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Making nouns from bound stems and adjectives using -ity as in "intensity"

Adjectives to Nouns and -ity



[Figure1]

The vowel right in front of the suffix *-ity* will always be short, even in VCV strings.

The suffix *-ity* is added to adjectives to turn them into nouns.

Examples

The following noun is analyzed into adjective plus *-ity*. The final <e> deletion is noted.

Noun	= Adjective + Suffix
productivity	= productiv e + ity

Review

Analyze each of the following nouns into an adjective plus *-ity* showing any changes.

Noun	= Adjective + Suffix
1. liberality	=
2. productivity	=
3. intensity	=
4. electricity	=
5. publicity	=
6. mentality	=
7. captivity	=
8. reality	=

Now try some the other way around. Combine the adjectives with *-ity* to form nouns, showing any changes.

Adjective	+ Suffix	= Noun
9. sublime	+ ity	=
10. productive	+ ity	=
11. rational	+ ity	=
12. serene	+ ity	=
13. personal	+ ity	=
14. grave	+ ity	=
15. extreme	+ ity	=
16. public	+ ity	=
17. local	+ ity	=
18. divine	+ ity	=

19. In Items 2 and 3 above there are sixteen different words that have have short vowels at the head of a VCV string right in front of the suffix *-ity*. List the sixteen words below.

[Figure2]

The suffix *-ity* can also be added to bound stems to form nouns. Analyze each of the following nouns into bound stem plus suffix. They all combine by simple addition.

Noun	= Bound stem + -ity
20. dignity	=
21. humility	=
22. ability	=
23. eternity	=
24. quantity	=
25. quality	=
26. charity	=
27. sanctity	=
28. necessity	=
29. capacity	=
30. velocity	=
31. celebrity	=

32. Six of the twelve words above have short vowels at the head of a VCV string that is right in front of the suffix -ity. List the six below.

[Figure3]

Review (Answers)

Noun	= Adjective + Suffix
1. liberality	= <i>liberal</i> + <i>ity</i>
2. productivity	= <i>productiv e</i> + <i>ity</i>
3. intensity	= <i>intens e</i> + <i>ity</i>
4. electricity	= <i>electric</i> + <i>ity</i>
5. publicity	= <i>public</i> + <i>ity</i>
6. mentality	= <i>mental</i> + <i>ity</i>
7. captivity	= <i>captiv e</i> + <i>ity</i>
8. reality	= <i>real</i> + <i>ity</i>

Adjective	+ Suffix	= Noun
9. sublim <i>e</i>	+ <i>ity</i>	= <i>sublimity</i>
10. productiv <i>e</i>	+ <i>ity</i>	= <i>productivity</i>
11. rational	+ <i>ity</i>	= <i>rationality</i>
12. seren <i>e</i>	+ <i>ity</i>	= <i>serenity</i>
13. personal	+ <i>ity</i>	= <i>personality</i>
14. grav <i>e</i>	+ <i>ity</i>	= <i>gravity</i>
15. extrem <i>e</i>	+ <i>ity</i>	= <i>extremity</i>
16. public	+ <i>ity</i>	= <i>publicity</i>
17. local	+ <i>ity</i>	= <i>locality</i>
18. divin <i>e</i>	+ <i>ity</i>	= <i>divinity</i>

19.

liberality *mentality* *rationality* *extremity*
productivity *captivity* *serenity* *locality*
electricity *reality* *personality* *divinity*
publicity *sublimity* *gravity*

Noun	= Bound stem + <i>-ity</i>
20. dignity	= <i>dign</i> + <i>ity</i>
21. humility	= <i>humil</i> + <i>ity</i>
22. ability	= <i>abli</i> + <i>ity</i>
23. eternity	= <i>etern</i> + <i>ity</i>
24. quantity	= <i>quant</i> + <i>ity</i>
25. quality	= <i>qual</i> + <i>ity</i>
26. charity	= <i>char</i> + <i>ity</i>
27. sanctity	= <i>sanct</i> + <i>ity</i>
28. necessity	= <i>necess</i> + <i>ity</i>
29. capacity	= <i>capac</i> + <i>ity</i>
30. velocity	= <i>veloc</i> + <i>ity</i>
31. celebrity	= <i>celebr</i> + <i>ity</i>

32.

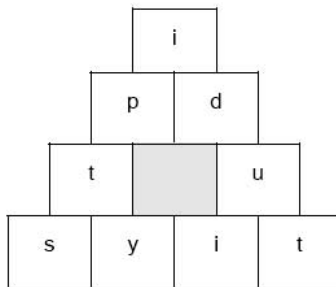
humility *quality* *capacity*
ability *charity* *velocity*

Explore More

Sort the words in the blocks of the pyramids into the two rows of blocks under each pyramid and you will make two words: The first word will be an adjective. The second word will be a noun made of the first word plus the suffix *-ity*. When you add the suffix -

ity in the second word, the stress will shift to the vowel right in front of the suffix. Mark the stress in each word you make.

1.



[Figure4]

Word One: Adjective that means “slow to learn; not intelligent.”

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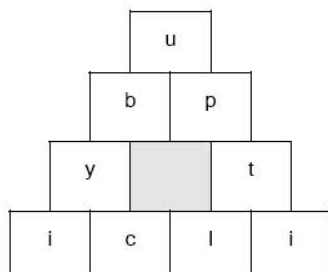
[Figure5]

Word Two: Adjective + *ity* = Noun that means “the condition of being slow to learn and not intelligent.”

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[Figure6]

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[Figure7]

Word One: Adjective meaning “known by all or most people; open.”

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[Figure8]

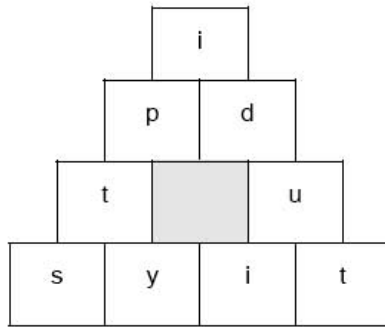
Word Two: Adjective + *ity* = Noun meaning “information that brings something to the attention of many people.”

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[Figure9]

Explore More (Answers)

1.



[Figure10]

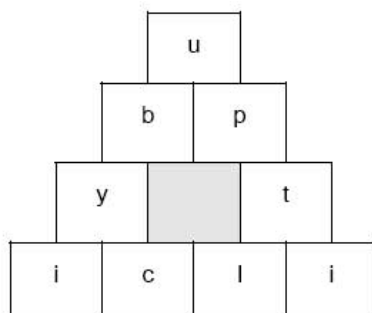
Word One: Adjective that means “slow to learn; not intelligent.”

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Word Two: Adjective + *ity* = Noun that means “the condition of being slow to learn and not intelligent.”

s t u p i dity

2.



[Figure11]

Word One: Adjective meaning “known by all or most people; open.”

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Word Two: Adjective + *ity* = Noun meaning “information that brings something to the attention of many people.”

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