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Suffixes That Form Nouns

Definition

Noun suffixes are word parts added to the end of roots or base words to create nouns. These suffixes transform words from other parts of speech into nouns that name people, places, things, or concepts.

Example

Suffix	Example	Meaning
-er/-or	teacher	one who does
-ment	development	state or result
-tion/-sion	celebration	action or condition
-ness	happiness	quality or state
-ity/-ty	reality	abstract concept

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Identify the suffix used to form the underlined noun in each sentence about the Andes Mountains and their climatic influence.

1. The elevation of the Andes Mountains creates distinct climate zones in South America.

- a) -tion
- b) -ment
- c) -ity
- d) -ness

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2. The humidity levels vary dramatically between the eastern and western slopes of the Andes.

- a) -ment
- b) -ity
- c) -ness
- d) -ship

3. The blockage of moisture-laden air by the Andes creates the Atacama Desert in Chile.

- a) -age
- b) -tion
- c) -ment
- d) -ence

4. Scientists study the interaction between the Andes and the Amazon rainforest's weather patterns.

- a) -ship
- b) -ity
- c) -ment
- d) -tion

5. The researcher collected temperature data at different altitudes throughout the mountain range.

- a) -ist
- b) -er
- c) -ian
- d) -or

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Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence by adding the appropriate noun suffix to the word in parentheses.

1. The extreme dry_____ (dry) of the Atacama Desert is directly caused by the rain shadow effect of the Andes Mountains.
2. The measure_____ (measure) of annual precipitation shows dramatic differences between the eastern and western slopes of the mountain range.
3. The high_____ (high) of the Andes creates climate barriers that affect temperature patterns across South America.
4. Climate model_____ (model) use the Andes' topographical features to predict weather patterns in the region.
5. The dense_____ (dense) of the cloud forests on the eastern slopes results from trapped moisture unable to cross the mountain range.

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Suffixes That Form Nouns – Answer Key

Answer Key

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. a) -tion
2. b) -ity
3. a) -age
4. d) -tion
5. b) -er

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

1. dryness (-ness suffix forming a noun describing a quality or state)
2. measurement (-ment suffix forming a noun from a verb)
3. height (-t suffix forming a noun, though this is an irregular formation)
4. models/modelers (-s for plural or -ers for "people who model")
5. density (-ity suffix forming an abstract noun from an adjective)