

Noun suffixes *-ment*, *-ion*, *-ence*

1 Look at these words from the text on page 11.

argument • concentration • difference

The parts of the word in **bold** are suffixes. Suffixes change the type of word, e.g. from an adjective or a verb to a noun.


2 Complete the table in your notebook. Then use your dictionary to check the words.

<b>-ment</b>	
Verb	Noun
1 <i>argue</i>	argument
move	2 <input type="text"/>
improve	3 <input type="text"/>
4 <input type="text"/>	retirement
<b>-ion</b>	
Verb	Noun
concentrate	5 <input type="text"/>
6 <input type="text"/>	information
describe	7 <input type="text"/>
8 <input type="text"/>	discussion
<b>-ence</b>	
Adjective	Noun
9 <input type="text"/>	difference
10 <input type="text"/>	adolescence
11 <input type="text"/>	independence
confident	12 <input type="text"/>

3a Choose the correct alternative.

Write the answers in your notebook.

- How can you improve/improvement your English this year?
- Do you think you are an independent/independence learner?
- Have you got a lot of confident/confidence when you speak in English?
- Are there many different/differences between English and your language?
- Do you like having discuss/discussions in English?

3b  Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in 3a.