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GRAMMAR TUTORIALS

Grammar Handout

Common word endings for nouns, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs

Noun endings	
-ion	All students are invited to attend the art exhibition that will open tomorrow.
-ation	Teachers encourage young students to develop their imagination .
-ment	Over the last two decades, China has achieved phenomenal economic development .
-ness	The bridge has been closed since engineers found a serious structural weakness .
-ance	My family always stressed the importance of a good education.
-ence	The United States declared independence from Great Britain in 1776.
-er/-or	Ronald Reagan was considered a great communicator .
-ship	An internship is a good opportunity for new graduates to get some work experience.

Adjective endings	
-ive	A grant has been given to renovate the school cafeteria and make it more attractive .
-al	Environmental scientists are worried about the speed of climate change.
-ic	The proposal will provide several economic benefits to the community.
-ical	"Animal Farm," a famous satirical novel by George Orwell, was published in 1945.
-able	The software was free, but it was not reliable .
-ful	The response the doctor gave was not helpful .
-ous	Talking on cell phones while driving is dangerous .
-y	The subway doesn't function well on very rainy days.

Verb endings	
-ize	Children can socialize in the park.
-en	Businesses strengthen their relationships with customers by listening to them.
-ify	The application forms simplify the process of applying to college.

Adverb endings	
-ly	Many people believe that globalization negatively affects poor countries.
-wards	The truck was slowly moving backwards when it crashed into a parked vehicle.
-wise	The Earth rotates clockwise if you look at it from above the south pole.