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
responsible	*sociable*	*helpful*	*bossy*

-ive	-ous	-al	-ic
assertive	*ambitious*	*practical*	*ironic*

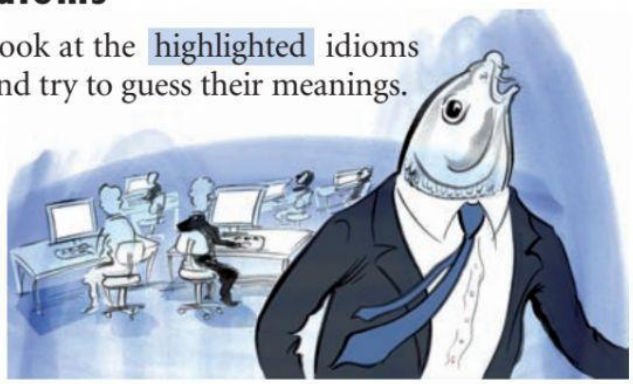
b Add one adjective to each column in **a** by adding a suffix to the nouns / verbs in the list. You may need to make other small changes. (Be careful with *sense* which can have two different endings and meanings.)

adventure critic forget mood
pessimist rely sense

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

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