackets. Do you agree with the quote?

Six keys to a good relationship: ¹ _____ (friend), ² _____ (free),
³ _____ (honest), ⁴ _____ (trust), ⁵ _____ (understand) and
⁶ _____ (communicate).

06 WORD LIST

Appearance

acne /'ækni/
bags under the eyes /'bægz ,ʌndə ði aɪz/
bleach/dye your hair /bli:tʃ/dai jə 'heə/
(blue-/hazel-/wide-)eyed /('blu:/'heɪzəl/'waɪd) 'aɪd/
change your hairstyle /tʃeɪndʒ jə 'heəstɑɪl/
colour-change contact lenses /kələ tʃeɪndʒ 'kɒntækt ,lenzɪz/
features /'fi:tʃəz/
fine lines /'faɪn 'laɪnz/
furrowed brow /fʌrəʊd 'braʊ/
greying hair /greɪŋ 'heə/
imperfection /ɪmpə'fekʃən/
mole/beauty spot /məʊl/'bju:ti spɒt/
outfit /'aʊtfɪt/
scar /skaɪ/
(pale-/olive-/dark-)skinned /(peɪl/ɒlɪv/dɑ:k) 'skɪnd/
plastic surgery /plæstɪk 'sɜ:dʒəri/
(thin-/round-)faced /(θɪn/'raʊnd) 'feɪst/
(untidy-)looking /(ʌn,tɑɪdi) 'lʊkɪŋ/
(wavy-/ginger-/grey-/fair-)haired /(weɪvi/dʒɪndʒə/ɡreɪ/ 'feə) 'heəd/
wear a wig /weə ə 'wɪɡ/
(well-/elegantly-)dressed /(wel/ɛlɪɡəntli) 'drest/
wrinkle-free skin /'rɪŋkəl fri: 'skɪn/
wrinkle /'rɪŋkəl/

Truth, falsehood and manipulation

adopt a new identity /ə,dɒpt ə nju: aɪ'dentəti/
airbrushed /'eəbrʌʃt/
authentic/inauthentic /ɔ:'θentɪk/,ɪnɔ:'θentɪk/
authenticate /ɔ:'θentɪkeɪt/
be in no doubt that ... /bi ɪn ,nəʊ 'daʊt ðæt/
be taken in/be deceived /bi ,teɪkən 'ɪn/bɪ dɪ'si:v/
believable /bə'li:vəbəl/
claim/pretend to be sb /kleɪm/prɪ,tend tə 'bi ,sambədi/
create an illusion /kri:et ən 'ɪlu:ʒən/
deceive (the public) /dɪ'si:v (ðə 'pʌblɪk)/
deception /dɪ'sepʃən/
digital alteration /dɪdʒɪtəl ,ɔ:l'teɪʃən/
digitally improved /dɪdʒɪtəli ɪm'pru:v/
discover /dɪs'kʌv/
disguise /dɪs'ɡaɪz/
distort/hide the truth about sth /dɪ'stɔ:t/hɑɪd ðə 'tru:θ
ə'baʊt/
doctored /'dɒktəd/
fake /feɪk/
false identity /fə:ls aɪ'dentəti/
far-fetched /fɑ: 'fetʃt/
genuine /'dʒenjuən/
honest /'ɒnəst/
honesty /'ɒnəsti/
imposter /ɪm'pɒstə/
in reality /ɪn rɪ'æləti/
invent a story /ɪn'vent ə 'stɔ:ri/
liar /'laɪə/
lie (to) /'laɪ (tə)/
make sb aware of sth /meɪk ,sambədi ə'weə əv/
manipulate the truth/public opinion /mə,nɪpjəleɪt ðə 'tru:θ/
,pʌblɪk ə'pɪnjən/
misleading image /mɪs,lɪdɪŋ 'ɪmɪdʒ/
mysterious /mɪ'stiəriəs/
mystery /'mɪstəri/
objective /əb'dʒektɪv/
sensationalise /sen'seɪʃənəlaɪz/
solemn promise /səlm 'prɒmɪs/
solemnly promise /səlmli 'prɒmɪs/
suspicion /sə'spɪʃən/
swear under oath /sweə ,ʌndə 'əʊθ/
take sth at face value /teɪk ,sambədi ət ,feɪs 'vælju:
take sth out of context /teɪk ,sambədi 'aʊt əv 'kɒntekst/
tell lies/the truth /tel 'laɪz/ðə 'tru:θ/
trick /trɪk/
white lie /waɪt 'laɪ/

Personality, emotions, attitude

admit one's mistake /əd'mɪt 'wʌnz mɪ'steɪk/
appear unamused /ə'piə ʌnə'mju:zd/
approve /ə'pru:v/
become worldly-wise /bɪ,kəm ,wɜ:ldli 'waɪz/
convinced /kən'vɪnst/
embrace/hug /ɪm'breɪs/hʌɡ/