

**A. The following prefixes are used to make the opposite of words:**

PREFIXES	EXAMPLES
un + verb/adj.	un happy
dis + verb	dis honest
il + adj	il legal
im + adj.	im perfect
in + adj.	in direct
ir + adje.	ir regular
mis + verb	mis taken

SOME RULES**YOU USUALLY USE:**

- “il” + words starting with (palavras que começam com) “l”: il + legal = illegal
- “im” + words starting with (palavras que começam com) “m” ou “p”: im + polite = **impolite**; im+possible = **impossible**
- “ir” + words starting with (palavras que começam com) “r”: ir + responsible = **irresponsible**

B. The following suffixes are used to form adjectives:

SUFFIXES	EXAMPLES
noun / verb + able	control + able = controllable
noun + ible	adapt + able = adaptable
	terror + ible = terrible
verb + ive	create + ive = creative
noun + ious / ous	nutrition + ious = nutritious
	nerve + nervous
noun + ful	care + ful = careful
noun + less	end + less = endless
noun + y	salt + y = salty
verb + ing	bore + ing = boring

Able: SOME RULES:

- Words that exist without the suffix (palavras que existem sem o sufixo): treatable – treat ✓; if not: use “**ible**”: horrible – horr X
- Words ending in (palavras que terminam em) “e”: advise + able = **advisable**
- Words ending in a consonant (palavras que terminam em consoante): forget * able = **forgettable**
- Two-syllable words ending in (palavras com duas sílabas que terminam em) “ate”: demonstrate + able = **demonstrable**

C. The following suffixes are used to form nouns. Pay attention to the changes in the base word.

SUFFIXES	EXAMPLES	SUFFIXES	EXAMPLES
verb + ion	locate + ion = location	noun + hood	child + hood = childhood
	exclude + s + ion = exclusion		
	permit + ss + ion = permission	noun + ship	relation + ship = relationship
adj. + ness	happy + ness = happiness	verb + ment	encourage + ment = encouragement

SUFFIXES	EXAMPLES	SUFFIXES	EXAMPLES
adj. + ity	able + ability = ability necessary + ity = necessity eternal + ity = eternity active + ity = activity secure + ity = security curious + osity = curiosity (there are some exceptions)	verb + er	teach + er = teacher
		verb + or	act + or = actor
		noun + ist	science + ist = scientist biology + ist = biologist
noun + ian	music + ian = musician library + ian = librarian	noun + ian	music + ian = musician library + ian = librarian

III. Make new ADJECTIVES with the suffixes "ful", "less", "able", "ous" "y", "ive" AND with the prefixes "in", "im", "un", "ir", "il", "dis", "mis". Sometimes you can make more than one adjective with the same word.

NOUN / VERB	ADJECTIVE WITH A SUFFIX	ADJECTIVE	ADJECTIVE WITH A PREFIX
1. colour		10. dependent	
2. value		11. moral	
3. imagine		12. selfish	
4. accept		13. logical	
5. marvel		14. relevant	
6. sense		15. understood	
7. create		16. kind	
8. fashion		17. secure	
9. wonder		18. safe	

Now, let's practice.

Fill in with the missing word. Mind the words in brackets. (You may have to use a prefix and a suffix at the same time to form an adjective or a noun.)

1. John is a very _____ young man. He is really nice. (help)
2. Don't be afraid. This snake is _____. (harm)
3. She likes wearing _____ clothes: she loves to match all types of colours. (colour)
4. She is always so _____. (nerve)
5. When I grow up I want to be _____. (fame)
6. This teddy-bear is _____. (adore)
7. I love the place where I live. It's a very friendly _____. (neighbour)
8. My teacher is very _____. (communicate)
9. I don't like this sofa. It's so ____! (comfort)
10. She likes to do things on her own, she's very _____. (autonomy)
11. I will always remember her. She is absolutely _____. (forget)



12. I can't stand _____ people. (honest)

13. I feel _____ about my friend's situation. (terror)

14. It may be _____ to cross the train line, so you must be very _____.
(danger/care)

15. Beckham is one of the most _____ football _____ ever. (fame/play)

16. Since it was such a _____ day, the children went to play outside. (sun)

17. This is a really _____ book. I think you should read it. (interest)

18. The shop assistant was so _____ that I think I will go back to that shop again. (help)

19. It's really _____ to speak a foreign language. (use)

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20. We must consider the _____ of helping the children. (possible)

21. The electronic _____ doesn't work! (equip)

22. Our _____ is very important to me. (friend)

23. The _____ of the violin in the band was a good idea. (include)

24. You need some _____ to write a text. (create)