

## **Abstract nouns**

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

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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  \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Sweet -----

15. Human -----

16. Free -----

17. Proud -----

18. Brave -----

19. Novel -----

20. Poor -----

21. Just -----

22. Vain -----

23. Sane -----

24. Ignorant -----

## Answers

1. Long -> length

2. Strong -> strength

3. Wide -> width

4. Young -> youth

5. Humble -> humility

6. Decent -> decency

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7. Cruel -> cruelty

8. Bitter -> bitterness

9. Prudent -> prudence

10. Dark -> darkness

11. Wise -> wisdom

12. Good -> goodness

13. Vacant -> vacancy

14. Sweet -> sweetness

15. Human -> humanity

16. Free -> freedom

17. Proud -> pride

18. Brave -> bravery

19. Novel -> novelty

20. Poor -> poverty

21. Just -> justice

22. Vain -> vanity

23. Sane -> sanity

24. Ignorant -> ignorance

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