

Grammar Explanation

Using correct endings for nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs

- Use a noun to refer to a person, place or thing. Note the three nouns in the following example.
 - Example: *The **prosecutor** felt that the **sentence** given to the **defendant** was too light.*

- Use an adjective to qualify a noun by describing it. Note the two adjectives in the following example.
 - Example: *The **youthful** candidate told his **enthusiastic** supporters that he would keep his campaign promises.*

- Use an adverb to describe a verb or an adjective.
 - Example: *The judge was **extremely** angry at the prosecution's lack of evidence, and he **quickly** dismissed the case.*

- Many English words can be changed from one form to another by the addition of suffixes, such as *-tion, -ize, -ly, -ment*.
 - Example: From the noun **energy**, three other forms of the word are derived: **energize** (verb), **energetic** (adjective), **energetically** (adverb).

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