

WORD FORMATION

COMPOUNDS (COMPOUNDING)

- nouns** ⇒ noun + prepositions : son-in-law
adjective + noun : blackboard
noun + noun : bookshop

adjectives ⇒ home-made, home-grown

verbs ⇒ dry-clean, clip-read

DERIVATION (DERIVATES)

prefix - base - suffix

Common Prefixes

- anti : anti-war
- de : decrease
- in : income, incomplete
- non : non-stop
- over : overtake
- under : underground

Common Suffixes

indicate the word class
(noun, verb, adjective, adverb)

People

- er : driver
- ee : employee
- ess : actress

Abstract nouns

- ness : happiness
- ity : quality
- ment: development
- ion : invitation, action
- al : arrival
- hood: childhood

Adjectives

- al: natural
- ful: beautiful
- less: homeless
- ous: famous
- ic: historic
- y: hungry

Nouns / Adjectives

- ist: tourist
- al: general
- an: American
- ble: possible

Verbs

- ize / ise: realise
- ify: terrify
- en: soften

Adverbs

- ly: beautifully