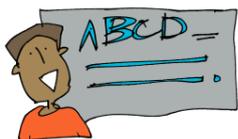


Activity 2: Make a list of abstract nouns



Before we make our list for the game, you might need to brush up on the four types of nouns:

- **Concrete nouns:** the general names for people, places and things that you can see/touch/taste/smell etc. e.g. *ball, table, grass, pony, child*
- **Proper nouns:** special names starting with capital letters e.g. *Sarah, Dr Foster, Spain*
- **Collective nouns:** a word for a group of animals, people or things e.g. *gang, swarm, crowd, pair*
- **Abstract nouns:** something that exists but you cannot see/touch e.g. *love, dream, fear, hope*

For our game, we want lots and lots of **abstract** nouns. Here are some top tips for your list:

Happy feelings: *hope, love, joy, friendship, happiness,*

Sad feelings: *regret, pain, doom, sadness, dread*

Fantasy: *curse, premonition, vision, dream, nightmare,*

Attitude words ending in -tion/-sion: *determination, ambition, trepidation, passion, confusion*

Question? Is the word **happy** an abstract noun? Let's try it out in a sentence:
The man felt very **happy** as it was his birthday.

Here the word **happy** is describing the man. We call those words **adjectives**. We can change happy to an abstract noun by adding a suffix:
happy – happiness. The church filled with **happiness** on their wedding day.

- So the adjective **sad** becomes the abstract noun **sadness**.
- And the adjective **lonely** becomes the abstract noun **loneliness**

★ **Now over to you to make your list of abstract nouns. If you're stuck, magpie from the ones above or ask your family if they can think of any.**



Activity 3: Making your first combinations!

Now comes the fun part! Choose one word from each list and put them together to make an interesting combination. Here's how it works:

Places		Abstract Nouns	Combinations
church	+	love	The church of love
village	+	dreams	The village of dreams
station	+	pain	The station of pain
tunnel	+	hope	The tunnel of hope
river	+	anxiety	The river of anxiety

Each place can be paired up with any of the abstract nouns so the possibilities are endless! At this stage, try not to worry about whether they are 'good' or not just generate lots and lots of ideas so we have plenty to choose from later.



Now make as many combinations as you can!

Top Tip: You could choose ONE setting and then combine it with 5-10 abstract nouns and see which one surprises, entertains or interests you most.

The school of doom
The school of laughter
The school of determination
The school of hope
The school of fun
The school of dreams
The school of pride
The school of friendship
The school of possibilities