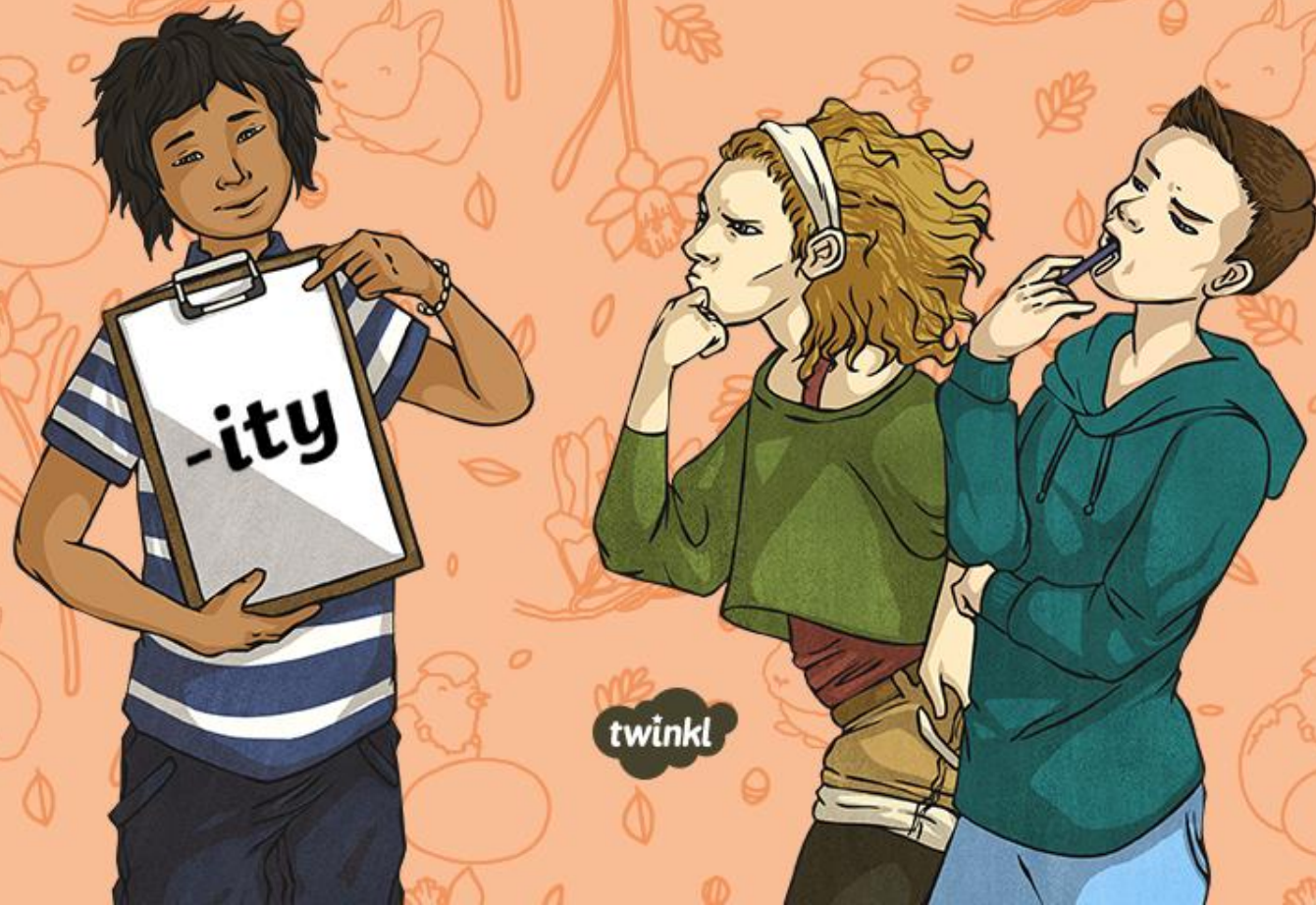


# Creating nouns using -ity suffix



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Can you spot the '-ity' suffix word in this sentence?

Baking cakes and biscuits was Nadine's speciality.



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The majority of the people polled voted for the Red Party.



**speciality**

**majority**

What kind of words have we created when the **'-ity'** suffix has been added?

They are both **nouns**

**speciality**

**majority**

What kind of root words was the '**-ity**' suffix added to?

'special' and 'major' are both adjectives

The '**-ity**' suffix usually changes adjectives into nouns.

'**Special**' and '**major**' are easy root words to add the '-**ity**' suffix to because they don't change.

special + ity = speciality

major + ity = majority

But do **all** root words behave this way?

How do **'active'**, **'sensitive'** and **'captive'** change when they become nouns?

active → activity

captive → captivity

sensitive → sensitivity

When the **-ity** suffix is added, the **'e'** from the end of adjectives usually disappears.

**Does this always happen?**

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flexible → flexibility

able → ability

visible → visibility

possible → possibility

When the suffix is added, the **'le'** from the end of adjectives usually disappears and its replaced by **'-ility'**.

**Can you think of any other nouns where this happens?**



Which word didn't belong in a group?

curious → curiosity

What's happened to the root word?

'**Curiosity**' is an exception to the usual rules and a word that you must learn to spell as it is a Y5/Y6 statutory spelling word.

