

# How to Form a Noun from Verbs?

## Add Suffix

- **Add '-ance' or '-ence' to verbs**

Most verbs can be changed to nouns by adding suffixes such as '-ance' and '-ence' at the end of the word.

**For example:** The verb 'appear' will change to 'appearance' and 'resist' will change to 'resistance'.

- **Add '-ment' to verbs**

There are other verbs where '-ment' is supposed to be added at the end of the word.

**For example:** After adding '-ment', verbs such as 'assign', 'enjoy' and 'appoint' will convert to 'assignment', 'enjoyment' and 'appointment' respectively.

- **Add '-tion' or '-sion'**

Finally, to make nouns into verbs, suffixes such as '-tion' and '-sion' need to be added at the end of the word. There are many verbs which can be converted using these suffixes.

**For example:** Verbs such as 'inform', 'describe' and 'decide' will convert to 'information', 'description' and 'decision' respectively.

## Adjust the Sentence

- **Locate the Verb**

As you must know, a verb is an action word often used in sentences. If you want to adjust a sentence to change a verb to a noun, locate the verb and see if it can double as a noun.

**For example:** The film impacted the audience. Here the verb used is 'impacted'.

- **Add an appropriate determiner before the verb**

A determiner is a word such as 'a' or 'the' which usually signifies that the following word will be a noun. So, to change a verb into a noun, you can simply add a determiner.

- **Rewrite the sentence**

Upon adding a determiner before a noun, you will have to slightly change the sentence. You might have to change the verb for it to become a noun. Finally, the sentence might need minor rearranging.

## Avoid Common Mistakes

- **Make use of a dictionary to double-check your suffixes**

If you are not that fluent with the English vocabulary, then you can always get help from the dictionary. It will help you with the correct suffix and how you can convert verbs to nouns.

## Examples of Forming Nouns from Verbs

Here are some examples of converting verbs to nouns. Check out the list.

Verb	Noun
Think	Thought
Act	Act
Write	Writing
Read	Reading
Sleep	Sleep
Eat	Eat