

2 Adjective suffixes

a Many adjectives are formed by adding a suffix to a noun or verb. Look at the typical suffixes in the chart.

-ible	-able	-ful	-y
<u>responsible</u>	<u>sociable</u>	<u>helpful</u>	<u>bossy</u>

-ive	-ous	-al	-ic
<u>assertive</u>	<u>ambitious</u>	<u>practical</u>	<u>ironic</u>

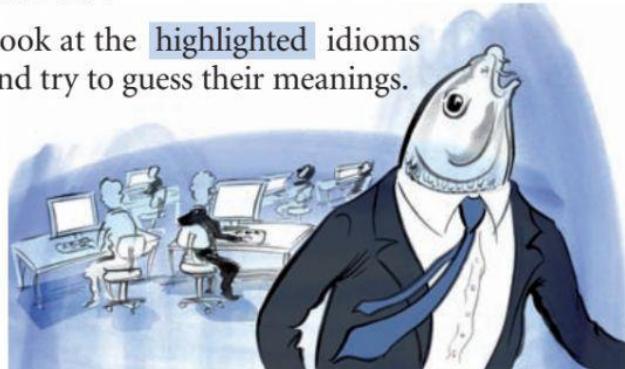
b Add one adjective to each column in a by adding a suffix to the nouns / verbs in the list. You may need to make other small changes. (Be careful with *sense* which can have two different endings and meanings.)

<u>adventure</u>	<u>critic</u>	<u>forget</u>	<u>mood</u>
<u>pessimist</u>	<u>rely</u>	<u>sense</u>	

c Think of definitions for the adjectives you made in b.

3 Idioms

a Look at the **highlighted** idioms and try to guess their meanings.



- 1 My boss is rather a **cold fish**. I don't even know if he likes me or not.
- 2 She **has a heart of gold**. She'll always help anyone with anything.
- 3 She's **as hard as nails**. She doesn't care who she hurts.
- 4 I hope Jack doesn't come tonight. He's such a **pain in the neck**.

b Match the idioms with their meanings.

- A annoying, difficult
- B very kind, generous
- C distant, unfriendly
- D shows no sympathy or fear