

ABSTRACT NOUNS

a You have five minutes to write four abstract nouns in each circle.

The form consists of six circular writing areas arranged in two rows of three. Each circle has a thick grey border and a smaller grey semi-circle at the bottom containing a suffix or instruction. Inside each circle are four horizontal lines for writing.

- Top-left circle: **-hood**
- Top-middle circle: **-dom**
- Top-right circle: **-ship**
- Bottom-left circle: **-ness**
- Bottom-middle circle: **no suffix**
- Bottom-right circle: **-tion**

b Compare your answers with a partner. Do you have the same words or different ones?

c Choose one word from each circle, and use it in a sentence which expresses something you agree with, e.g. *People's memories of their childhood are not always reliable.* Then compare your sentences with a partner.

CHILDHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE

- a** Read the questionnaire and choose six questions to ask a partner.
- b** Ask the questions and answer the ones your partner asks you.

- 1 Are there any clothes you had as a child that you particularly loved or hated? Did you have to wear clothes that used to belong to your older brothers or sisters?
- 2 Were there any favourite places where you liked going to play? Did you go alone or with your friends? What did you do there?
- 3 What was your favourite toy? Can you describe it? Why do you think you liked it so much?
- 4 Were you ever a member of a youth club or organization, e.g. the Scouts? How long did you belong to it for? Did you enjoy it?
- 5 Who were the people you felt closest to as a child? What do you remember about them?
- 6 Did you get pocket money? How much? Did you use to spend it immediately or did you sometimes save it? What for?
- 7 Did you have to do any chores while you were growing up? What were they? How did you feel about having to do them?



- 8 As you were growing up, was there anybody you really looked up to or wanted to be like?
- 9 Who was the oldest member of your immediate or extended family when you were a child? What do you remember about him / her?
- 10 As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? Do you still have the same ambition or did you change your mind? Why?
- 11 What were your typical family meals like? Did you all eat together? Where? Who used to cook?
- 12 Did your parents use to read you a story / book before you went to sleep or did you read stories yourself? What was your favourite story?
- 13 If you did something naughty, how did your parents punish you? Can you remember which type of punishment was the most effective?
- 14 As a child, what was your favourite special occasion, e.g. birthday, Christmas? How did you use to celebrate it?