

1 Complete the adjectives with all the possible suffixes below.

-able -al -ful -ish -less -ly -ous -y

1 furious	5 enjoy _____
2 peace _____	6 self _____
3 luck _____	7 week _____
4 economic _____	8 taste _____

2 Complete the text with the correct suffixes from exercise 1. Use one suffix three times.

# The Beale codes

This is the story of three <sup>1</sup>mysteri\_\_\_\_\_ documents and a box of buried treasure. The treasure, worth \$64 million in today's money, belonged to an American man called Thomas Beale. He got it by risking his life on a <sup>2</sup>danger\_\_\_\_\_ adventure in New Mexico and he buried it somewhere near the <sup>3</sup>snow\_\_\_\_\_ mountains of Virginia. He then wrote three messages in secret code to describe the exact location. Later, Beale became <sup>4</sup>friend\_\_\_\_\_ with a man called Robert Morris. He believed that Morris was a <sup>5</sup>reli\_\_\_\_\_ person so he left the three messages with him when he had to go away in 1822. He never returned. Morris could not solve the secret messages and, years later, gave them to a friend. The friend used an important <sup>6</sup>nation\_\_\_\_\_ document (the Declaration of Independence) to solve one of the messages, but the other two remain a mystery to this day. Some historians are very <sup>7</sup>suspici\_\_\_\_\_ of the whole story. They think people are <sup>8</sup>fool\_\_\_\_\_ to waste their time hunting for treasure that might not exist. But thousands of code-breakers and treasure-hunters are still <sup>9</sup>hope\_\_\_\_\_ that they can find the treasure.

Complete the adjectives by adding them to the table below. You can make more than one adjective from some of the words.

afford beauty care child coward drink  
green help magic pain

	-ful
	-less
	-ish
	-able
	-ly
	-al

Complete the sentences with words from exercise 3.

- 1 This coffee isn't very nice, but I suppose it's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I bruised my arm playing basketball and it's still very \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 The receptionist was very \_\_\_\_\_ and suggested lots of good restaurants near the hotel.
- 4 There isn't much to do on this island, but the scenery is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 We can't eat this bread – the edges look \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 More people go abroad for holidays now that flights are more \_\_\_\_\_.

Work with a dictionary and find the meanings of the words.

What adjectives can you form from them?

afford coward fury pain peace self

afford - \_\_\_\_\_

coward - \_\_\_\_\_

fury - \_\_\_\_\_

pain - \_\_\_\_\_

peace - \_\_\_\_\_

self - \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first one.

- 1 The injection didn't hurt at all.  
The injection was *painless*.
- 2 The music created a calm and relaxing atmosphere.  
It was *soothing* music.
- 3 She doesn't think about others.  
She is *selfish*.

- 4 For some people, holidays abroad are too expensive.  
Holidays abroad aren't *affordable* for some people.
- 5 He didn't have enough courage to go to the dentist's.  
He was too *cowardly* to go to the dentist's.
- 6 My dad was really angry that I stayed out late.  
My dad was *angry* that I stayed out late.