

Chapter 3 Not Just ‘Things:’ The Noun

Answer key for additional exercises

Exercise 1

a) construction

i. derivational evidence

<i>construct</i>	+	<i>-ion</i>	=	<i>construction</i>
Verb: to build		derivational suffix , noun maker: the process of doing the action		Noun: act/process of building

ii. inflectional evidence: can endure pluralization

<i>one construction</i>	+	<i>-s</i>	=	<i>two constructions</i>
singular		inflectional suffix: plural -s		plural: more than one

iii. additional evidence: this process works for nouns such as *contradiction*

<i>contradict</i>	+	<i>-ion</i>	=	<i>contradiction</i>
Verb: to say the opposite		derivational suffix , noun maker: the process of doing the action		Noun: act of saying the opposite

<i>one contradiction</i>	+	<i>-s</i>	=	<i>two contradictions</i>
singular		inflectional suffix: plural -s		plural: more than one

	derivational	inflectional	additional
b) dogs	N/A	dog > dogs	giraffe > giraffes
c) lake	N/A	lake > lakes	stream > streams
d) picnic	N/A	picnic > picnics	meal > meals

Exercise 2

a) imitation

✓ form: *imitate* (V) + derivational suffix *-ion* = *imitation* (N), just like *construct* (V) + -

ion = *construction*; non-count noun, so pluralization via *two types of imitation*

possible

✓ syntactic: is in the subject slot; could be replaced with another noun as in *Replication*

is the best flattery

b) Mary

✓ form: *Mary* > *Mary's* as in *Mary's children*

✓ syntactic: in the indirect object slot; could be replaced with another noun as in *Bob*

baked Sam a pie.

Exercise 4

justice, peoples, folk, allies, allies, allies, truf, truf, power, power, voice