Adjective suffixes

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 /əˈfekʃn/ assert /əˈsɜːt/ attract /əˈtrækt/ compassion /kəmˈpæʃn/ consider /kənˈsɪdə/ create /kriˈeɪt/ envy /ˈenvi/ glamour /ˈglæmə/ help /help/ impulse /ˈɪmpʌls/ love /lʌv/ possess /pəˈzes/ power /paʊə/ rebel /rɪˈbel/ rely /rɪˈlaɪ/ response /rɪˈspɒns/ 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

b 1.9 Listen and check.

ACTIVATION Cover the chart and look at the nouns and verbs in **a**. Say the adjectives.



'I was a very rebellious teenager.'

2 DESCRIBING PLACES AND THINGS

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.

afford /əˈfɔːd/ colour /ˈkʌlə/ comfort /ˈkʌmfət/ desire /dɪˈzaɪə/ dirt /dɜːt/ expense /ɪkˈspens/ health /helθ/ impress /ɪmˈpres/ luxury /ˈlʌkʃəri/ mess /mes/ noise /nɔɪz/ peace /piːs/ profit /ˈprɒfɪt/ rest /rest/ risk /rɪsk/ space /speɪs/ stress /stres/ suit /suːt/

-able	*-y*	*-ive*	*-ous*	*-ful*
recognizable *affordable*	easy	addictive	dangerous	useful

b 1.10 Listen and check.

ACTIVATION Cover the chart and look at the nouns and verbs in **a**. Say the adjectives.

3 *-FUL* AND *-LESS*

-ful* and *-less

-ful and *-less* are suffixes which add the meaning 'with' or 'without' to the base word, e.g. *careful* = with care, *careless* = without care, *hopeful* = with hope, *hopeless* = without hope.

However, not all words which can form an adjective with *-ful* can also form one with *-less*, e.g. we can say *successful* but **NOT** *successless*, and not all words which can form an adjective with *-less* can also form one with *-ful*, e.g. we can say *endless* but **NOT** *endful*.

a Look at the *-ful* adjectives in the charts in **1** and **2**. Tick the ones that can form an adjective with *-less*.

b 1.11 Listen and check.

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