WORKSHEET 1: NOUN-FORMING SUFFIXES

SUFFIXES: Suffixes are word parts that appear at the end of a word. Suffixes have meaning and often indicate specific parts of speech.

The suffixes -age, -er, -or, -ist, -ness, -ity, -ure, -ment, -ion, -hood, -ance, -ence, -ship, and -ism used in the following words are noun-forming suffixes. Words that end with these suffixes are usually (but not always) nouns. Familiarity with these noun-forming suffixes may help you identify and use nouns correctly in sentence-writing work.

- linkage
- happiness
- payment
- insurance
  
  - bandage
  - happiness
  - payment
  - insurance
  
  - shortage
  - foolishness
  - basement
  - grievance
  
  - rancher
  - laziness
  - action
  - dependence
  
  - dancer
  - longevity
  - deduction
  - difference
  
  - dictator
  - clarity
  - transaction
  - excellence
  
  - conductor
  - charity
  - commotion
  - friendship
  
  - motorist
  - spirituality
  - reputation
  - membership
  
  - artist
  - pleasure
  - neighborhood
  - racism
  
  - activist
  - composure
  - motherhood
  - perfectionism

Fourteen noun-forming suffixes are shown in the preceding list. Write the fourteen noun-forming suffixes in the boxes below. Remember that these suffixes can often serve as signals that a word is a noun.

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On separate paper, write **ten sentences** that use some of the nouns in the list above.

Write **N** above all the words in your sentences that are nouns.

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