

Concrete	Abstract
giraffe	love
castle	happiness
elbow	beauty
computer	bravery

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Most of us remember learning the saying, "A noun is a person, place, thing, or idea." Concrete nouns are the first three: people, places, and things. Abstract nouns are the last one: ideas.

Here's how to tell the difference:

A **concrete noun** is a person, animal, place, or thing that you can see, hear, touch, smell, or taste.

An **abstract noun** is an idea, emotion, feeling, or quality that cannot be detected by the five senses.

To find out if a word is concrete or abstract, think about whether you can hold it or touch it. If you can, it is concrete. If you can't, it is abstract.

A word is usually an abstract noun if it ends with one of these suffixes:

- tion
- ism
- ity
- ment
- ness
- age
- ance/-ence
- ship
- ability
- acy

aunt	kindness
pickle	friendship
sandbox	sadness
student	enjoyment
airplane	education

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