

1 VOCABULARY adjective suffixes

- a Complete the sentences with the adjective form of the **bold** word. Use a suffix from the list.

-able / -ible -ate -ive -ous -ful

- 1 I think Charlie's very attractive – he always looks great! **ATTRACT**
- 2 My aunt is a very _____ woman. She volunteers at a hospital every weekend. **COMPASSION**
- 3 My girlfriend is very _____. She isn't afraid to express her opinion. **ASSERT**
- 4 It was very _____ of you to visit me in hospital. **THOUGHT**
- 5 Sue's a _____ child. We all adore her. **LOVE**
- 6 I'm very _____ of my friend's new car. **ENVY**
- 7 She's a _____ author. She's written many books and won several important prizes. **SUCCESS**
- 8 Jess is a _____ teenager. She often looks after the neighbour's children. **RESPONSE**
- 9 My sister is rather _____. She doesn't think before she acts. **IMPULSE**
- 10 My nephew is really _____. He often does my shopping for me. **HELP**
- 11 Philip was quite _____ in his teens, but now he's calmed down. **REBEL**
- 12 You have to be careful what you say to Helen. She's very _____. **SENSE**

- b Complete the sentences. Make adjectives from the nouns and verbs from the list.

affection consider create
glamour possess power rely

- 1 Maria's children are very affectionate. They always give us a big hug when we arrive.
- 2 Matt's girlfriend is very _____. She doesn't let him talk to other girls.
- 3 My boss is quite _____. She always lets me take time off if my children are ill.
- 4 My assistant isn't very _____. I can't trust her to do anything important.
- 5 Lisa's very _____. She looks like an actress!
- 6 He's a very _____ businessman. He owns several large companies and he makes a lot of money.
- 7 Anna's really _____. She's made some wonderful sculptures.

c Complete the text with the adjective form of the words in brackets.

Last year, my friend Mark made a ¹ *risky* _____ (risk) investment: he bought an old house to repair and sell. Although it had once been one of the most expensive and ² _____ (impress) buildings in the street, the house was ³ _____ (afford) because it was in such bad condition. The outside walls were ⁴ _____ (dirt) and damaged in places, which made the building quite ⁵ _____ (danger). The garden was ⁶ _____ (mess) because no one had looked after it for years. The windows didn't fit properly, so the house was cold and ⁷ _____ (noise) – you could hear the traffic outside.

Today the house is hardly ⁸ _____ (recognize). Downstairs, there's a ⁹ _____ living room with a sofa and some ¹⁰ _____ (comfort) armchairs. As well as an enormous kitchen, there's another room, which would be ¹¹ _____ (suit) as a study or a small bedroom.

Upstairs, there's a ¹² _____ (luxury) bathroom with a jacuzzi, as well as four tastefully-decorated bedrooms. Mark doesn't have a very ¹³ _____ (health) lifestyle, as he spends all day sitting at a desk, so he's installed a small gym in the attic.

The house is also much quieter and more ¹⁴ _____ (peace) now because the windows have been changed. The garden has been tidied, and it has some beautiful flowers, which makes it much more ¹⁵ _____ (colour). It's a very ¹⁶ _____ (rest) place to sit and have lunch or read a book.

Repairing a house can be quite ¹⁷ _____ (stress), but Mark is happy with the result. The repairs were ¹⁸ _____ (expense), but he's sure he has made a ¹⁹ _____ (profit) investment. The house is in a ²⁰ _____ (desire) part of town, and he's calculated that it's now worth three times the money he paid for it.

Make adjectives from the nouns and verbs in the list. Write them in the correct column.

care colour end help hope peace power rest stress success thought use

-ful and -less	only -ful	only -less
careful / careless		