

Abstract nouns

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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**

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 — — — — —
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 — — — — —