1 DESCRIBING PEOPLE

a Add an ending to the nouns and verbs below and make any other small changes necessary to form adjectives. Write them in the correct column.

affection /ə'fekʃn/ assert /ə'sɜːt/ attract /ə'trækt/
compassion /kəm'pæʃn/ consider /kən'sɪdə/
create /kri'eɪt/ envy /'envi/ glamour /'glæmə/
help /help/ impulse /'ɪmpʌls/ love /lʌv/
possess /pə'zes/ power /paʊə/ rebel /rɪ'bel/
rely /rɪ'laɪ/ response /rɪ'spɒns/ thought /θɔːt/

Word endings for adjectives

Many adjectives are formed by adding suffixes (= endings) such as *-able / -ible* to a noun or verb. Sometimes another small spelling change is required, e.g. losing a final *e* (*fame – famous*).

Check the spelling changes in your dictionary.

Knowing typical suffixes will help you to recognize that a new word is an adjective.

-able / -ible	*-ate*	*-ive*	*-ous*	*-ful*
sociable sensible	passionate *affectionate*	sensitive	ambitious	successful

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