



Word Formation: Noun Formation: Verbs & Adjectives → Nouns

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- The ____ of the new bridge took two years.
a) construction
b) construct
c) constructive
d) constructively
- Her ____ made everyone in the room smile.
a) happy
b) happily
c) happiness
d) happier
- I need to make a ____ about which university to attend.
a) decide
b) decision
c) decisive
d) decisively
- The ____ of the city centre has changed a lot.
a) appearance
b) appear
c) apparent
d) apparently
- There has been a big ____ in technology over the last decade.
a) development
b) develop
c) developing
d) developed
- She showed great ____ during the job interview.
a) confident
b) confidently
c) confide
d) confidence
- The ____ of this word is very difficult to remember.
a) spell
b) spelling
c) spelled
d) spellable
- His ____ to help others is truly inspiring.
a) willingness
b) willing
c) willingly
d) will
- The school places great importance on ____.
a) educate
b) educational
c) educationally
d) education
- We were amazed by the ____ of the old cathedral.
a) beautify
b) beautiful
c) beautifully
d) beauty
- There is no ____ between the two paintings.
a) difference
b) differ
c) different
d) differently



Answers

1. a) construction
2. c) happiness
3. b) decision
4. a) appearance
5. a) development
6. d) confidence
7. b) spelling
8. a) willingness
9. d) education
10. d) beauty
11. a) difference
12. d) director
13. c) explanation
14. c) relationship
15. b) solution
16. d) excitement
17. c) quality
18. b) performance
19. b) invitation
20. c) feeling



Explanations

1. “construction” (a)

After 'The' and before 'of', we need a noun. Construct (verb) → construction (noun, -tion suffix).

2. “happiness” (c)

After 'Her' (possessive adjective), we need a noun. Happy (adjective) → happiness (noun, -ness suffix).

3. “decision” (b)

After 'a' (article), we need a noun. Decide (verb) → decision (noun, -sion suffix).

4. “appearance” (a)

After 'The' and before 'of', we need a noun. Appear (verb) → appearance (noun, -ance suffix).

5. “development” (a)

After 'a big' (article + adjective), we need a noun. Develop (verb) → development (noun, -ment suffix).

6. “confidence” (d)

After 'great' (adjective), we need a noun. Confident (adjective) → confidence (noun, -ence suffix).

7. “spelling” (b)

After 'The' and before 'of', we need a noun. Spell (verb) → spelling (noun, -ing used as a noun).

8. “willingness” (a)

After 'His' (possessive) and before 'to help', we need a noun. Willing (adjective) → willingness (noun, -ness suffix).

9. “education” (d)

After the preposition 'on', we need a noun. Educate (verb) → education (noun, -tion suffix).

10. “beauty” (d)

After 'the' and before 'of', we need a noun. Beautiful (adjective) → beauty (noun — note this is an irregular formation).

11. “difference” (a)

After 'no' (determiner), we need a noun. Different (adjective) → difference (noun, -ence suffix).

12. “director” (d)

We need a noun referring to a person (subject of the sentence). Direct (verb) → director (noun, -or suffix = person who directs).

13. “explanation” (c)

After 'His' and before 'of', we need a noun. Explain (verb) → explanation (noun, -tion suffix with spelling change).

14. “relationship” (c)

After 'The' and before 'between', we need a noun. Relate (verb) → relationship (noun, -ship suffix).

15. “solution” (b)

After 'a' (article), we need a noun. Solve (verb) → solution (noun, -tion suffix with spelling change).

16. “excitement” (d)

After 'of' (preposition), we need a noun. Excite (verb) → excitement (noun, -ment suffix).

17. “quality” (c)

After 'an important' (article + adjective), we need a noun. Quality is a noun meaning 'a characteristic'. Note: qualification would mean 'a degree or certificate', which doesn't fit here.

18. “performance” (b)

After 'The' and before 'of', we need a noun referring to the event itself. Perform (verb) → performance (noun, -ance suffix).

19. “invitation” (b)

After 'an' (article), we need a noun. Invite (verb) → invitation (noun, -tion suffix).

20. “feeling” (c)

After 'a' (article), we need a noun. Feel (verb) → feeling (noun, -ing used as a noun).