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### 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	thickness	requirement	tolerance
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.


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**.