

VOCABULARY BUILDING

Word parts: suffixes, prefixes and roots.

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Your vocabulary will greatly increase if you know about the structure of words and how they are formed. The main part of a word is called the root (for example, write). We can add prefixes to the beginning (rewrite), and suffixes to the end (writer).

If you know common roots, prefixes, and suffixes, you will increase your vocabulary.

ADJECTIVE SUFFIXES

-able	-ary	-ful	-ive	-phile
-al	-atic	-ous	-less	-phobe
-ant	-esque	(-ious)	-most	

-ABLE

If something is V+ABLE, we can V it.

Words	Definition, examples, usage, ...
acceptable	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> good enough to be used for a particular purpose or to be considered satisfactory; satisfactory, tolerable, adequate, agreeable On the far side of the street was a restaurant that looked acceptable. How do we reach an acceptable level of data security? Alcohol is not an acceptable way out of your problems. Here, the students set the standards for acceptable behavior. activities and situations are those that most people approve of or consider to be normal Smoking is no longer considered socially acceptable by many people. The air pollution exceeds most acceptable levels by 10 times or more. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> acceptably The aim of discipline is to teach children to behave acceptably.
accountable	<p>If you are accountable to someone for something that you do, you are responsible for it and must be prepared to justify your actions to that person; responsible for the effects of your actions and willing to explain or be criticized for them</p> <p>Synonyms: liable, culpable, answerable, responsible</p> <p><i>The government should be accountable to all the people of the country.</i> <i>Managers must be accountable for their decisions.</i> <i>The hospital should be held accountable for the quality of care it gives.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>hold somebody responsible/accountable/liable (for something)</u> to say or decide that someone should accept the responsibility for something bad that happens
achievable	<p>If you say that something you are trying to do is achievable, you mean that it is possible for you to succeed in doing it.</p> <p>Synonyms: obtainable, attainable, feasible</p> <p>It is often a good idea to start with smaller, easily achievable goals. attainable Something that is attainable can be achieved.</p>

adjustable	<p>If something is adjustable, it can be changed to different positions or sizes. The seats are fully adjustable. The bags have adjustable shoulder straps.</p>
admirable	<p>An admirable quality or action is one that deserves to be praised and admired; having many good qualities that you respect and admire Synonyms: praiseworthy, commendable, splendid, good, estimable an admirable achievement an admirable character It is an admirable book, the first to tell the whole truth about the war. More importantly they have admirable zest and wide interests.</p>
adorable	<p>If you say that someone or something is adorable, you are emphasizing that they are very attractive and you feel great affection for them. Synonyms: delightful, lovable, cute, appealing We have three adorable children. We eventually found the cat in the wardrobe, surrounded by six adorable kittens.</p>
advisable	<p>If you tell someone that it is advisable to do something, you are suggesting that they should do it, because it is sensible. something that is advisable should be done in order to avoid problems or risks Because of the popularity of the region, it is advisable to book hotels or camp sites in advance. Regular medical check-ups are advisable. It is advisable to write a career objective at the start of your resumé. It is advisable to take some warm clothing with you, as the weather can change quite suddenly. Use of the drug is not considered advisable when driving or using machinery.</p>
affordable	<p>If something is affordable, most people have enough money to buy it. Affordable housing.</p>
agreeable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If someone is agreeable, they are pleasant and try to please people. If something is agreeable, it is pleasant and you enjoy it. We spent a most agreeable couple of hours. an agreeable young man an agreeable comedy an agreeable solution I found him a most agreeable man, a sharp observer, and the possessor of intellectual attainments of no mean order. to be willing to do something or willing to allow something to be done; acceptable My parents are quite agreeable to my studying abroad. The main objective is to find a solution that is agreeable to the company in terms of cost. If those conditions were fulfilled, the father was agreeable to pay. Synonyms: pleasing, pleasant, congenial
allowable	<p>If people decide that something is allowable, they let it happen without trying to stop it. Capital punishment is allowable only under exceptional circumstances. Synonyms: permissible, proper, legal</p>

amiable	<p>Someone who is amiable is friendly and pleasant to be with. Cohen is soft-spoken and amiable. an amiable young man.</p> <p>Synonyms: pleasant, genial, good-natured, friendly, cordial, agreeable, likable, congenial, gracious, good-tempered, sweet-tempered, sweet, easygoing, amicable, sociable, easy to get along with</p>
arguable	<p>An idea, point, or comment that is arguable is not obviously true or correct and should be questioned. not certain, or not definitely true or correct, and therefore easy to doubt It's arguable that the legislation has had little effect on young people's behavior.</p>
avoidable	<p>Something that is avoidable can be prevented from happening. The tragedy was entirely avoidable. Running out of gas is annoying and easily avoidable. Too many children are still injured in avoidable accidents.</p>
bearable	<p>If something is bearable, you feel that you can accept it or deal with it. something that is bearable is difficult or unpleasant, but you can deal with it A cool breeze made the heat pleasantly bearable. His leg hasn't quite healed yet, but pain-killers make it bearable. The humidity was lower, making the high temperatures more bearable. The only things that made her life bearable were the occasional visits from her grandchildren.</p> <p>Synonyms: endurable, tolerable, passable, admissible, supportable, sufferable</p>
comparable	<p>Something that is comparable to something else is roughly similar, for example in amount or importance. If two or more things are comparable, they are of the same kind or are in the same situation, and so they can reasonably be compared. A car of comparable size would cost far more abroad. The planet Pluto is comparable in size to the moon. These two artists just aren't comparable. Climatic conditions in the two countries are roughly comparable. Here are prices of three comparable homes that have sold in your neighborhood. The size of a dolphin's brain is comparable to a human's.</p>
conceivable	<p>If something is conceivable, you can imagine it or believe it. It is conceivable that you may get full compensation, but it's not likely. We were discussing the problems from every conceivable angle. No conceivable technology can prevent petroleum combustion from producing carbon dioxide. However, there are some conceivable risks of abuse. It is conceivable that we could solve all our problems.</p> <p>Synonyms: understandable, credible, believable, thinkable, imaginable</p>
curable	<p>If a disease or illness is curable, it can be cured.</p> <p>Synonyms: treatable, improvable, remediable, reparable, corrigible, amenable to cure, susceptible to cure, subject to cure, medicable, not hopeless, correctable, capable of improvement, healable, restorable, mendable, reversible</p>

dependable	<p>able to be trusted to do what you need or expect</p> <p>our most dependable ally a dependable source of income a dependable car He thought of himself as a responsible and dependable person. It has become like an old friend, seen daily: not always dependable, but usually interesting, and sometimes right. The vines from these slopes produce wine of an extremely dependable quality. They needed a dependable legal environment for the conduct of their business.</p> <p>Synonyms: trustworthy, reliable, steady</p>
dispensable	<p>If someone or something is dispensable they are not really needed. not necessary or important and so easy to get rid of</p> <p>Synonyms: unnecessary, unimportant, nonessential</p>
distinguishable	<p>If something is distinguishable from other things, it has a quality or feature which makes it possible for you to recognize it and see that it is different. easy to recognize as being different from something else</p> <p>...features that make their products distinguishable from those of their rivals. The fake was barely distinguishable from the original painting.</p>
enjoyable	<p>Something that is enjoyable gives you pleasure.</p> <p>It was much more enjoyable than I had expected. I try to make my lessons more enjoyable by using games. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. We spent an enjoyable evening playing cards.</p> <p>Synonyms: pleasant, agreeable, delightful, fun</p>
enviable	<p>You describe something such as a quality as enviable when someone else has it and you wish that you had it too. an enviable quality, position, or possession is good and other people would like to have it</p> <p>Now he was in the enviable position of not having to work for a living. They have enviable reputations as athletes. Russia is in the enviable position of having a budget surplus.</p> <p>Synonyms: desirable, sought-after, advantageous, superior</p>
excusable	<p>If you say that someone's wrong words or actions are excusable, you mean that they can be understood and forgiven.</p> <p>I then realized that he had made a simple but excusable mistake. an excusable reaction of anger</p> <p>Synonyms: pardonable, forgivable, understandable, justifiable, reasonable, defensible, permissible, passable, slight, minor, vindicable, allowable, venial, explainable, harmless, not too bad,</p>
explicable	<p>If something is explicable, it can be explained and understood because it is logical or sensible.</p> <p>able to be easily understood or explained This situation, though it seems bizarre, was really quite explicable.</p> <p>Synonyms: explainable, solvable, intelligible, understandable</p>
Flammable	<p>Flammable chemicals, gases, cloth catch fire and burn easily.</p> <p>...flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin. Caution! Highly flammable liquid.</p> <p>Synonyms: inflammable, combustible, ignitable</p>

immeasurable	<p>If you describe something as immeasurable, you are emphasizing how great it is.</p> <p>His contribution is immeasurable. “Dae Ho’s English has improved immeasurably,” said Elijah. The war has caused immeasurable suffering. I count that an immeasurable plus.</p>
immovable	<p>An immovable object is fixed and cannot be moved.</p> <p>If someone is immovable in their attitude to something, they will not change their mind. On one issue, however, she was immovable. Lock your bike to something immovable like a railing or lamp-post. The president is immovable on this issue. He is solid; immovable, iron-willed.</p>
imperishable	<p>Something that is imperishable cannot disappear or be destroyed.</p> <p>a set of imperishable truths Synonyms: enduring, immortal, perpetual</p>
inevitable	<p>If something is inevitable, it is certain to happen and cannot be prevented or avoided.</p> <p>It's inevitable that doctors will make the occasional mistake. Disease was an inevitable consequence of poor living conditions. If the population continues to expand, mass starvation and ecological disaster will be the inevitable consequence. It was inevitable that he'd find out her secret sooner or later. Nina could never escape the inevitable comparisons that people made between her and her twin.</p>
Innumerable	<p>Innumerable means very many or too many to be counted.</p> <p>Elijah has invented innumerable excuses, told endless lies. She has received innumerable get-well cards and flowers. Synonyms: countless</p>
insatiable	<p>If someone has an insatiable desire for something, they want as much of it as they can possibly get.</p> <p>The public has an insatiable appetite for stories about the famous. his insatiable appetite for power our insatiable thirst for knowledge Humankind seems to have an insatiable urge to conquer and explore. She had an insatiable thirst for attention.</p>
insupportable	<p>If you say that something is insupportable, you mean that it cannot be coped with or accepted.</p> <p>Too much spending on rearmament would place an insupportable burden on the nation's productive capacity. insupportable pain Her behavior was insupportable. Synonyms: insufferable, dreadful, intolerable</p>
insurmountable	<p>A problem that is insurmountable is so great that it cannot be dealt with successfully.</p> <p>The language difference proved an insurmountable barrier. Graham overcame seemingly insurmountable transportation barriers to complete his tour. Synonyms: insuperable, unconquerable, unbeatable</p>

invaluable	<p>If you describe something as invaluable, you mean that it is extremely useful.</p> <p>I was able to gain invaluable experience over that year. The research should prove invaluable in the study of linguistics. Your advice has been invaluable to us. This help was invaluable in focusing my ideas. The internet is an invaluable source of information. Improved sewage and water services were invaluable in preventing disease. Margaret's sensible suggestions have been invaluable to us. Martin's marketing expertise has been invaluable to our project. This book has been invaluable as a source of teaching materials.</p> <p>Synonyms: priceless, valuable, precious</p>
inviolable	<p>If a law or principle is inviolable, you must not break it.</p> <p>The game had a single inviolable rule: obstacles were to be overcome, not circumvented.</p> <p>Synonyms: unbreakable</p>
Irreplaceable	<p>Irreplaceable things are so special that they cannot be replaced if they are lost or destroyed.</p> <p>Works of art were lost, many of them irreplaceable. Fathers have a unique and irreplaceable role to play in child development. ...a rare and irreplaceable jewel.</p>
irrevocable	<p>If a decision, action, or change is irrevocable, it cannot be changed or reversed.</p> <p>He said the decision was irrevocable. Think about the situation carefully before you take an irrevocable step. Her decision was immediate and irrevocable. I posted the letter, then realized that what I had done was irrevocable, and that I couldn't change my mind now.</p>
laughable	<p>If you say that something such as an idea or suggestion is laughable, you mean that it is so stupid as to be funny and not worth serious consideration.</p> <p>The price of the house was almost laughable.</p>
manageable	<p>Something that is manageable is of a size, quantity, or level of difficulty that people are able to deal with.</p> <p>Divide the task into manageable sections. My hair's more manageable since I had it cut.</p> <p>Synonyms: controllable</p>
memorable	<p>Something that is memorable is worth remembering or likely to be remembered, because it is special or very enjoyable.</p> <p>We want to make this a truly memorable day for the children. What's your most memorable moment from your years on the stage? Dickens' characters are very vivid and memorable. For Clarissa Grey, the summer had been memorable because she had been consistently happy.</p> <p>Synonyms: remarkable, exceptional, extraordinary, singular</p>

notable	<p>Someone or something that is notable is important or interesting. important, interesting, excellent, or unusual enough to be noticed or mentioned</p> <p>The proposed new structure is notable not only for its height, but for its shape.</p> <p>A notable feature of the church is its unusual bell tower.</p> <p>The town is notable for its busy open-air market.</p> <p>Synonyms: distinguished, important, striking, remarkable</p>
noticeable	<p>Something that is noticeable is very obvious, so that it is easy to see, hear, or recognize.</p> <p>Alcohol has a noticeable effect on the body.</p> <p>It was noticeable that many of them avoided answering the question.</p> <p>After two days there was a noticeable improvement in his health.</p> <p>Don't worry; the stain is hardly noticeable.</p> <p>It was noticeable that no one at the party was under 40.</p> <p>It was quite noticeable that everyone had been invited except for Gail.</p> <p>Most people are not affected by the chemical in any noticeable way.</p> <p>Synonyms: observable, appreciable, discernible, perceptible, detectable</p>
pitiable	<p>Someone who is pitiable is in such a sad or weak state that you feel pity for them.</p> <p>the pitiable victims of war</p>
predictable	<p>If you say that an event is predictable, you mean that it is obvious in advance that it will happen.</p> <p>The snow had a predictable effect on traffic.</p> <p>an entertaining but predictable film</p> <p>Logan's reaction was predictable.</p> <p>Horror movies can be so predictable.</p> <p>In the current economic climate it is fairly predictable that unemployment will continue to rise.</p>
presentable	<p>If you say that someone looks presentable, you mean that they look fairly tidy or attractive.</p> <p>She managed to make herself presentable in time for work.</p> <p>She's a presentable young woman.</p> <p>Let's tidy up and make the house a bit more presentable.</p> <p>I must go and make myself presentable.</p> <p>Arnold was a very presentable young fellow.</p> <p>It will take about \$7,500 to make the house presentable to buyers.</p> <p>We don't have to wear suits for work, but we do have to look presentable.</p>
reputable	<p>A reputable company or person is reliable and can be trusted.</p> <p>If you have a burglar alarm fitted, make sure it is done by a reputable company.</p> <p>Before you buy a used car it's best to go to a reputable garage.</p> <p>How do we know that all the firms involved in this deal are reputable?</p> <p>If you are going to be out late, book a taxi from a reputable firm.</p> <p>Most reputable suppliers advertise in Birds magazine.</p> <p>Only buy floppy disks that have come from a reputable source.</p> <p>She had her antique vases valued by a reputable dealer.</p> <p>the nation's most reputable newspaper</p> <p>Synonyms: respectable, trustworthy, dignified, estimable, worthy, creditable</p>

tractable	<p>If you say that a person, problem, or device is tractable, you mean that they can be easily controlled or dealt with.</p> <p>The country's economic problems are less tractable than first thought.</p>
workable	<p>A workable idea or system is realistic and practical, and likely to be effective.</p> <p>a workable solution to the problem</p> <p>Getting your goal clear in your mind is the first step in making a dream real, workable, possible.</p> <p>Synonyms: useful, practicable, functional</p>

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accessible	<p>If something is accessible to people, they can easily use it or obtain it.</p> <p>The legal aid system should be accessible to more people.</p> <p>The Centre is easily accessible to the general public.</p> <p>The island is only accessible by boat.</p> <p>There is a church which is easily accessible from my home.</p> <p>Computers should be made readily accessible to teachers and pupils.</p> <p>All of the ski resorts are accessible from the hotel via free public transportation.</p> <p>Because of the snow, many parts of the countryside are only accessible by helicopter.</p> <p>Griffey's fans say that he is very accessible and down-to-earth.</p> <p>He was specifically asked to write a play that would be accessible to the local community.</p> <p>I don't find James Joyce's writing very accessible.</p> <p>Synonyms: approachable, open, obtainable, attainable</p>
audible	<p>A sound that is audible is loud enough to be heard.</p> <p>The Colonel's voice was barely audible.</p> <p>His voice was barely audible above the noise of the generator.</p> <p>The signal is clearly audible up to 200 miles away.</p> <p>There was an audible gasp from the audience.</p> <p>When the engine finally started she gave an audible sigh of relief.</p> <p>Synonyms: perceptible, discernible, distinct, actually heard, perceptible by the ear, loud enough to be heard</p>
compatible	<p>If things, for example systems, ideas, and beliefs, are compatible, they work well together or can exist together successfully.</p> <p>Certain kinds of drug are not compatible and should never been taken together.</p> <p>Unfortunately he bought a printer that was not compatible with his computer.</p> <p>If you say that you are compatible with someone, you mean that you have a good relationship with them because you have similar opinions and interests.</p> <p>Mildred and I are very compatible. She's interested in the things that interest me.</p> <p>Compatible couples generally share the same values and have similar lifestyles and goals.</p>

	<p>The success of a relationship depends largely on how compatible two people are and how well they communicate.</p> <p>The two businesses have compatible aims, and a merger would be to everyone's advantage.</p>
comprehensible	<p>Something that is comprehensible can be understood.</p> <p>Her speech was slurred and barely comprehensible.</p> <p>comprehensible instructions</p> <p>Each entry in the guide is brief and immediately comprehensible.</p> <p>Visual aids can make lessons much more interesting and comprehensible.</p> <p>Synonyms: intelligible, understandable</p>
contemptible	<p>If you feel that someone or something is contemptible, you feel strong dislike and disrespect for them.</p> <p>...this contemptible act of violence.</p> <p>Synonyms: despicable, base, worthless</p>
Credible	<p>Credible means able to be trusted or believed.</p> <p>He was unable to give a credible explanation for his behaviour.</p> <p>Her excuse was barely credible.</p> <p>Synonyms: believable</p>
edible	<p>If something is edible, it is safe to eat and not poisonous.</p> <p>These berries are edible, but those are poisonous.</p> <p>edible plants</p> <p>Are these mushrooms edible?</p> <p>The meal was barely edible.</p> <p>There are many edible fruits growing wild in the coastal forest.</p> <p>Synonyms: eatable, consumable</p>
illegible	<p>Writing that is illegible is so unclear that you cannot read it.</p> <p>His handwriting is totally illegible.</p> <p>I don't know what this note says - Dad's handwriting is totally illegible!</p> <p>Ron's handwriting is completely illegible.</p> <p>The label had got wet and was now illegible.</p> <p>Synonyms: unreadable, indecipherable, unintelligible</p>
incorrigible	<p>If you tell someone they are incorrigible, you are saying, often in a humorous way, that they have faults which will never change.</p> <p>He was an incorrigible liar too.</p> <p>Synonyms: incurable, uncorrectable, irreparable, hopeless</p>
indestructible	<p>If something is indestructible, it is very strong and cannot be destroyed.</p> <p>This type of plastic is almost indestructible.</p> <p>her indestructible optimism</p> <p>Gold is virtually indestructible.</p> <p>Diamonds are practically indestructible.</p> <p>Until the accident, the Titanic was considered indestructible.</p> <p>Synonyms: durable, unchangeable, immortal, strong</p>
invincible	<p>If you describe an army or sports team as invincible, you believe that they cannot be defeated.</p> <p>an invincible army</p> <p>Young athletes think of themselves as invincible.</p> <p>Weapons that would have been invincible twenty years before are now vulnerable and obsolete.</p> <p>Synonyms: unconquerable, invulnerable, insuperable, powerful</p>

irresistible	<p>If you describe something such as a desire or force as irresistible, you mean that it is so powerful that it makes you act in a certain way, and there is nothing you can do to prevent this.</p> <p>If you describe something or someone as irresistible, you mean that they are so good or attractive that you cannot stop yourself from liking them or wanting them.</p> <p>the irresistible aroma of fresh bread</p> <p>The table was covered with irresistible chocolate desserts of all descriptions.</p> <p>Synonyms: overpowering, overwhelming</p>
negligible	<p>An amount or effect that is negligible is so small that it is not worth considering or worrying about.</p> <p>that can be neglected or disregarded because small, unimportant, etc.</p> <p>The pay that the soldiers received was negligible.</p> <p>The damage done to his property was negligible.</p> <p>Each piece of candy contains a negligible amount of fat.</p> <p>The difference in cost would be negligible.</p>
reversible	<p>If a process or an action is reversible, its effects can be reversed so that the original situation returns.</p> <p>Heart disease is reversible in some cases, according to a study published last summer.</p> <p>Smokers gradually lose their sense of smell, but this is reversible when they quit.</p>
irreversible	<p>If a change is irreversible, things cannot be changed back to the way they were before.</p> <p>She could suffer irreversible brain damage if she is not treated within seven days.</p> <p>Fossil fuels have caused irreversible damage to the environment.</p> <p>an irreversible decision</p> <p>Despite claims made by skincare manufacturers, the effects of ageing are irreversible.</p> <p>New technology has brought about irreversible changes in society.</p>

If someone or something is __-less, he or it does not have certain qualities or does not possess something.

harmless	colorless	homeless	joyless	sleepless
childless	countless	helpless	noiseless	weightless
cloudless	friendless	jobless	painless	useless

aimless	<p>A person or activity that is aimless has no clear purpose or plan. a young man drifting through life in an aimless way The novel seems aimless, and the characters are stereotypes. Synonyms: purposeless, pointless,</p>
bottomless	<p>If you describe something as bottomless, you mean that it is so deep that it seems to have no bottom. a bottomless hole, sea etc is one that is extremely deep There was a rope dangling down into a dark, bottomless hole. In the dream, I was falling and falling in a bottomless abyss. the bottomless depths of the ocean To the child the hole seemed like a bottomless pit.</p>
boundless	<p>If you describe something as boundless, you mean that there seems to be no end or limit to it. boundless energy and enthusiasm</p>
brainless	<p>If you describe someone or something as brainless, you mean that you think they are stupid. What a brainless thing to do! My sister's latest boyfriend is pretty brainless; it's impossible to have a conversation with him. You brainless idiot!</p>
careless	<p>If you are careless, you do not pay enough attention to what you are doing, and so you make mistakes, or cause harm or damage. I'm sorry. How careless of me. He's careless with his glasses and has lost three pairs. It was careless of him to leave the door unlocked. a careless mistake careless driving Don't be so careless. I made a few careless mistakes. Synonyms: inattentive, incautious</p>
ceaseless	<p>If something, often something unpleasant, is ceaseless, it continues for a long time without stopping or changing. Synonyms: continual, endless, unending</p>
Countless	<p>Countless means very many. a famous film clip which has been shown countless times Synonyms: innumerable, incalculable, numberless</p>

faultless	<p>Something that is faultless is perfect and has no mistakes at all.</p> <p>Hans's English was faultless.</p> <p>...Mary Thomson's faultless and impressive performance on the show.</p> <p>a faultless memory</p>
fearless	<p>If you say that someone is fearless, you mean that they are not afraid at all, and you admire them for this.</p> <p>These animals are fearless and very aggressive.</p>
flawless	<p>If you say that something or someone is flawless, you mean that they are extremely good and that there are no faults or problems with them.</p>
limitless	<p>If you describe something as limitless, you mean that there is or appears to be so much of it that it will never be exhausted.</p> <p>...a cheap and potentially limitless supply of energy</p> <p>The opportunities are limitless.</p> <p>Synonyms: unending, boundless, immeasurable</p>
featureless	<p>If you say that something is featureless, you mean that it has no interesting features or characteristics. (a featureless place has no interesting parts to notice)</p> <p>Malone looked out at the grey-green featureless landscape.</p> <p>a large featureless expanse of desert</p> <p>In the middle of these otherwise featureless plains is a striking range of mountains.</p> <p>It was flat, featureless coastline.</p>
formless	<p>Something that is formless does not have a clear or definite structure or shape. (having no definite or regular form or plan; shapeless)</p> <p>formless images</p>
graceless	<p>Something that is graceless is unattractive and not at all interesting or charming.</p> <p>It was a massive, graceless house.</p> <p>A graceless movement is clumsy and uncontrolled.</p> <p>He dropped gracelessly into a chair opposite her.</p> <p>If you describe someone as graceless, you mean that their behavior is impolite. (not being polite, especially when someone has been kind to you)</p> <p>She couldn't stand his blunt, graceless manner.</p>
heartless	<p>If you describe someone as heartless, you mean that they are cruel and unkind, and have no sympathy for anyone or anything.</p> <p>I couldn't believe they were so heartless.</p> <p>How can you be so heartless?</p> <p>She was a heartless, money-grabbing woman who made her fortune from the misery and desperation of others.</p> <p>Todd's father was cold and heartless.</p>
hopeless	<p>If you feel hopeless, you feel very unhappy because there seems to be no possibility of a better situation or success.</p> <p>The economic crisis makes jobs almost impossible to find and even able pupils feel hopeless about job prospects.</p> <p>I began to feel lonely and hopeless.</p> <p>Someone or something thing that is hopeless is certain to fail or be unsuccessful.</p> <p>We tried to stop the flames from spreading, but we knew it was hopeless.</p> <p>Getting your work published often seems a hopeless task .</p> <p>I kept on struggling forward, even though I knew it was hopeless .</p>

	<p>very bad I'm a hopeless cook. used, often humorously, to say that someone's bad behavior cannot be changed (impossible to solve, cure, deal with, teach, etc.) Oh, James, you really are a hopeless case (=it seems impossible to change your behavior)!</p>
lifeless	<p>If a person or animal is lifeless, they are dead, or are so still that they appear to be dead. Their cold-blooded killers had then dragged their lifeless bodies upstairs to the bathroom. Anton's lifeless body was found floating in the lake. The men found Dunlap's lifeless body slumped in the front seat of his car. My hair always seems to look lank and lifeless, even though I make sure that I wash and condition it regularly. A lifeless place or area does not have anything living or growing there at all. The surface of the moon is arid and lifeless.</p>
merciless	<p>If you describe someone as merciless, you mean that they are very cruel or determined and do not show any concern for the effect their actions have on other people. (without mercy; having, feeling, or showing no mercy; pitiless; cruel; implacable) a merciless attack a merciless killer They gave Donlan the same merciless beating Clark received in Chicago.</p>
penniless	<p>Someone who is penniless has hardly any money at all. (without even a penny; extremely poor) ...a penniless refugee. Uncle Charlie was jobless and penniless.</p>
pitiless	<p>Someone or something that is pitiless shows no pity or kindness. He saw the pitiless eyes of his enemy. a pitiless tyrant; the pitiless bombing of Guernica a pitiless dictator; the pitiless desert sun ... there is plenty of material for a new novel about pitiless employers and hapless employees. Synonyms: merciless, ruthless, remorseless, soulless, heartless, cold, stony, insensible, uncaring, iron-hearted, unmerciful, hardhearted, cold-blooded, inhuman, brutal</p>
priceless	<p>If you say that something is priceless, you are emphasizing that it is worth a very large amount of money. (extremely valuable) ...the priceless treasures of the Royal Collection. priceless works of art; a priceless oil painting The house was full of priceless antiques. The tablet gives us priceless knowledge about civilization 3,500 years ago. Synonyms: invaluable, inestimable, without price</p>
reckless	<p>If you say that someone is reckless, you mean that they act in a way which shows that they do not care about danger or the effect their behavior will have on other people. (not caring or worrying about the possible bad or dangerous results of your actions) He is charged with causing death by reckless driving. young men recklessly risking their lives in dangerous sports</p>

selfless	<p>If you say that someone is selfless, you approve of them because they care about other people more than themselves.</p> <p>He dedicated his entire life to selfless service to his country. devoted to others' welfare or interests and not one's own;</p> <p>Synonyms: unselfish; altruistic</p>
shameless	<p>If you describe someone as shameless, you mean that they should be ashamed of their behaviour, which is unacceptable to other people.</p> <p>the shameless way he lied to us Lewis is shameless in making promises he doesn't intend to keep.</p>
speechless	<p>If you are speechless, you are temporarily unable to speak, usually because something has shocked you.</p> <p>Alex was almost speechless with rage and despair. Her children's behavior is sometimes so bad that it leaves her speechless.</p>
spiritless	<p>If someone is spiritless, they lack energy, courage, and liveliness.</p> <p>They were too spiritless even to resist.</p> <p>Synonyms: dull, apathetic, unconcerned</p>
tactless	<p>If you describe someone as tactless, you think what they say or do is likely to offend other people.</p> <p>I thought it would be tactless to ask about her divorce. She's one of the most tactless people I've ever met. He made all sorts of tactless remarks about her appearance. How could he be so tactless as to make jokes about funerals when her father's just died? I wanted to know about her divorce but thought it would be tactless to ask. It was a bit tactless of you to start talking about her ex-boyfriend. She was often tactless and insensitive.</p>
tasteless	<p>If you describe something such as furniture, clothing, or the way that a house is decorated as tasteless, you consider it to be vulgar and unattractive.</p> <p>...a flat crammed with spectacularly tasteless objets d'art. I think a lot of modern architecture is completely tasteless. It was an ugly room with tasteless decorations and shabby furniture.</p> <p>If you describe food or drink as tasteless, you mean that it has very little or no flavour.</p> <p>a plate of tasteless, overcooked vegetables</p>
witless	<p>If you describe something or someone as witless, you mean that they are very foolish or stupid.</p> <p>And your witless behavior is causing me more trouble in the end. Frank's sharpness shines through at times, but David's ad-libs rarely rise above witless rubbish.</p>
worthless	<p>Something that is worthless is of no real value or use.</p> <p>The guarantee could be worthless if the firm goes out of business. Training is worthless unless there is proof that it works. ...a worthless piece of old junk. The information was worthless to me. a completely worthless exercise I'm afraid this banknote is a forgery; it's just a worthless piece of paper. When he died, all my uncle left me was a worthless plot of land.</p> <p>Someone who is described as worthless is considered to have no good qualities or skills.</p>

-MOST

-most is added to adjectives in order to form other adjectives that describe something as being further in a particular direction than other things of the same kind.

easternmost	The easternmost part of an area or the easternmost place is the one that is farthest towards the east. Punta Maisi is the easternmost point in Cuba. Syllaion, in Troizenia, is the easternmost point of the Peloponnese.
foremost	The foremost thing or person in a group is the most important or best. He was one of the world's foremost scholars of ancient Indian culture. one of the country's foremost authorities on chemical warfare Rostropovich was long considered the world's foremost cellist.
furthermost	The furthestmost one of a number of similar things is the one that is the greatest distance away from a place. We walked to the furthestmost point and then sat on the sand dunes. Martin was standing at the furthestmost edge of the terrace, looking over the gardens and down to the sea.
Inmost, innermost	Inmost means the same as innermost. Your innermost thoughts and feelings are your most personal and secret ones. ...revealing a company's innermost secrets. He knew in his inmost heart that he was behaving badly. Many patients have told me their innermost thoughts. a man who would never share his innermost thoughts with anyone The innermost thing is the one that is nearest to the centre. ...the innermost part of the eye. the innermost depths of the cave
northernmost	The northernmost part of an area or the northernmost place is the one that is farthest towards the north. ...the northernmost tip of the British Isles. The northernmost zone has the least continuous plant cover, the most patterned ground exposed, and the narrowest range of communities.
outermost	The outermost thing in a group is the one that is furthest from the centre. They are going to explore Jupiter's outermost atmosphere for the first time. On the outermost point of the peninsula we could see straight over to Midland Isle and just beyond that to Skomer Island.
southernmost	The southernmost part of an area or the southernmost place is the one that is farthest towards the south. ...Aswan, Egypt's southernmost city. Tierra del Fuego is the southernmost tip of South America. the southernmost tip of India
topmost	The topmost thing in a number of things is the one that is highest or nearest the top. ...the topmost branches of a gigantic oak tree. The topmost branches were still bathed in sunlight.

uppermost	<p>The uppermost part of something is the part that is higher than the rest of it. The uppermost thing is the highest one of a group of things.</p> <p>The rain spattered on the uppermost leaves. Place the pizza on the uppermost oven rack. The children's safety should be your uppermost concern. Emily seemed to sense this too as she gazed at the uppermost branches.</p>
westernmost	<p>The westernmost part of an area or the westernmost place is the one that is farthest towards the west.</p> <p>...the westernmost province of North Sudan. the westernmost island of South America Atchison lies at the westernmost point in this bend, on the western side of the river.</p>

-PHILE

One that loves, likes, or is attracted to **[bibliophile, Russophile]**

Bibliophile Anglophile Germanophile

Cinephile Francophile Russophile

-PHOBE

One fears or hates **[Francophobe]**

Francophobe Russophobe Germanophobe Negrophobe Technophobe

-ESQUE

having the quality of; like **[statuesque]**

picturesque	<p>A picturesque place is attractive and interesting, and has no ugly modern buildings.</p> <p>He rents a small house in the picturesque old quarter of town. the picturesque town of Monterey We visited the picturesque fishing village of Lochinver. A picturesque spot with well laid out gardens and leisure centre. At the time, Dorset was beginning the transition from picturesque dairy country to affluent summer artist colony. Conwy Town is a picturesque and richly historic touring centre.</p>
statuesque	<p>A statuesque woman is big and tall, and stands straight.</p> <p>She was a statuesque brunette.</p>

MORE EXAMPLES FOR –PHILE, -PHOBE

Philia – (a noun suffix) strong or abnormal attraction to....

audiophilia	love of high-fidelity sound reproduction
bibliophilia	love of books
cinophilia	love of cinema and movie
glossophilia	love of languages
logophilia	love of words - logophiles may be interested in word games, such as crosswords, or scrabble.
neophilia	love of the latest novelties and trends
technophilia	love of technology

anglophile	a non-English person who is extremely fond of all things English. Antonym – Anglophobe
francophile	a fan of French culture. Antonym – Francophobe
europhile	a person who wants to increase cooperation between governments within the European Union. Antonym – Eurosceptic
germanophile	a fan of German culture
hellenophile	a fan of Greek culture
indophile	a fan of India
koreophile	a person who loves Korean culture, people, and language.
russoiphilia	love of Russia and/or Russians. Antonym - Russophobe.
sinophile	a non-Chinese person with a strong interest in China or Chinese culture. Antonym - Sinophobe
japanophile	a non-Japanese person with a strong interest in Japan or Japanese culture. Antonym – Japanophobe!!!

PHOBIAS

-phobia – (a noun suffix) an irrational, excessive, and persistent fear of some particular thing or situation; fear, dread, hatred.

altophobia	fear of heights.
aichmophobia	fear of sharp or pointed objects (such as a needle or knife).
aquaphobia	fear of water.
arachnophobia	fear of spiders.
aviophobia	fear of flying.
bacillophobia, bacteriophobia, microbiophobia	fear of microbes and bacteria.
bathophobia	Fear of depths
claustrophobia	fear of having no escape and being closed in.
dental phobia, dentophobia	fear of dentists and dental procedures
glossophobia	fear of speaking in public or of trying to speak.
hemophobia, haemophobia	fear of blood.
pyrophobia	fear of fire.
sociophobia	fear of people or social situations.
scolionophobia	fear of school.
spectrophobia	fear of mirrors and one's own reflections.
xenophobia	fear of strangers, foreigners, or aliens.
ailurophobia	fear/dislike of cats.
apiphobia	fear/dislike of bees (also known as melissophobia, from the Greek melissa "bee").
arachnophobia	fear/dislike of spiders and other arachnids.
cynophobia	fear/dislike of dogs.
entomophobia	fear/dislike of insects.
herpetophobia	fear/dislike of reptiles and/or amphibians.
musophobia	fear/dislike of mice and/or rats.
ophidiophobia	fear/dislike of snakes.

-FUL

- a) full of, characterized by, having [joyful, painful]
- b) having the qualities of [masterful]
- c) having the ability or tendency to, apt to [helpful, forgetful]

harmful	painful	purposeful	successful
joyful	peaceful	skillful	wonderful
meaningful	powerful	stressful	

all-powerful	<p>An all-powerful person or organization has the power to do anything they want.</p> <p>an all-powerful dictator Catherine the Great, the all-powerful ruler of the Russian Empire The all-powerful central committee meets twice a year.</p>
bashful	<p>Someone who is bashful is shy and easily embarrassed.</p> <p>He seemed bashful and awkward. ...a bashful young lady. Don't be bashful about telling people how you feel. Sheila was never bashful about asking a question.</p>
boastful	<p>If someone is boastful, they talk too proudly about something that they have done or that they own. [DISAPPROVAL]</p>
deceitful	<p>If you say that someone is deceitful, you mean that they behave in a dishonest way by making other people believe something that is not true.</p> <p>I don't trust her. I think she has a deceitful smile. The company has engaged in deceitful practices for years. Syn. dishonest, tricky, cunning, insincere</p>
delightful	<p>If you describe something or someone as delightful, you mean they are very pleasant.</p> <p>It was the most delightful garden I had ever seen. a delightful little girl The whole house is delightful. A simple salad and fresh bread can make a delightful meal. Their new house is delightful, very spacious and light. There's a delightful moment towards the end of the film, when they see each other briefly again. This delightful Chianti has complex black cherry and herb flavors. Syn. charming, engaging, amusing; (said of people)</p>
disrespectful	<p>If you are disrespectful, you show no respect in the way that you speak or behave to someone.</p>
dreadful	<p>If you say that something is dreadful, you mean that it is very bad or unpleasant, or very poor in quality.</p> <p>They told us the dreadful news. We've made a dreadful mistake. We've had some dreadful weather lately. Michelle felt absolutely dreadful (=very ill) . "How did you like the film?" "I thought it was dreadful." The coffee tasted dreadful! He looks dreadful/y ill. You behaved dreadful/y. The team played dreadful/y. I am dreadful/y sorry for any damage I may have caused. You must be dreadful/y disappointed!</p>

dutiful	<p>If you say that someone is dutiful, you mean that they do everything that they are expected to do.</p> <p>a dutiful son All my life I have been an obedient, dutiful daughter. She rejected the traditional female roles of docile daughter and dutiful wife. Tom Campbell has been a loyal and dutiful employee of this firm for 25 years.</p>
eventful	<p>If you describe an event or a period of time as eventful, you mean that a lot of interesting, exciting, or important things have happened during it.</p> <p>She's led quite an eventful life. an eventful day The poet Arthur Rimbaud led a short but extremely eventful life. When Marilyn Monroe died the press was anxious to uncover every aspect of her eventful career.</p>
faithful	<p>remaining loyal to a particular person, belief, political party etc and continuing to support them</p> <p>Hollis was a good and faithful friend . years of faithful service to the company our faithful family dog, Bogey Eileen became a faithful member of the church. I've always been faithful, I've never cheated on you, not once!</p> <p>Syn. loyal, devoted, dedicated, true, reliable, dependable, dutiful, trustworthy, trusted, honest, sincere, truehearted</p>
forgetful	<p>Someone who is forgetful often forgets things.</p> <p>My grandfather's getting so forgetful - I have to remind him to take his medication. She was easily distracted and forgetful at school.</p>
graceful	<p>Something that is graceful is attractive because it has a pleasing shape or style.</p> <p>His handwriting, from earliest young manhood, was flowing and graceful. Syn. elegant, neat, well-proportioned, symmetrical, pretty, harmonious, beautiful, comely, handsome, fair, delicate, tasteful, exquisite, statuesque.</p> <p>Someone or something that is graceful moves in a smooth and controlled way which is attractive to watch.</p> <p>His movements were so graceful they seemed effortless.</p>
grateful	<p>If you are grateful for something that someone has given you or done for you, you have warm, friendly feelings towards them and wish to thank them.</p> <p>She was grateful to him for being so good to her. I'm so grateful for all your help. Fay is one of Dr. Scott's grateful patients. I'm really grateful for everything you've done for me. My daughter was rescued safely, and I am very grateful to the firemen. 'That's kind of you, Sally,' Claire said gratefully. All contributions will be gratefully received .</p>
hurtful	<p>If you say that someone's comments or actions are hurtful, you mean that they are unkind and upsetting.</p>

hopeful	<p>If you are hopeful, you are fairly confident that something that you want to happen will happen.</p> <p>Everyone's feeling pretty hopeful about the future. I'm quite hopeful that I'll get the job.</p> <p>Syn. expectant, enthusiastic, full of hope, optimistic</p>
mistrustful	<p>If you are mistrustful of someone, you do not trust them.</p> <p>He had always been mistrustful of women.</p> <p>Syn. skeptical, unsure; doubtful, suspicious</p>
mournful	<p>If you are mournful, you are very sad.</p> <p>He looked mournful, even near to tears. His voice sounded so mournful that tears came into her eyes. slow, mournful music The dog lay at his feet, looking up from time to time with big mournful eyes.</p> <p>Syn. sorrowful, mourning, forlorn, unhappy;</p>
neglectful	<p>If you describe someone as neglectful, you think they fail to do everything they should do to look after someone or something properly.</p> <p>...neglectful parents.</p>
Reproachful	<p>Reproachful expressions or remarks show that you are disappointed, upset, or angry because someone has done something wrong. A reproachful look, remark etc shows that you are criticizing someone or blaming them</p> <p>She gave Isabelle a reproachful look.</p> <p>Luke's mother stopped smiling and looked reproachful/y at him.</p>
respectful	<p>If you are respectful, you show respect for someone.</p> <p>The children in our family are always respectful to their elders.</p> <p>Syn. considerate, attentive, courteous, polite, reverent, dutiful;</p>
resourceful	<p>Someone who is resourceful is good at finding ways of dealing with problems.</p> <p>He was amazingly inventive and resourceful, and played a major role in my career.</p> <p>Keen competition in the arts, crafts and trade made the Greeks an inventive and resourceful people.</p> <p>She's a shrewd, resourceful woman and will certainly be able to cope.</p> <p>We can influence our children's development by encouraging them to be resourceful when they play.</p>
shameful	<p>If you describe a person's action or attitude as shameful, you think that it is so bad that the person ought to be ashamed. [DISAPPROVAL]</p> <p>It's shameful the way some people treat their pets.</p> <p>Divorce is no longer so shameful and is popularly seen as a permissible solution to marital difficulties.</p>
spiteful	<p>Someone who is spiteful does cruel things to hurt people they dislike; deliberately nasty to someone in order to hurt or upset them</p> <p>She was spiteful and unkind, both to Isabel and to her son.</p> <p>a spiteful remark</p> <p>On the rare occasions when he was angry, Lowry could be spiteful and petty.</p> <p>That was a wicked and spiteful thing to do.</p> <p>You shouldn't be so spiteful to your sister.</p> <p>His white face was spiteful, threatening.</p>

tactful	<p>If you describe a person or what they say as tactful you approve of them because they are careful not to offend or upset another person.</p> <p>[APPROVAL]</p> <p>Can you help me think of a tactful way to ask her to stop calling? I wish you'd be more tactful - didn't you realize she was divorced? It wasn't very tactful of you to ask whether he'd put on weight. My parents tried to be tactful about my new boyfriend, but I knew they didn't like him.</p> <p>Syn. urbane, suave, considerate, courteous, adroit, gentle</p>
tasteful	<p>If you say that something is tasteful, you consider it to be attractive, elegant, and in good taste.</p> <p>The decor is tasteful and restrained. The room is filled with tasteful furnishings and original artworks.</p> <p>Syn. elegant, nice, fine, exquisite, aesthetic</p>
thoughtful	<p>If you are thoughtful, you are quiet and serious because you are thinking about something.</p> <p>Nancy, who had been thoughtful for some time, suddenly spoke. Daniel nodded thoughtfully. My mother sat and watched me eating my food with a thoughtful expression on her face -- I could tell she had something to say. Paula's such a thoughtful girl.</p> <p>If you describe someone as thoughtful, you approve of them because they remember what other people want, need, or feel, and try not to upset them. [APPROVAL]</p> <p>...a thoughtful and caring man. Thank you. That's very thoughtful of you. It was really thoughtful of you to remember my birthday.</p> <p>Syn. considerate, friendly, kind, kindly, unselfish, concerned, attentive, gallant.</p>
truthful	<p>If a person or their comments are truthful, they are honest and do not tell any lies.</p> <p>a truthful child You and I must be truthful with each other. I have only one question to ask you, and I want a truthful answer.</p>
watchful	<p>Someone who is watchful notices everything that is happening.</p> <p>The entrances are guarded by watchful security staff. His eyes were watchful.</p> <p>Syn. careful, observant.</p>

Actual	Continental	Final	Magical	Unusual
Additional	Cultural	Formal	Medical	Personal
Analytical	Digital	Normal	National	
Central	Ecological	International	Natural	
Classical	Emotional	Local	Real	

abnormal	<p>Someone or something that is abnormal is unusual.</p> <p>...abnormal heart rhythms and high anxiety levels. ...a child with an abnormal fear of strangers. ... abnormal behavior ...an abnormal heartbeat ... abnormal amount Some people suffer an abnormal fear of being in open places. ...abnormal physical strength</p> <p>Syn. strange, irregular, unnatural.</p>
abysmal	<p>If you describe a situation or the condition of something as abysmal, you think that it is very bad or poor in quality.</p> <p>...abysmal failure Living conditions were abysmal. As the chart shows, it has failed abysmally. The standard of education was abysmally low.</p> <p>Syn. hopelessly bad, immeasurably bad.</p>
accidental	<p>An accidental event happens by chance or as the result of an accident, and is not deliberately intended.</p> <p>...accidental death ...accidental damage I accidentally locked myself out of the house. A special locking system means the door cannot be opened accidentally.</p> <p>Syn. chance, unintentional, unplanned, unintended, unanticipated, unforeseen, unexpected, casual, involuntary.</p>
amoral	<p>If you describe someone as amoral, you do not like the way they behave because they do not seem to care whether what they do is right or wrong. [DISAPPROVAL]</p> <p>I strongly disagree with this amoral approach to politics. ... amoral person ... an amoral, greedy businessman Guy was greedy, amoral, obsessed with power and self-gratification.</p>
annual	<p>Annual events happen once every year.</p> <p>...annual conference In its annual report, UNICEF says at least 40,000 children die every day. The school trip has become an annual event. El Salvador produces 100,000 tons of refined copper annual/y. The jazz festival is held annually in July. Her annual income is about \$75,000.</p> <p>Syn. yearly, each year, every year, once a year, occurring every year.</p>

anti-social	<p>Someone who is anti-social is unwilling to meet and be friendly with other people.</p> <p>...teenagers who will become aggressive and anti-social.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour is annoying or upsetting to other people.</p>
artificial	<p>Artificial objects, materials, or processes do not occur naturally and are created by human beings, for example using science or technology.</p> <p>...a wholefood diet free from artificial additives, colours and flavours.</p> <p>The city is dotted with small lakes, natural and artificial.</p> <p>...artificial flowers</p> <p>...artificial light</p> <p>...artificial fertilizers</p> <p>... an artificial smile</p> <p>... artificial Christmas trees</p> <p>Professor Moody wears an artificial leg.</p> <p>On the table was a vase filled with artificial flowers.</p> <p>Our ice cream contains no artificial colors or flavors.</p> <p>The juice contains no artificial coloring or flavors.</p> <p>Syn. unreal, counterfeit, fake, manufactured, man-made, imitation, mock, simulated, false, fabricated, unnatural.</p>
atypical	<p>Someone or something that is atypical is not typical of its kind.</p> <p>This bird is atypical of most species here in that it does not build a nest.</p> <p>Syn. abnormal</p>
banal	<p>If you describe something as banal, you do not like it because you think that it is so ordinary that it is not at all effective or interesting.</p> <p>[DISAPPROVAL]</p> <p>...banal music</p> <p>... banal subjects</p> <p>I was expecting an interesting interview but he only asked a few banal questions about the weather.</p> <p>It was just another banal newspaper story.</p>
beneficial	<p>Something that is beneficial helps people or improves their lives.</p> <p>...vitamins which are beneficial to our health.</p> <p>Using computers has a beneficial effect on children's learning.</p> <p>Cycling is highly beneficial to health and the environment.</p> <p>Syn. useful, advantageous.</p>
bilingual	<p>Bilingual means involving or using two languages.</p> <p>...bilingual education.</p> <p>...the Collins bilingual dictionaries.</p> <p>Someone who is bilingual can speak two languages equally well, usually because they learned both languages as a child.</p> <p>He is bilingual in an Asian language and English.</p> <p>Their kids are completely bilingual.</p> <p>About 80 percent of the school's students are bilingual.</p> <p>I'm bilingual - my mother was French.</p> <p>Many of the pupils are bilingual in Welsh and English.</p>
brutal	<p>A brutal act or person is cruel and violent.</p> <p>He was the victim of a very brutal murder.</p> <p>Jensen is a dangerous man, and can be very brutal and reckless.</p> <p>a brutal attack on a defenseless old man</p> <p>He was brutally murdered.</p> <p>Syn. pitiless, harsh, unmerciful</p>

colossal	<p>If you describe something as colossal, you are emphasizing that it is very large. [EMPHASIS]</p> <p>The task they face is colossal. There has been a colossal waste of public money. ...a colossal statue of the King ...a colossal waste of money ...colossal numbers It was a colossal disappointment. Ramses ordered colossal statues carved in his honor. ...colossal traffic jams ... colossal stupidity Red Cross is the savior during colossal natural disasters like earthquakes and hurricanes and floods and tornadoes.</p> <p>Syn. huge, enormous, immense;</p>
confidential	<p>Information that is confidential is meant to be kept secret or private.</p> <p>She accused them of leaking confidential information about her private life. We'll take good care and keep what you've told us strictly confidential, Mr. Lane. Doctors are required to keep patients' records completely confidential. The information will be regarded as strictly confidential (=completely confidential). Always protect confidential files by locking them with a password.</p> <p>Syn. private, secret.</p>
congenial	<p>A congenial person, place, or environment is pleasant.</p> <p>...congenial company Frank was a very congenial colleague. ...a congenial atmosphere Minnesotans are known for their congenial manner.</p> <p>Syn. agreeable.</p>
continual	<p>A continual process or situation happens or exists without stopping.</p> <p>Despite continual pain, he refused all drugs. The school has been in continual use since 1883. five weeks of continual rain She cried almost continualy and threw temper tantrums. Malcolm was continualy changing his mind.</p>
conventional	<p>Someone who is conventional has behavior or opinions that are ordinary and normal.</p> <p>...a respectable married woman with conventional opinions. ...a young man with conventional tastes in clothes and music Acupuncture may work, but I still believe in a more conventional approach to medicine. Although expensive, it lasts longer and uses less energy than a conventional light bulb. People still wore their hair short and dressed conventionaly.</p> <p>Syn. accepted, standard, traditional, habitual, normal, typical, expected, usual.</p>

convivial	<p>Convivial people or occasions are pleasant, friendly, and relaxed.</p> <p>...looking forward to a convivial evening.</p> <p>The atmosphere was quite convivial.</p> <p>convivial conversation</p> <p>Pubs are good places for a drink and some convivial conversation.</p> <p>The mood was relaxed and convivial.</p> <p>Syn. genial, jovial, companionable, hearty.</p>
cordial	<p>Cordial means friendly.</p> <p>He had never known him to be so chatty and cordial.</p> <p>... cordial greeting</p> <p>They all greeted me very cordial^{ly} and were eager to talk about the new project.</p> <p>Syn. genial, warm, welcoming.</p>
critical	<p>A critical time, factor, or situation is extremely important.</p> <p>...of critical importance.</p> <p>It is absolutely critical for us to know the truth.</p>
crucial	<p>If you describe something as crucial, you mean it is extremely important.</p> <p>...crucial decisions</p> <p>The city of Mycenae played a crucial role in the history of Greece.</p> <p>The conservation of tropical forests is of crucial importance .</p> <p>Chewing properly is crucially important.</p> <p>Learning to work together is a crucial part of the training program.</p> <p>Syn. critical, vital, important, all-important, significant, essential, central, fundamental, basic.</p>
cyclical	<p>A cyclical process is one in which a series of events happens again and again in the same order.</p>
detrimental	<p>Something that is detrimental to something else has a harmful or damaging effect on it.</p> <p>...detrimental to health.</p> <p>Smoking is detrimental to your health.</p> <p>...the detrimental effect of pollution on the environment</p> <p>Syn. damaging.</p>
disloyal	<p>Someone who is disloyal to their friends, family, or country does not support them, or does things that could harm them.</p> <p>Syn. unfaithful, false</p>
economical	<p>Someone who is economical spends money sensibly and does not want to waste it on things that are unnecessary. A way of life that is economical does not need a lot of money.</p> <p>...economical housekeeping.</p> <p>Services could be operated more efficiently and economical^{ly}.</p> <p>Something that is economical does not require a lot of money to operate. For example a car that only uses a small amount of petrol is economical.</p> <p>I'd like to buy a car that is more economical on petrol.</p> <p>I'm trying to be more economical when I go shopping, and only buying what I really need.</p> <p>Syn. reasonable, inexpensive, cheap, low-cost, money-saving.</p>
effectual	<p>If an action or plan is effectual, it succeeds in producing the results that were intended.</p> <p>This is the only effectual way to secure our present and future happiness.</p> <p>Syn. effective, efficient.</p>

emotional	<p>If someone is or becomes emotional, they show their feelings very openly, especially because they are upset.</p> <p>He is a very emotional man. I don't get as emotional as I once did. An emotional situation or issue is one that causes people to have strong feelings. Grandpa gets very emotional when he talks about the war. He's an emotional guy. It was an emotional game for all of us. Most couples remember the arrival of their first baby as a highly emotional time.</p> <p>Syn. sentimental, sensitive, fiery, enthusiastic, passionate, excitable, excited, temperamental, overemotional, warmhearted, tenderhearted.</p>
essential	<p>Something that is essential is extremely important or absolutely necessary to a particular subject, situation, or activity.</p> <p>It was absolutely essential to... Window locks are fairly cheap and absolutely essential . Even in small companies, computers are an essential tool. It is essential that our pilots are given the best possible training. Calcium is essential for the development of healthy teeth and bones. If you're going hiking in the mountains, a decent pair of boots is essential. If you're going walking in the mountains, strong boots are essential. It's essential that you wear protective clothing in this area.</p> <p>Syn. imperative, required, indispensable, requisite, necessary, vital.</p>
eternal	<p>Something that is eternal lasts forever.</p> <p>...eternal life. ...eternal youth. She's an eternal optimist (=she always expects that good things will happen) . She is eternally grateful to her family for their support.</p> <p>Syn. endless, continual, continuous, continued, unceasing, ceaseless, constant, unending.</p>
eventual	<p>You use eventual to indicate that something happens or is the case at the end of a process or period of time.</p> <p>No one was sure what the eventual outcome of the war would be.</p>
exceptional	<p>You use exceptional to describe someone or something that has a particular quality, usually a good quality, to an unusually high degree.</p> <p>...children with exceptional ability. Richard is an exceptional student. ...exceptional bravery He's an exceptionally talented dancer.</p> <p>Syn. uncommon, extraordinary, rare, outstanding.</p>
fatal	<p>A fatal accident or illness causes someone's death.</p> <p>A hospital spokesman said she had suffered a fatal heart attack. The dead soldier is reported to have been fatally wounded in the chest. A fatal action has very undesirable effects. ...fatal mistake, ...fatal blow, ... fatal diseases, ... a fatal climbing accident A sudden shock could be fatal to anyone with a weak heart. He suffered a fatal injury to the neck. Meyer's car was involved in a fatal accident on the freeway. The gas can be fatal if inhaled in large amounts.</p> <p>Syn. deadly, disastrous, mortal, lethal.</p>

formal	<p>Formal speech or behavior is very correct and serious rather than relaxed and friendly, and is used especially in official situations.</p> <p>Business relationships are necessarily a bit more formal. He wrote a very formal letter of apology to Douglas.</p> <p>Syn. official.</p>
fundamental	<p>You use fundamental to describe things, activities, and principles that are very important or essential. They affect the basic nature of other things or are the most important element upon which other things depend.</p> <p>Water is fundamental to survival.</p> <p>Syn. basic, key, crucial, vital, major, principal, central.</p>
genial	<p>Someone who is genial is kind and friendly.</p> <p>He was a warm-hearted friend and genial host. Bob was always genial and welcoming. Dr Saito has a warm, genial manner. Mr. Parker is a genial old man. Our hosts were genial and friendly, and our stay was a very pleasant one.</p> <p>Syn. cordial, cheerful, warmhearted.</p>
global	<p>You can use global to describe something that happens in all parts of the world or affects all parts of the world.</p> <p>global climate change Only the UN can tackle global problems like pollution of the atmosphere. Scientists at an international conference have been discussing global warming and its possible effects.</p>
gradual	<p>A gradual change or process occurs in small stages over a long period of time, rather than suddenly.</p> <p>Losing weight is a slow, gradual process. You can expect her progress at school to be gradual rather than brilliant. There has been a gradual change in climate. ...the gradual decline in manufacturing industry Education is a gradual process. I had noticed a gradual improvement in her written work. Over the past year, her friends have noticed gradual changes in her behavior. The chart showed a gradual rise in his temperature over the previous eight hours.</p>
habitual	<p>A habitual action, state, or way of behaving is one that someone usually does or has, especially one that is considered to be typical or characteristic of them.</p> <p>James took his habitual morning walk around the garden. Many of the prisoners are habitual liars. His father was a habitual gambler, until his mother packed her bags and threatened to leave. Tony's habitual laziness became even more extreme in winter, and he would sometimes stay in bed until mid afternoon.</p> <p>Syn. customary, accustomed, normal.</p>
hypocritical	<p>If you accuse someone of being hypocritical, you mean that they pretend to have qualities, beliefs, or feelings that they do not really have.</p> <p>Syn. deceiving, deceptive, deluding, double-dealing, unreliable, insincere, double-faced, smooth-tongued, false, lying, artificial, two-faced, smooth-spoken, deceitful.</p>

hypothetical	<p>If something is hypothetical, it is based on possible ideas or situations rather than actual ones.</p> <p>...a purely hypothetical question.</p> <p>hypothetical situation</p> <p>Syn. imagined, possible, uncertain, imaginary.</p>
identical	<p>Things that are identical are exactly the same.</p> <p>Syn. like, same, twin, indistinguishable.</p>
illegal	<p>If something is illegal, the law says that it is not allowed.</p> <p>...illegal drugs.</p> <p>It is illegal to...</p> <p>It is illegal to sell tobacco to someone under 16.</p> <p>They entered the country illegally.</p> <p>It's illegal to make copies of computer programs.</p> <p>Syn. unlawful, prohibited.</p>
immortal	<p>Someone or something that is immortal will live or last for ever and never die or be destroyed.</p> <p>The pharaohs were considered gods and therefore immortal.</p> <p>Elves are long-lived, some say immortal, and less vulnerable to disease than humans.</p> <p>Syn. undying, eternal, permanent, imperishable, everlasting, never-ending, ever-living, never-dying.</p>
influential	<p>Someone or something that is influential has a lot of influence over people or events.</p> <p>...one of the most influential books ever written.</p> <p>He had influential friends.</p> <p>Her uncle is a rich and influential businessman.</p> <p>Syn. powerful.</p>
informal	<p>Informal speech or behavior is relaxed and friendly rather than serious, very correct, or official.</p> <p>For lunch, dress is informal.</p> <p>Everyone dressed informally in shorts or jeans.</p>
lethal	<p>A substance that is lethal can kill people or animals.</p> <p>...a lethal dose of sleeping pills.</p> <p>...a lethal weapon</p> <p>Syn. deadly, fatal, mortal.</p>
monumental	<p>You can use monumental to emphasize the size or extent of something. [EMPHASIS]</p> <p>...a series of monumental disappointments.</p> <p>Suddenly it was monumental^y successful.</p> <p>a monumental temple</p> <p>Darwin published his monumental work on evolution in 1859.</p> <p>It was a monumental task.</p> <p>The concert was a monumental embarrassment.</p> <p>Syn. Great, impressive.</p>
occasional	<p>Occasional means happening sometimes, but not regularly or often.</p> <p>Esther used to visit him for the occasional days and weekends.</p> <p>He made occasional visits to London.</p> <p>They had an occasional coffee together after shopping.</p> <p>She still has occasional headaches.</p> <p>He still misbehaves occasional^y.</p>

optional	<p>If something is optional, you can choose whether or not you do it or have it.</p> <p>three optional courses</p> <p>Attendance at the meeting is optional.</p> <p>three optional courses</p> <p>You don't have to do French - it's optional.</p> <p>Syn. nonobligatory, noncompulsory, freenot required, according to one's will.</p>
periodical	<p>Periodical events or situations happen occasionally, at fairly regular intervals.</p> <p>She made periodical visits to her dentist.</p> <p>Meetings are held periodically to monitor progress on the case.</p>
phenomenal	<p>Something that is phenomenal is so great or good that it is very unusual indeed. [EMPHASIS]</p> <p>The performances have been absolutely phenomenal.</p> <p>phenomenal success</p> <p>California had experienced a phenomenal growth in population.</p> <p>He has learned a phenomenal amount in the last two years.</p> <p>The results have been phenomenal.</p> <p>Syn. regular, hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, at various times, at regular intervals, at fixed intervals, on certain occasions, at regular times, annual.</p>
practical	<p>Practical ideas and methods are likely to be effective or successful in a real situation.</p> <p>....practical way to...</p> <p>...practical solution</p> <p>You describe people as practical when they make sensible decisions and deal effectively with problems.</p> <p>Syn. workable.</p>
punctual	<p>If you are punctual, you do something or arrive somewhere at the right time and are not late.</p> <p>She's always very punctual for appointments.</p> <p>My guest arrived punctually.</p>
rational	<p>Rational decisions and thoughts are based on reason rather than on emotion.</p> <p>It can be very hard to think rationally when you're feeling so vulnerable and alone.</p> <p>rational behavior</p> <p>Education helps us to make rational decisions.</p> <p>Syn. reasonable, logical, sensible, thoughtful, showing good sense, intelligent, wise, well-advised.</p>

traditional	<p>Traditional customs, beliefs, or methods are ones that have existed for a long time without changing.</p> <p>...traditional teaching methods. ...traditional Indian music. ...traditional Italian cooking ...a traditional Irish folk song Having turkey is traditional at Thanksgiving.</p>
trivial	<p>If you describe something as trivial, you think that it is unimportant and not serious.</p> <p>No, I don't think your question is trivial at all. She often loses her temper over trivial matters.</p> <p>Syn. small, insignificant, unimportant, meaningless, nonessential, inconsiderable, unessential, minor, useless, worthless.</p>
vital	<p>If you say that something is vital, you mean that it is necessary or very important.</p> <p>vitality important These measures are vital to national security. Regular exercise is vital for your health. In this job, the ability to remain calm is vital. It is vital that leaking gas pipes are fixed immediately.</p> <p>Syn. essential, contribute, indispensable, requisite.</p>
whimsical	<p>A whimsical person or idea is unusual, playful, and unpredictable, rather than serious and practical.</p> <p>Syn. playful, capricious</p>

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<p>abundant</p>	<p>Something that is abundant is present in large quantities. ...abundant supply of... an abundant supply of fresh water abundant opportunities for well qualified young people an abundant and cheap supply of oil During the 18th century land was cheap, grain was plentiful, and meat was abundant. Latin America has an abundant labor force and natural resources. The food was abundant and delicious. Syn. sufficient, plentiful.</p>
<p>arrogant</p>	<p>Someone who is arrogant behaves in a proud, unpleasant way towards other people because they believe that they are more important than others. [DISAPPROVAL] He was so arrogant. He was unbearably arrogant. That sounds arrogant, doesn't it? an arrogant smile an arrogant, selfish man his arrogant disregard for other people's opinions You are a rude and arrogant young man. Syn. proud.</p>
<p>brilliant</p>	<p>1. A brilliant person, idea, or performance is extremely clever or skilful. She had a brilliant mind. I think that's a brilliant idea . a brilliant historian a brilliant idea a brilliant scientist Paganini was a brilliant violinist, famous for his technical skill in both playing and composing music. It is a very high quality production, brilliantly written and acted. He was a deeply serious musician who had shown his brilliance very early. 2. You can say that something is brilliant when you are very pleased about it or think that it is very good. [mainly BRIT, INFORMAL, SPOKEN] If you get a chance to see the show, do go—it's brilliant. My sister's given me this brilliant book. The film was absolutely brilliant . 3. A brilliant career or success is very successful. He had a long and brilliant career. The project was a brilliant success. 1. Syn. gifted, ingenious; 2. Syn. splendid, excellent.</p>

<p>constant</p>	<p>You use constant to describe something that happens all the time or is always there. constant threat He has been her constant companion for the last four months. The direction of the wind is constantly changing. There was a constant stream of visitors to the house. Amy lived in constant fear of being attacked. He kept in constant contact with his family while he was in Australia. A newborn baby needs constant care and attention. The patient must be kept under constant supervision. constant roar of trucks and cars Syn. unchanging, continuous, continual, incessant, ceaseless, unceasing, unvarying, relentless, endless, unending, never-ending, permanent, eternal, everlasting.</p>
<p>distant</p>	<p>1. Distant means very far away. distant horizon distant land By now, the plane was just a distant speck in the sky. There was a flash of lightning and then the rumble of distant thunder. distant roar of the ocean. Travelers came from distant lands to visit the cathedral. High-tech digital cameras are used extensively in astronomy to capture dim light from distant galaxies. 2. If you describe someone as distant, you mean that you find them cold and unfriendly. He found her cold, ice-like and distant. After the quarrel Sue remained cold and distant. The neighbors seem very distant, although I try to be friendly. Syn. far, far-off, remote, faraway.</p>
<p>elegant</p>	<p>If you describe a person or thing as elegant, you mean that they are pleasing and graceful in appearance or style. Patricia looked beautiful and elegant as always. ...an elegant restaurant ...a tall, elegantly dressed man elegant handwriting All the dancers looked so elegant as they moved slowly round the room. An elegant young woman sat at the next table, sipping a cocktail. He was a tall, elegant man, silver-haired and beautifully dressed. Her good looks and confident, elegant manner made her the centre of attention. She was wearing an elegant black suit. The house was elegant and well kept. beautiful, attractive, or graceful 1. [Said of personal surroundings] Syn. rich, tasteful, classic, graceful, luxurious. 2. [Said of persons] Syn. cultured, refined, polished, graceful, well-dressed, 3. [Said of writing or speech] Syn. polished, perfected, elaborated.</p>

gallant	<p>If a man is gallant, he is kind, polite, and considerate towards women. [OLD-FASHIONED]</p> <p>Douglas was a complex man, thoughtful, gallant, and generous. a gallant young gentleman</p>
hesitant	<p>If you are hesitant about doing something, you do not do it quickly or immediately, usually because you are uncertain, embarrassed, or worried.</p> <p>She was hesitant about telling her story. They seemed hesitant about coming in. I was hesitant about talking to the boss directly.</p> <p>Syn. Doubtful, reluctant.</p>
ignorant	<p>If you describe someone as ignorant, you mean that they do not know things they should know. If someone is ignorant of a fact, they do not know it.</p> <p>an ignorant and uneducated man I'm very ignorant about politics.</p> <p>Syn. illiterate, uneducated, unlettered, unlearned, untaught, uncultivated, unenlightened, untutored, unread, unschooled, inexperienced, simple, know-nothing.</p>
incessant	<p>An incessant process or activity is one that continues without stopping.</p> <p>...incessant rain. Dee talked incessantly. They quarreled incessantly. Julia became irritated by the child's incessant talking. Outside the window is the incessant noise of cars and buses. The incessant buzz of conversation filled the student cafeteria.</p> <p>Syn. ceaseless, continuous, unending.</p>
indignant	<p>If you are indignant, you are shocked and angry, because you think that something is unjust or unfair.</p> <p>'Of course I didn't tell her!' Sasha said indignantly. indignant reply Eric was indignant at being told he would have to wait two weeks for an appointment. Grandfather's always writing indignant letters to the newspaper. Jess felt indignant at the remark.</p> <p>Syn. Displeased, angry.</p>
insignificant	<p>Something that is insignificant is unimportant, especially because it is very small.</p> <p>In 1949 Bonn was a small, insignificant city. an insignificant detail</p> <p>Syn. trivial, unimportant.</p>
jubilant	<p>If you are jubilant, you feel extremely happy because of a success.</p> <p>The fans were in jubilant mood as they left the stadium. a jubilant smile The jubilant fans lifted the players up on their shoulders.</p>

reluctant	<p>If you are reluctant to do something, you are unwilling to do it and hesitate before doing it, or do it slowly and without enthusiasm.</p> <p>Mr Spero was reluctant to ask for help. Maddox was reluctant to talk about it. Becoming a donor is a simple process, but many people remain reluctant. He seemed somewhat reluctant to explain, but finally did so. Some of the older staff were reluctant to use the new equipment. We have reluctantly agreed to let him go.</p> <p>Syn. hesitant, unwilling, uncertain.</p>
self-reliant	<p>If you are self-reliant, you are able to do things and make decisions by yourself, without needing other people to help you.</p> <p>Our aim is to teach our son to become an independent, self-reliant adult. David learned to be self-reliant at a young age. My parents raised me to be self-reliant, and not to depend on anyone. But you must also find ways of working alone and becoming more self-reliant.</p>
significant	<p>A significant amount or effect is large enough to be important or affect a situation to a noticeable degree. A significant fact, event, or thing is one that is important or shows something.</p> <p>His most significant political achievement was the abolition of the death penalty. Please inform us if there are any significant changes in your plans. A significant number of drivers fail to keep to speed limits. A significant number of drivers still refuse to wear seat belts.</p>
vacant	<p>1. If something is vacant, it is not being used by anyone. vacant seat Only a few apartments were still vacant. Brunton went into the bar, but he couldn't spot a single vacant seat. Half of the apartments in the building are vacant.</p> <p>2. If a job or position is vacant, no one is doing it or in it at present, and people can apply for it. The post of chairman has been vacant for some time. Our company only has one or two vacant positions at the moment. He was offered the position of headmaster when it fell vacant.</p> <p>3. A vacant look or expression is one that suggests that someone does not understand something or that they are not thinking about anything in particular. She had a kind of vacant look on her face. He gazed at me with vacant eyes. Cindy was staring vacantly into space.</p> <p>Syn. unoccupied, free.</p>
valiant	<p>A valiant action is very brave and determined, though it may lead to failure or defeat.</p> <p>Despite valiant efforts, firemen were unable to save the house.</p> <p>Syn. brave, courageous, unafraid, manful, manly, lion-hearted, strong-willed, fearless, powerful.</p>

vigilant	<p>Someone who is vigilant gives careful attention to a particular problem or situation and concentrates on noticing any danger or trouble that there might be; giving careful attention to what is happening, so that you will notice any danger or illegal activity</p> <p>Be vigilant on public transport and at tourist sites, as pickpockets operate in these areas.</p> <p>The terrorist threat is still real, and the public should remain vigilant.</p> <p>To combat thieves, it is important for staff to be vigilant at all times.</p> <p>Travelers in foreign countries are reminded to be vigilant at all times.</p> <p>Is this watch water resistant?</p> <p>Syn. alert, watchful.</p>
water-resistant	<p>Something that is water-resistant does not allow water to pass through it easily, or is not easily damaged by water.</p>

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adjacent	<p>If one thing is adjacent to another, the two things are next to each other. He sat in an adjacent room and waited. ...offices adjacent to the museum. We stayed in adjacent rooms. The blaze spread to two adjacent buildings before firefighters were able to contain it. Syn. nearby, neighboring.</p>
affluent afflu <u>ence</u>	<p>If you are affluent, you have a lot of money. an affluent neighborhood As people become more affluent, so their standard and style of living improves. Consumer goods are a symbol of prestige in an affluent society. We drove through affluent suburbs with large houses and tree-lined streets. Syn. wealthy, prosperous, well-to-do.</p>
apparent apparent <u>ly</u>	<p>If something is apparent to you, it is clear and obvious to you. It was apparent to everyone that he was seriously ill. The difference in quality was immediately apparent . There is no apparent connection between the murders. What shocked me was the parents' apparent lack of interest in their child. <u>Apparently</u>, it was a really good party. <u>Apparently</u>, Jim's a really good tennis player. Syn. obvious.</p>
benevolent benevolent <u>ly</u> benevol <u>ence</u>	<p>If you describe a person in authority as benevolent, you mean that they are kind and fair. The company has proved to be a most benevolent employer. A benevolent uncle paid for her to have music lessons. a benevolent smile a benevolent, kindly man money for benevolent work Thorne nodded his understanding, smiling <u>benevolently</u>. Syn. kind, generous, altruistic, helpful.</p>
cogent	<p>A cogent reason, argument, or example is strong and convincing. [FORMAL] Syn. convincing, strong, forceful.</p>
competent <u>in</u> competent competent <u>ly</u> compet <u>ence</u> <u>in</u> compet <u>ence</u>	<p>Someone who is competent is efficient and effective. A competent mechanic should be able to fix the problem. She's a highly competent linguist. Competent skiers should find no difficulty with the course. Most of the essays were competent but one was really outstanding. New students are expected to be competent in mathematics. Though the country is poor, the doctors and nurses are qualified and competent. Tomita is a highly competent translator. The government performed competently in the face of multiple challenges. Syn. qualified, skilled.</p>

<p>confident confident<u>ly</u> confid<u>ence</u></p>	<p>If you are confident about something, you are certain that it will happen in the way you want it to. If a person or their manner is confident, they feel sure about their own abilities, qualities, or ideas.</p> <p>I am confident that everything will come out right in time. Mr. Ryan is confident of success. In time he became more confident and relaxed. We are confident next year's profits will be higher. He is quietly confident that there will be no problems this time. I feel much more confident about myself and my abilities these days. We are confident we have done nothing wrong. After living in France for a year, I felt much more confident about my French. Baldwin is confident of victory in this year's senate race. Doctors are confident that he'll make a full recovery. He gave his speech in a strong, confident voice. I'm not very confident about going back to work.</p> <hr/> <p>I can <u>confidently</u> promise that.... She walked <u>confidently</u> across the hall.</p> <p>Syn. positive, sure, convinced, having faith in.</p>
<p>content content<u>ed</u> <u>discontent</u><u>ed</u> content<u>edly</u></p>	<p>If you are content, you are fairly happy or satisfied. If you are content with something, you are willing to accept it, rather than wanting something more or something better.</p> <p>I'm perfectly content with the way the campaign has gone. He says his daughter is quite content. Andy was a good husband, and Nicky was clearly very content. All he needs is a good book to read and he is quite content. Carla seems pretty much content with her life.</p> <p>Syn. happy, satisfied.</p>
<p>convenient <u>inconvenient</u> convenient<u>ly</u> convenience <u>inconvenience</u></p>	<p>If a way of doing something is convenient, it is easy, or very useful or suitable for a particular purpose.</p> <p>If you describe a place as convenient, you are pleased because it is near to where you are, or because you can reach another place from there quickly and easily. [APPROVAL]</p> <p>A convenient time to do something, for example to meet someone, is a time when you are free to do it or would like to do it.</p> <p>The family thought it was more convenient to eat in the kitchen. Martin drove along until he found a convenient parking place. It was very conveniently situated just across the road from the City Reference Library. Would this evening be convenient for you? My secretary will call you to arrange a convenient time to meet. Is three o'clock convenient for you? Could we postpone the meeting until a more convenient time? Credit cards are probably the most convenient way of paying for concert tickets. I'd like to talk to the manager - can you suggest a convenient time? I could take the train, but it's more convenient to go by car. I leave my umbrella in a convenient spot by the door so I don't forget it on the way out.</p> <hr/> <p>They may use a credit card for <u>convenience</u>.</p> <p>Syn. suitable, comfortable.</p>

current current <u>ly</u>	<p>Current means happening, being used, or being done at the present time.</p> <p>The current situation is very different to that in 1990.</p> <p>the current President</p> <p>What is your current occupation?</p> <hr/> <p>Twelve potential vaccines are <u>currently</u> being tested on human volunteers.</p>
decent decent <u>ly</u> dec <u>ency</u>	<p>1. Decent is used to describe something which is considered to be of an acceptable standard or quality.</p> <p>Nearby is a village with a decent pub.</p> <p>a decent salary</p> <p>Don't you have a decent jacket?</p> <p>a house with a decent-sized yard</p> <p>I need to get a decent night's sleep.</p> <p>I want to provide my sons with a decent education.</p> <hr/> <p>The allies say they will treat their prisoners <u>decently</u>.</p> <p>2. Decent people are honest and behave in a way that most people approve of.</p> <p>The majority of people around here are decent people.</p>
dependent <u>in</u> dependent dependence <u>in</u> dependence	<p>To be dependent on something or someone means to need them in order to succeed or be able to survive.</p> <p>The local economy is overwhelmingly dependent on oil and gas extraction.</p> <p>Norway's economy is heavily dependent on natural resources.</p> <p>In the absence of agricultural support, the women and children become dependent on government.</p> <p>It is not only the United States that has become dependent on imports of oil.</p>
diligent diligent <u>ly</u> dilig <u>ence</u>	<p>Someone who is diligent works hard in a careful and thorough way.</p> <p>Meyers is a diligent worker.</p> <p>The book required ten years of diligent research.</p> <p>Tony is a very diligent student.</p> <p>I know all of you are hardworking, diligent people, and I respect you for that.</p> <hr/> <p>The police are doing their job with great <u>diligence</u>.</p> <p>The two sides are now working <u>diligently</u> to solve the problem.</p> <p>Syn. industrious, hard-working, assiduous, sedulous, studious.</p>
disobedient disobedient <u>ly</u> disobedi <u>ence</u>	<p>If you are disobedient, you deliberately do not do what someone in authority tells you to do, or what a rule or law says that you should do.</p> <p>a disobedient child</p>
efficient <u>in</u> efficient efficient <u>ly</u> effici <u>ency</u>	<p>If something or someone is efficient, they are able to do tasks successfully, without wasting time or energy.</p> <p>an energy efficient heating system</p> <p>For a successful business, friendly and efficient staff are essential.</p> <p>Modern houses are much more energy efficient</p> <p>My new computer's much faster and more efficient than the old one was.</p> <p>Service at the restaurant is efficient and friendly.</p> <p>The doctor was cheerful and efficient, which immediately made me feel more relaxed.</p> <hr/> <p>I work very <u>efficiently</u> and am decisive, and accurate in my judgment.</p>
eminent	<p>An eminent person is well-known and respected, especially because they are good at their profession.</p> <p>...an eminent scientist.</p> <p>She's an eminent psychiatrist at the Harvard Medical School.</p>

evident evident ^{ly}	<p>If something is evident, you notice it easily and clearly.</p> <p>His footprints were clearly evident in the heavy dust.</p> <p>You use evident to show that you are certain about a situation or fact and your interpretation of it. [EMPHASIS]</p> <p>It was evident that she was unhappy.</p> <p>It soon became evident that she was seriously ill.</p> <p>It was clearly evident that the company was in serious financial difficulties.</p> <p>It was evident to me that he was not telling the truth.</p> <p>Syn. obvious, apparent.</p>
excellent excellent ^{ly} excell ^{ence}	<p>Something that is excellent is very good indeed.</p> <p>The recording quality is excellent.</p> <p>Luckily, Sue is very efficient and does an excellent job as Fred's personal assistant.</p> <hr/> <p>They're both playing <u>excellently</u>.</p> <p>Syn. first-class, first-rate, outstanding, exceptional, very good, superb, superior, premium, best, top, exquisite, fine, very fine, desirable, admirable, magnificent, wonderful, extraordinary, remarkable, attractive, great, unique, high-quality, finest, superfine, incomparable, priceless, rare, invaluable, masterful, masterly, competent, skilled, terrific*, marvelous*, splendid*, super*, cool*, grade A*, top-notch*, hot*, bad*.</p>
fervent fervent ^{ly}	<p>A fervent person has or shows strong feelings about something, and is very sincere and enthusiastic about it.</p> <p>...a fervent admirer of Morisot's work.</p> <p>...the fervent hope that matters will be settled promptly.</p> <p>a fervent supporter of human rights</p> <p>Despite her troubled life she has always had a fervent belief in God.</p> <p>Syn. zealous, eager, ardent, enthusiastic, passionate.</p>
fluent fluent ^{ly} flu ^{ency}	<p>1. Someone who is fluent in a particular language can speak the language easily and correctly. You can also say that someone speaks fluent French, Chinese, or some other language.</p> <p>She studied eight foreign languages but is fluent in only six of them.</p> <p>He speaks fluent Russian.</p> <hr/> <p>To work as a translator, you need <u>fluency</u> in at least one foreign language.</p> <p>He spoke three languages <u>fluently</u>.</p> <p>2. If your speech, reading, or writing is fluent, you speak, read, or write easily, smoothly, and clearly with no mistakes.</p> <p>a fluent debater.</p> <p>His son was praised for speeches of remarkable fluency.</p> <p>Alex didn't read fluently till he was nearly seven.</p>
frequent frequent ^{ly} frequ ^{ency}	<p>If something is frequent, it happens often.</p> <p>He is a frequent visitor to the house.</p> <p>Her headaches are becoming less frequent.</p> <p>Syn. repeated, many, numerous, habitual, usual, regular.</p>
impatient impatient ^{ly} impatie ^{nce}	<p>If you are impatient, you are annoyed because you have to wait too long for something.</p> <p>Don't be so impatient. I'm working as fast as I can.</p> <hr/> <p>People have been waiting <u>impatiently</u> for a chance to improve the situation.</p>

indifferent indifferent ^{ly} indiffer ^{ence}	<p>If you accuse someone of being indifferent to something, you mean that they have a complete lack of interest in it.</p> <p>People have become indifferent to the suffering of others. `Not that it matters,' said Tench indifferently. Her father was quite friendly, but her mother seemed somewhat cold and indifferent.</p> <p>Syn. unconcerned, uninterested, disinterested, cold, cool, unemotional, unsympathetic, emotionless, passionless, heartless, callous, stony, icy.</p>
insolent insolent ^{ly} insol ^{ence}	<p>If you say that someone is being insolent, you mean they are being rude to someone they ought to be respectful to.</p> <p>You insolent child!</p> <hr/> <p>Pupils could be excluded from school for insolence.</p> <p>Syn. rude.</p>
intelligent ^{un} intelligent intelligent ^{ly} intellig ^{ence}	<p>A person or animal that is intelligent has the ability to think, understand, and learn things quickly and well.</p> <p>Susan's a very bright and intelligent woman who knows her own mind. a group of highly intelligent (=very intelligent) students an intelligent question "We're looking for highly intelligent young people, with a genuine interest in their subject," a university spokesman said. an intelligent decision Anne was surprised to hear such an intelligent question coming from a very small child. Do you think there are intelligent life forms on other planets? Have you got any intelligent suggestions to make? Mark was an intelligent, ambitious young man, with a great future in front of him. Some scientists claim that dolphins are more intelligent than humans.</p> <hr/> <p>They are incapable of thinking intelligently about politics.</p>
magnificent magnificent ^{ly} magnific ^{ence}	<p>If you say that something or someone is magnificent, you mean that you think they are extremely good, beautiful, or impressive.</p> <p>...a magnificent country house in wooded grounds. ...magnificent views over the San Fernando Valley. The twelve-mile coastline has magnificent scenery. She looked magnificent in a long red dress. The twelve-mile coastline has magnificent scenery. She looked magnificent in a long red dress. a magnificent 15th century castle a magnificent art deco building a magnificent golden eagle the magnificent mountains around Lake Titicaca The horse was a magnificent creature with a gleaming jet black coat. The location of the town along the river is magnificent. The room was dominated by a magnificent four-poster bed. The Siberian Tiger is a magnificent animal. Wolves are magnificent and beautiful animals.</p> <hr/> <p>...the magnificence of the Swiss mountains. The team played magnificently throughout the competition.</p> <p>Syn. exceptionally good; excellent.</p>

malevolent malevolent <u>ly</u> malevol <u>ence</u>	A malevolent person deliberately tries to cause harm or evil. [FORMAL] Her stare was malevolent, her mouth a thin line. He gave her a dark, malevolent look. Syn. evil.
obedient <u>dis</u> obedient obedient <u>ly</u> obedi <u>ence</u>	A person or animal that is obedient does what they are told to do. He was very respectful at home and obedient to his parents. Bruno was a quiet and obedient little boy. Edmund was a cheerful and obedient student.
patient <u>im</u> patient patient <u>ly</u> pati <u>ence</u>	If you are patient, you stay calm and do not get annoyed, for example when something takes a long time, or when someone is not doing what you want them to do. Please be patient—your letter will arrive. He was endlessly kind and patient with children. Halle was patient, waiting for the boy to finish his explanation. I'm sure she'll write soon. Just try to be patient. <hr/> The audience waited <u>patiently</u> for the show to begin. Syn. cold-blooded.
permanent permanent <u>ly</u>	Something that is permanent lasts for ever. Heavy drinking can cause permanent damage to the brain. The car accident has caused permanent damage to her eyesight. permanent snow Syn. durable, enduring, continuing, imperishable, constant, changeless.
persistent persistent <u>ly</u> persist <u>ence</u>	Someone who is persistent continues trying to do something, even though it is difficult or other people are against it. If she hadn't been so persistent she might not have gotten the job. persistent efforts Syn. determined.
proficient profici <u>ency</u>	If you are proficient in something, you can do it well. A great number of Egyptians are proficient in foreign languages. Martha's proficient in Swedish. There's only one way to become proficient at anything - practice! a proficient typist Before you can study at a British university, you have to be proficient in English. Syn. skilled, expert, skillful.
prudent prudent <u>ly</u> prud <u>ence</u>	Someone who is prudent is sensible and careful. It is always prudent to start any exercise programme gradually at first. Being a prudent and cautious person, you realize that the problem must be resolved. Syn. Sensible, wise, cautious, careful.
succulent	Succulent food, especially meat or vegetables, is juicy and good to eat. [APPROVAL] succulent tropical fruit The chicken was golden and crispy on the outside and juicy and succulent inside. This part of the country is famous for its fine wines and succulent peaches. Syn. tasty, delicious, juicy.
transparent	If an object or substance is transparent, you can see through it. ...a sheet of transparent colored plastic. The box has a transparent plastic lid so you can see what's inside.

turbulent	<p>A turbulent time, place, or relationship is one in which there is a lot of change, confusion, and disorder.</p> <p>the turbulent times of the French Revolution</p> <p>Jason grew up in the South during the turbulent years of the 1960s.</p> <p>Syn. violent, stormy, passionate, uncontrolled, disorderly, disordered, chaotic, rough.</p>
<p>violent</p> <p>violent^y</p> <p>violence</p>	<p>If someone is violent, or if they do something which is violent, they use physical force or weapons to hurt, injure, or kill other people.</p> <p>violent crimes</p> <p>...violent anti-government demonstrations.</p> <p>the increase in violent crime</p> <p>violent clashes between the police and demonstrators</p> <p>31 people have been injured in violent incidents throughout the day.</p> <p>The riots ended in the violent deaths of three teenagers.</p> <p>Do violent programs and video games really cause people to become more aggressive?</p> <p>Everyone is worried about the increase in violent crime.</p> <p>I think Tarantino's films are too violent.</p> <p>Joe has a violent temper.</p> <p>My father was a violent man who couldn't control his temper.</p> <p>Syn. strong, powerful.</p> <p>Syn. furious, mad, savage, fierce.</p> <p>Syn. destructive, brutal, harsh.</p>

1. like, of the same kind;
2. relating to, connected with.

contemporary	<p>Contemporary things are modern and relate to the present time. She writes a lot of contemporary music for people like Whitney Houston. Contemporary people or things were alive or happened at the same time as something else you are talking about. I'm not very impressed by the works of many contemporary artists. The cafe's decor is clean and contemporary.</p> <p>Syn. modern, present, up-to-date, current.</p>
customary customari <u>ly</u>	<p>Customary is used to describe things that people usually do in a particular society or in particular circumstances. It is customary to offer a drink or a snack to guests. In some cultures it is customary for the bride to wear white.</p> <p>Syn. usual, habitual.</p>
elementary	<p>Something that is elementary is very simple and basic. ...elementary computer skills. I'm only familiar with the subject at an elementary level. I know a little elementary science.</p>
exemplary	<p>If you describe someone or something as exemplary, you think they are extremely good. exemplary leadership skills</p>
extraordinary extraordinari <u>ly</u> extraordinari <u>ness</u>	<p>If you describe something or someone as extraordinary, you mean that they have some extremely good or special quality. [APPROVAL] We've made extraordinary progress. The task requires extraordinary patience and endurance. Rozhdestvensky is an extraordinary musician. If you describe something as extraordinary, you mean that it is very unusual or surprising. [EMPHASIS] What an extraordinary thing to happen! It took an extraordinary amount of work. a woman of extraordinary beauty an extraordinary talent</p> <p>Syn. exceptional, remarkable, curious, amazing.</p>
imaginary	<p>An imaginary person, place, or thing exists only in your mind or in a story, and not in real life. Lots of children have imaginary friends. The events described in the book are imaginary. When Linda was a child she had an imaginary friend called Booboo.</p> <p>Syn. unreal, invented.</p>
legendary	<p>If you describe someone or something as legendary, you mean that they are very famous and that many stories are told about them. Lonnie Johnson, the legendary blues guitarist. Her singing was legendary.</p>

necessary necessari <u>ly</u> necess <u>ity</u>	<p>Something that is necessary is needed in order for something else to happen.</p> <p>We will do whatever is necessary to stop them.</p> <p>Is that really necessary?</p> <p>Make the necessary arrangements.</p> <p>Syn. essential, indispensable, needed, imperative, vital.</p>
ordinary	<p>Ordinary people or things are normal and not special or different in any way.</p> <p>It was just an ordinary weekend for us.</p> <p>It's just an ordinary camera.</p> <p>The book is about ordinary people.</p> <p>Art should be part of ordinary life.</p> <p>It is good because it is written in friendly, ordinary language.</p> <p>Syn. customary, normal, usual, everyday.</p>
primary primari <u>ly</u>	<p>You use primary to describe something that is very important. [FORMAL]</p> <p>His misunderstanding of language was the primary cause of his other problems.</p> <p>Their primary objective is to make money.</p> <p>Personal safety is of primary importance .</p> <p>Syn. chief, main, principal.</p>
scary	<p>Something that is scary is rather frightening. [INFORMAL]</p> <p>There's something very scary about him.</p> <p>a scary moment</p> <p>a scary movie</p> <p>The book is both scary and funny.</p> <p>a big scary monster</p> <p>I don't regret my decision to start a new life, in a new country. It's scary, but it's also really exciting.</p> <p>I had a really scary dream last night.</p> <p>She didn't like the film. It was too scary for her.</p>
stationary	<p>Something that is stationary is not moving.</p> <p>How did you manage to drive into a stationary vehicle?</p> <p>The stars appear stationary because they are so far away.</p>
temporary temporari <u>ly</u>	<p>Something that is temporary lasts for only a limited time.</p> <p>His job here is only temporary.</p> <p>...a temporary loss of memory.</p> <p>I'm living with my parents, but it's only temporary.</p> <p>You might want to consider temporary work until you decide what you want to do.</p> <p>Temporary shelters were hastily constructed as the refugees started to pour in.</p> <p>a temporary driver's license</p> <p>Because of damage to their homes, many people had to stay in temporary accommodation for a few months.</p> <p>Ben's found a temporary job until November.</p>

...of, relating to, belonging to, having the nature or quality of [*sportive*]

<p>active <i>inactive</i> <i>active</i>ly <i>activ</i>ity</p>	<p>Someone who is active moves around a lot or does a lot of things. Having an active youngster about the house can be quite wearing. games for active youngsters She's over 80, but is still very active. My father always led a very active life. a child with a very active imagination Jamie's a very active little kid! Syn. energetic, lively, busy, eventful, agile, quick, nimble, spirited, vital, full of life, industrious, enthusiastic, ardent, diligent, hard-working, assiduous, eager, zealous, high-spirited, overactive, hyperactive.</p>
<p>aggressive <i>un</i>aggressive <i>aggressive</i>ly <i>aggressive</i>ness</p>	<p>An aggressive person or animal has a quality of anger and determination that makes them ready to attack other people. Some children are much more aggressive than others. Aggressive behavior is a sign of emotional distress. Jim's voice became aggressive. Kids who play violent video games show much more aggressive behaviour than those who don't. Some breeds of dog, such as German shepherds, were bred to be aggressive. Some of the crowd were very aggressive, shouting and banging on windows. The men were drunk and aggressive. When I said no, she became rude and aggressive.</p> <hr/> <p>They'll react aggressively. Her aggressiveness made it difficult for him to explain his own feelings. Syn. hostile, quarrelsome. Ant. peaceful, peace-loving.</p>
<p>apprehensive <i>apprehensive</i>ly</p>	<p>Someone who is apprehensive is afraid that something bad may happen. People are still terribly apprehensive about the future. We'd been a little apprehensive about their visit. I was apprehensive that something would go wrong. Some had apprehensive looks on their faces. I must admit that before my baby was born I was very apprehensive about motherhood. No one need be apprehensive about their personal safety; everything is under control. Syn. fearful, worried, anxious.</p>
<p>competitive <i>competitive</i>ness</p>	<p>Competitive is used to describe situations or activities in which people or firms compete with each other. USA is a highly competitive market system. Universities are very competitive for the best students. The atmosphere at our school was highly competitive.</p>
<p>comprehensive</p>	<p>Something that is comprehensive includes everything that is needed or relevant. a comprehensive guide to British hotels and restaurants a thorough and comprehensive review of the case comprehensive study Syn. inclusive, broad, wide, all-inclusive, complete, thorough.</p>

constructive	<p>A constructive discussion, comment, or approach is useful and helpful rather than negative and unhelpful.</p> <p>After their meeting, both men described the talks as frank, friendly and constructive.</p> <p>The meeting was very constructive.</p> <p>Syn. useful, helpful, valuable, productive.</p>
creative creative ^{ly} creative ^{ness} creativ ^{ity}	<p>A creative person has the ability to invent and develop original ideas, especially in the arts.</p> <p>Like so many creative people, he was never satisfied.</p> <p>This job is so boring. I wish I could do something more creative.</p> <p>You're so creative! I could never make my own clothes.</p> <p>Children should be allowed to develop their creative as well as their academic abilities.</p> <p>Davis was one of the most creative jazz musicians of our time.</p> <p>Ed, you are so creative - where did you learn to draw like that?</p> <p>I enjoy my job, but I'd like to do something more creative.</p> <p>Tarantino is one of Hollywood's most creative directors.</p> <p>This year's prize goes to the creative young author Ben Williams.</p> <p>We encourage the children to use their creative abilities.</p> <p>Syn. inventive, imaginative, productive.</p>
decisive in ^{decisive} decisive ^{ly}	<p>If someone is decisive, they have or show an ability to make quick decisions in a difficult or complicated situation.</p> <p>He should give way to a younger, more decisive leader.</p> <p>We are still waiting for Jim to make up his mind. I wish he would be more decisive.</p> <p>Syn. firm, forceful, unhesitating.</p>
decorative	<p>Something that is decorative is intended to look pretty or attractive.</p> <p>The curtains are for purely decorative purposes and do not open or close.</p>
defective	<p>If something is defective, there is something wrong with it and it does not work properly.</p> <p>Buyers can return defective merchandise.</p> <p>Syn. imperfect, broken, faulty, poor, unfinished.</p>
defensive	<p>You use defensive to describe things that are intended to protect someone or something.</p> <p>defensive weapons</p> <p>Syn. protective, protecting, defending, shielding, guarding.</p>
destructive destructive ^{ly} destructive ^{ness}	<p>Something that is destructive causes or is capable of causing great damage, harm, or injury.</p> <p>...the awesome destructive power of nuclear weapons.</p> <p>Jealousy is a very destructive emotion.</p> <p>Residents were awed by the earthquake's destructive force.</p> <p>The border war has been wasteful and destructive.</p> <hr/> <p>Power can be used creative^{ly} or destructive^{ly}.</p> <p>Syn. ruinous, catastrophic, disastrous, devastating, harmful, damaging.</p>
effective in ^{effective} effective ^{ly} effective ^{ness}	<p>Something that is effective works well and produces the results that were intended.</p> <p>...an effective public transport system.</p> <hr/> <p>Services need to be more effective^{ly} organized than they are at present.</p> <p>Syn. efficient, efficacious, effectual, producing the expected result, producing the desired result, useful, productive.</p>

<p>excessive excessive^{ly}</p>	<p>If you describe the amount or level of something as excessive, you disapprove of it because it is more or higher than is necessary or reasonable. [DISAPPROVAL] excessive spending \$10 for two cups of coffee seems excessive. Don's wife left him because of his excessive gambling. ...excessive use of chemicals in farming.</p> <hr/> <p>She started drinking excessive^{ly}.</p> <p>Syn. too much, too great.</p>
<p>intensive intensive^{ly}</p>	<p>Intensive activity involves concentrating a lot of effort or people on one particular task in order to try to achieve a great deal in a short time. a one-week intensive course in English After a brief period of intensive training, I was allowed to make my first parachute jump. Before moving to Paris, Michael went on an intensive course to improve his French. The program includes intensive instruction in English.</p>
<p>lucrative</p>	<p>A lucrative activity, job, or business deal is very profitable. He inherited a lucrative business from his father. Sam's journalistic work was much more lucrative than his painting had ever been.</p> <p>Syn. fruitful, productive, gainful, profitable.</p>
<p>objective ^{non}objective objective^{ly} objectivity</p>	<p>If someone is objective, they base their opinions on facts rather than on their personal feelings. I believe that a journalist should be completely objective. I would really like to have your objective opinion on this. It's hard to give an objective opinion about your own children. Scientists need to be objective when doing research. Sometimes it's hard to be objective when the situation gets emotional.</p> <p>Syn. fair.</p>
<p>obsessive</p>	<p>If someone's behavior is obsessive, they cannot stop doing a particular thing or behaving in a particular way. Williams is obsessive about motor racing. I try to look after my body as best I can, but I'm not obsessive about it.</p>
<p>offensive offensive^{ly}</p>	<p>Something that is offensive upsets or embarrasses people because it is rude or insulting. ...offensive remarks I found her remarks deeply offensive . crude jokes that are offensive to women offensive behavior Throughout the football game a small section of the crowd was chanting offensive slogans.</p> <p>Syn. insulting, rude.</p>

<p>persuasive persuasive^{ly}</p>	<p>Someone or something that is persuasive is likely to persuade a person to believe or do a particular thing. I can be very persuasive when I want to be. What do you think were some of the more persuasive arguments on the other side? He is a very persuasive speaker. He made a persuasive case for making the changes. Like most politicians, she can be very persuasive when she wants to be.</p> <hr/> <p>...a trained lawyer who can present arguments persuasive^{ly}.</p> <p>Syn. convincing, cogent, strong.</p>
<p>primitive primitive^{ly}</p>	<p>If you describe something as primitive, you mean that it is very simple in style or very old-fashioned. It's using some rather primitive technology. The local hospital care is primitive and unreliable. Conditions at the camp are very primitive.</p> <p>Syn. simple.</p>
<p>productive productive^{ly} productiv^{ity}</p>	<p>Someone or something that is productive produces or does a lot for the amount of resources used. Training makes workers highly productive. ...fertile and productive soils. Most of us are more productive in the morning. a highly productive meeting The most productive members of staff are rewarded by financial bonuses.</p>
<p>protective</p>	<p>Protective means designed or intended to protect something or someone from harm. Protective gloves reduce the absorption of chemicals through the skin. Protective measures are necessary if the city's monuments are to be preserved. protective clothing Sunscreen provides a protective layer against the sun's harmful rays. Motorcyclists must wear protective helmets. My dad is very protective of me and has never liked any of my boyfriends. Remove the disk from its protective packaging.</p>
<p>repulsive</p>	<p>If you describe something or someone as repulsive, you mean that they are horrible and disgusting and you want to avoid them. ...repulsive fat white slugs.</p> <p>Syn. repugnant, disgusting.</p>
<p>selective</p>	<p>When someone is selective, they choose things carefully, for example the things that they buy or do. Sales still happen, but buyers are more selective. We're very selective about what we let the children watch. People are becoming more and more selective about the food they eat these days. You've got to be very selective when choosing a roommate.</p> <hr/> <p>...people on small incomes who wanted to shop selective^{ly}.</p>

subjective subjectively subjectivity	Something that is subjective is based on personal opinions and feelings rather than on facts. We know that taste in art is a subjective matter. The way they interpreted their past was highly subjective. As a critic, he is far too subjective. a highly subjective point of view subjective judgment/opinion etc The ratings were based on the subjective judgment of one person.
supportive	If you are supportive, you are kind and helpful to someone at a difficult or unhappy time in their life. They were always supportive of each other. I can always count on Gail to be supportive when things go wrong.
talkative	Someone who is talkative talks a lot. He suddenly became very talkative, his face slightly flushed, his eyes much brighter. The wine was making her more relaxed and talkative. Syn. chatty, talky*.

Having, full of, characterized by...

advantageous <i>dis</i> advantageous	<p>If something is advantageous to you, it is likely to benefit you.</p> <p>advantageous position</p> <p>Syn. beneficial, profitable, helpful.</p>
adventurous <i>un</i> adventurous	<p>1. Someone who is adventurous is eager to visit new places and have new experiences.</p> <p>He had always wanted an adventurous life in the tropics. She was naturally adventurous and loved the wild landscape of Colombia with all its beauty and danger.</p> <p>2. Someone who is adventurous is willing to take risks and to try new methods. Something that is adventurous involves new things or ideas.</p> <p>Warren was an adventurous businessman. I'm not very adventurous when it comes to trying new food. Le Corbusier was the most adventurous architect of modern times, always experimenting with new forms and structures.</p> <p>Syn. bold, courageous, brave.</p>
ambiguous <i>ambiguously</i>	<p>If you describe something as ambiguous, you mean that it is unclear or confusing because it can be understood in more than one way.</p> <p>This agreement is very ambiguous and open to various interpretations. The language in the Minister's statement is highly ambiguous. an ambiguous question She left a very ambiguous message on the answer phone last night. The document's ambiguous wording makes it very difficult to follow. The last part of her letter was ambiguous. The results of the experiments were ambiguous and they will have to be done again. Unfortunately the instructions were ambiguous and we didn't know which part of the program to run.</p> <p>Syn. unclear.</p>
ambitious <i>ambitiously</i>	<p>1. Someone who is ambitious has a strong desire to be successful, rich, or powerful.</p> <p>Chris is so ambitious, so determined to do it all. Alfred was intensely ambitious, obsessed with the idea of becoming rich. others who are highly ambitious for their children (=who want their children to be successful) Linda has always been an ambitious and hard-working manager.</p> <p>2. An ambitious idea or plan is on a large scale and needs a lot of work to be carried out successfully, demands great effort and skill.</p> <p>The ambitious project was completed in only nine months. The Harbor Tunnel is one of the most ambitious engineering projects of modern times.</p> <p>Syn. determined, industrious, goal-oriented, energetic, enthusiastic, careerist.</p> <p>Syn. arduous, difficult.</p>

<p>anonymous anonymous^{ly}</p>	<p>If you remain anonymous when you do something, you do not let people know that you were the person who did it. You can remain anonymous if you wish. ...anonymous phone calls. the anonymous donor of a large sum of money an anonymous donation of \$5,000 \$50,000 has been given to the charity by an anonymous donor from Utah. I received anonymous phone calls warning me not to go to the police about what I'd seen. One source, who wished to remain anonymous, said that he had seen the woman go into his room. The college received an anonymous \$5 million gift. The writer of the poem is anonymous. Syn. unknown.</p>
<p>anxious anxious^{ly} anxi^{ety}</p>	<p>If you are anxious, you are nervous or worried about something. The foreign minister admitted he was still anxious about the situation in the country. A friend of mine is a very anxious person. He was a bit anxious about the safety of the machinery. We were anxious for you. She gave me an anxious look. "Please come with me," she said in an anxious voice. Anxious relatives waited at the airport for news of the plane crash. Gail was feeling anxious and depressed. Helen is always anxious about travelling alone. They are waiting anxious^{ly} to see him. Syn. apprehensive, uneasy, worried.</p>
<p>assiduous assiduous^{ly}</p>	<p>Someone who is assiduous works hard or does things very thoroughly. assiduous student Syn. industrious, diligent.</p>
<p>arduous</p>	<p>Something that is arduous is difficult and tiring, and involves a lot of effort. The task was more arduous than he had calculated. an arduous trip through the mountains In those days, long-distance travel was slow and arduous. Today, Corbett will continue his arduous climb to the top of the park's highest peak. Syn. difficult.</p>
<p>atrocious atrocious^{ly}</p>	<p>1. If you describe someone's behavior or their actions as atrocious, you mean that it is unacceptable because it is extremely violent or cruel. The judge said that the accused had committed atrocious crimes.</p> <p>2. If you describe something as atrocious, you are emphasizing that its quality is very bad. [EMPHASIS] atrocious weather Her singing was atrocious. atrocious living conditions</p>

audacious audacious ^{ly}	Someone who is audacious takes risks in order to achieve something. ...an audacious plan His plan was audacious, and could have come only from a man combining cunning with iron determination. In 1996, President Clinton made an equally audacious promise. Syn. brave, bold, valiant.
barbarous barbarous ^{ly}	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you describe something as barbarous, you strongly disapprove of it because you think that it is extremely cruel. [DISAPPROVAL] ...a barbarous attack. 2. If you describe something as barbarous, you strongly disapprove of it because you think that it is rough and uncivilized. [DISAPPROVAL] The trade in exotic birds is barbarous and inhumane. Syn. cruel, inhuman, brutal, fierce. Syn. barbaric, rude, uncivilized.
callous	A callous person or action is very cruel and shows no concern for other people or their feelings. ...his callous disregard for human life. a callous attitude the callous slaughter of seals The company showed callous disregard for the safety of their employees. Syn. unfeeling, insensitive, cold, coldhearted, heartless, coldblooded, soulless, spiritless.
capricious	Someone who is capricious often changes their mind unexpectedly. the capricious tastes of children She was as capricious as her mother had been. Syn. whimsical, changeable.
cautious cautious ^{ly} cautious ^{ness}	Someone who is cautious acts very carefully in order to avoid possible danger. [+ about] The scientists are cautious about using this drug on humans. a cautious driver I've always been cautious about giving people my phone number. Phil's a very cautious driver - it'll take at least an hour to get there. David moved cautious ^{ly} forward and looked over the edge. Syn. careful, unadventurous.
conscious conscious ^{ly}	A conscious decision or action is made or done deliberately with you giving your full attention to it. Syn. Characterized by forethought; said of an action, thought out, predetermined, well-considered, intentional, planned in advance, done on purpose, thoughtful, planned, intended, purposeful.
continuous continuous ^{ly}	A continuous process or event continues for a period of time without stopping. ...continuous gunfire. ...continuous employment a continuous improvement in service continuous use The civil war has raged almost continuous ^{ly} since 1976. Syn. endless, ceaseless, unending, unceasing.

courageous courageously	<p>Someone who is courageous shows courage.</p> <p>It was a very frightening experience and they were very courageous. It was a courageous decision, and one that everybody admired. a courageous decision courageous struggle courageous individuals courageous leader</p> <p>Syn. brave, bold, audacious, valiant.</p>
courteous courteously courteousness	<p>Someone who is courteous is polite and respectful to other people.</p> <p>He was a kind and courteous man. My friend's reply was courteous but firm. Airline staff must be courteous at all times, even when passengers are not. He was always kind and courteous to me, but we never really became friends. I received a courteous letter from Jane's mother thanking me for my help. The officers were extremely courteous and well-trained. They provide a fast and courteous service.</p> <hr/> <p>Then he nodded courteously to me. Customers are always treated courteously in our stores.</p> <p>Syn. polite, gracious.</p>
credulous	<p>If you describe someone as credulous, you have a low opinion of them because they are too ready to believe what people tell them and are easily deceived. [DISAPPROVAL]</p> <p>Syn. gullible, simple, trusting, naïve.</p>
curious curiously curiosity	<p>1. If you are curious about something, you are interested in it and want to know more about it.</p> <p>Puppies are naturally curious. [+ about] Steve was intensely curious about the world I came from. Mandy was curious to know what happened. "Why do you want to know about Catherine?" "Oh no reason. I'm just curious." A few curious neighbors came out to see what was going on. Being naturally curious animals, cats often find their way into dangerous places. I'm not being nosy, I'm just curious. It was a weird situation, and I was curious to learn more. People have always been curious about exactly how life on earth began.</p> <hr/> <p>The woman in the shop had looked at them curiously. 'What have you got in there?' Felix asked curiously. She felt curiously calm.</p> <p>2. If you describe something as curious, you mean that it is unusual or difficult to understand.</p> <p>It's curious that she left without saying goodbye. Life in the village was a curious combination of the old and the very new.</p> <p>Syn. interested.</p> <p>Syn. odd, singular, unique, unusual.</p>

dexterous	<p>Someone who is dexterous is very skilful and clever with their hands. As people grow older they generally become less dexterous.</p> <p>Syn. skillful, handy.</p>
disastrous	<p>1. A disastrous event has extremely bad consequences and effects. ...the recent, disastrous earthquake. Climate change could have disastrous effects on Earth. A disastrous fire destroyed much of the city in the early 1900s. disastrous three-day storm A disastrous pesticide spill killed all water life along 40 miles of the river. disastrous results a disastrous outcome</p> <p>2. If you describe something as disastrous, you mean that it was very unsuccessful. disastrous performance The decision was disastrous for the company.</p>
envious envious ^{ly}	<p>If you are envious of someone, you want something that they have. [+ of] I don't think I'm envious of your success. Colleagues were envious of her success. envious looks I see people who have opportunities I don't have, and I get envious.</p> <p>Syn. jealous, greedy.</p>
erroneous erroneous ^{ly}	<p>Beliefs, opinions, or methods that are erroneous are incorrect or only partly correct. erroneous assumptions Erroneous ideas or information are wrong and based on facts that are not correct erroneous view</p> <p>Syn. mistaken, incorrect, inaccurate, untrue, false, wrong.</p>
expeditious expeditious ^{ly}	<p>Expeditious means quick and efficient. [FORMAL] expeditious decision-making</p> <p>Syn. speedy, quick.</p>
ferocious ferocious ^{ly}	<p>A ferocious animal, person, or action is very fierce and violent. ...a ferocious guard-dog. The police had had to deal with some of the most ferocious violence ever seen on the streets of London. Fighting has been ferocious. ferocious battle a ferocious, hungry lion a ferocious battle The storm grew more and more ferocious with each second. Gang members have committed ferocious acts of violence. It was one of the most ferocious attacks on prison officers I have ever seen. These bears look ferocious, but attacks by them are extremely rare.</p> <p>Syn. fierce, savage, wild, brutal, cruel, violent, bloodthirsty, murderous, pitiless, merciless, unmerciful, fearsome, frightful.</p>

furious furious ^{ly}	<p>Someone who is furious is extremely angry. [+ at/with] He is furious at the way his wife has been treated. I am furious that it has taken so long to uncover what really happened. She was furious with herself for letting things get out of hand. Residents in the area are furious at the decision. Don't tell Jan I read her letter -- she'll be furious. Gina was furious with him for leaving the baby alone in the house. I've never been so furious in all my life.</p> <hr/> <p>He stormed out of the apartment, slamming the door furious^{ly} behind him.</p>
gorgeous	<p>If you describe someone as gorgeous, you mean that you find them very attractive. [INFORMAL] The cosmetics industry uses gorgeous women to sell its skincare products. Syn. lovely, pretty, attractive, good-looking, comely, fair, handsome.</p>
hilarious	<p>If something is hilarious, it is extremely funny and makes you laugh a lot. We thought it was hilarious when we first heard about it. Our attempts at dancing were hilarious - we all kept tripping over each other. the hilarious BBC comedy series 'Absolutely Fabulous' You should read this book - it's hilarious.</p>
industrious	<p>If you describe someone as industrious, you mean they work very hard. She was an industrious and willing worker. Most of the students I knew at college were serious and industrious. They are industrious people, striving to make their country prosperous. Syn. assiduous, hard-working, diligent.</p>
infamous infamy ^y	<p>Infamous people or things are well-known because of something bad. [FORMAL] an infamous killer, an infamous crime Syn. notorious, ill-famed, shocking.</p>
ingenious	<p>Something that is ingenious is very clever and involves new ideas, methods, or equipment. ...a truly ingenious invention. A scanner is an ingenious device which enables you to feed pictures, photos or documents into a computer system. Syn. clever, inventive.</p>
judicious judicious ^{ly}	<p>If you describe an action or decision as judicious, you approve of it because you think that it shows good judgment and sense. [FORMAL, APPROVAL] You have to be very judicious about how you spend your money. a judicious choice Syn. prudent, sensible, wise, reasonable, thoughtful, careful, well-considered, well-judged.</p>
meticulous meticulous ^{ly}	<p>If you describe someone as meticulous, you mean that they do things very carefully and with great attention to detail. He was so meticulous about everything. The painting had been executed with meticulous attention to detail. Their planning and preparation were meticulous. He cleaned the tools with meticulous care. He would listen to each reply, making meticulous notes as he went. My mother was extremely meticulous and always made sure that every room in the house was spotlessly clean. This beautiful piece of jewellery is the work of a meticulous craftsman. Syn. careful.</p>

miraculous	<p>If you describe a good event as miraculous, you mean that it is very surprising and unexpected.</p> <p>She made a miraculous recovery from her injuries. They had a miraculous escape when their car plunged into a river. A teenager had a miraculous escape last night when the car she was travelling in overturned. The doctor gave her a month to live but she made a miraculous recovery. The emergency services said it was miraculous that no-one was seriously injured. Try to live as though every moment is miraculous.</p>
notorious	<p>To be notorious means to be well-known for something bad. [+ for] ...an area notorious for drugs, crime and violence. She told us the story of one of Britain's most notorious country house murders. English soccer fans are notorious for their drunkenness. One of Britain's most notorious criminals has escaped from prison. Syn. ill-famed, infamous.</p>
obvious obvious ^{ly}	<p>If something is obvious, it is easy to see or understand. It was obvious that Gina was lying. The obvious way of reducing pollution is to use cars less. an obvious mistake For obvious reasons, we've had to cancel tonight's performance. It's obvious that Paul is in love with Liz. It's obvious that something is wrong. It should be obvious to everyone that we need to make some changes. It was obvious from the start that my parents disliked Nancy. She tried to look grateful, but her disappointment was obvious. There is an obvious connection between the two murders. Syn. clear, visible, apparent, noticeable, evident, clear as day*. Syn. apparent, intelligible, comprehensible, unambiguous.</p>
outrageous	<p>If you describe something as outrageous, you are emphasizing that it is unacceptable or very shocking. [EMPHASIS] I must apologize for my outrageous behavior. outrageous prices an outrageous attack an outrageous hairstyle He says the most outrageous things. outrageous lies outrageous new movie Syn. offensive, shocking, atrocious.</p>
perspicacious	<p>Someone who is perspicacious notices, realizes, and understands things quickly. [FORMAL] Syn. judicious, shrewd, clever.</p>
prestigious	<p>A prestigious institution, job, or activity is respected and admired by people. It's one of the best equipped and most prestigious schools in the country. a prestigious award a highly prestigious university prestigious position</p>

prosperous	<p>Prosperous people, places, and economies are rich and successful. [FORMAL] prosperous British family. a prosperous landowner a prosperous American businessman After the war, Germany became one of Europe's most prosperous countries. prosperous countries</p> <p>Syn. wealthy, well-off, well-to-do, rich, affluent.</p>
ravenous	<p>If you are ravenous, you are extremely hungry. Amy realized that she had eaten nothing since leaving Bruton Street, and she was ravenous. a ravenous appetite The boys ran in, ravenous after their game.</p> <hr/> <p>I was ravenous^{ly} hungry .</p>
ridiculous ridiculous ^{ly}	<p>If you say that something or someone is ridiculous, you mean that they are very foolish. That's a ridiculous idea! Don't be ridiculous! I'd look ridiculous in a dress like that. It's ridiculous that we have to wait six weeks.</p>
studious	<p>Someone who is studious spends a lot of time reading and studying books. I was a very quiet, studious little girl. She was an extremely serious and studious young girl. Warren's studious attention to detail has made him successful.</p> <p>Syn. industrious, thoughtful, bookish, diligent, assiduous, loving study.</p>
suspicious	<p>If you describe someone or something as suspicious, you mean that there is some aspect of them which makes you think that they are involved in a crime or a dishonest activity. suspicious-looking characters They found a suspicious package under the seat. a suspicious death He was behaving in a highly suspicious manner. Butler has been involved in several suspicious business deals. He glanced around, satisfied that nobody was taking any notice of his suspicious behavior, then opened the door.</p> <p>Syn. unusual, uncommon, peculiar, shady.</p>
tedious	<p>If you describe something such as a job, task, or situation as tedious, you mean it is boring and rather frustrating. Such lists are long and tedious to read. The work was tiring and tedious. a tedious lecture Doing all those calculations without a computer would be extremely tedious. It was one of the most tedious plays I've ever had to sit through.</p> <p>Syn. slow, wearisome, tiresome.</p>

vicious vicious ^{ly}	<p>A vicious person or a vicious blow is violent and cruel.</p> <p>He was a cruel and vicious man.</p> <p>He suffered a vicious attack by a gang of white youths.</p> <p>The blow was so sudden and vicious that he dropped to his knees.</p> <p>a vicious murder</p> <p>a vicious killer</p> <p>Keep away from that dog, he can be vicious.</p> <p>It was a particularly vicious crime," a police spokesman said.</p> <p>Rottweilers are vicious dogs, far too dangerous to have as pets.</p> <p>We found ourselves surrounded by a gang of vicious young thugs, armed with belts, sticks and stones.</p> <hr/> <p>She had been vicious^{ly} attacked with a hammer.</p> <p>Syn. malevolent, brutal, inhuman, ruthless, wicked, evil, outrageous, ferocious, bloodthirsty, savage, fierce, monstrous, barbarous, atrocious.</p> <p>Syn. callous, merciless, unmerciful, coldblooded, ruthless, unfeeling, without pity, knowing no mercy.</p>
victorious	<p>You use victorious to describe someone who has won a victory in a struggle, war, or competition.</p> <p>the victorious team</p> <p>a victorious candidate</p> <p>He shook hands with his victorious opponent.</p> <p>Three young men from the victorious team came forward to collect their trophy.</p>
virtuous	<p>A virtuous person behaves in a moral and correct way.</p> <p>Louis was shown as an intelligent, courageous and virtuous family man.</p> <p>Natalie considered herself very virtuous because she neither drank nor smoked.</p> <p>Father Tom was a hard-working, virtuous man, liked and respected by everyone.</p> <p>They wanted him to marry a virtuous young woman from a respectable family.</p> <p>Syn. good, moral.</p>
vivacious	<p>If you describe someone as vivacious, you mean that they are lively, exciting, and attractive. [WRITTEN, APPROVAL]</p> <p>She's beautiful, vivacious, and charming.</p> <p>a vivacious and outgoing personality</p> <p>He married a vivacious girl called Sarah who he met at university.</p> <p>She's tender-hearted, generous, vivacious.</p> <p>Syn. spirited, lively, active, happy.</p>

SPECIFIC ADJECTIVE SUFFIXES

-free	-like	-sided	-willed	-visaged	-mannered
	-shaped	-worthy	-voiced	-natured	-hearted

-hearted	<i>-hearted</i> combines with adjectives such as `kind' or `cold' to form adjectives which indicate that someone has a particular <u>character</u> or <u>personality</u> or is in a particular <u>mood</u> .	
	<i>big-hearted</i>	If you describe someone as big-hearted, you think they are kind and generous to other people, and always willing to help them. [WRITTEN]
	<i>broken-hearted</i>	Someone who is broken-hearted is very sad and upset because they have had a serious disappointment.
	<i>cold-hearted</i>	A cold-hearted person does not feel any affection or sympathy towards other people. [DISAPPROVAL] ...a cold-hearted killer.
	<i>downhearted</i>	If you are downhearted, you are feeling sad and discouraged. Max sighed, sounding even more downhearted.
	<i>faint-hearted</i>	If you describe someone or their behavior as faint-hearted, you mean that they are not very confident and do not take strong action because they are afraid of failing. This is no time to be faint-hearted.
	<i>kind-hearted</i>	If you describe someone as kind-hearted, you mean that they are kind, caring, and generous. He was a warm, generous and kind-hearted man.
	<i>light-hearted</i>	Someone who is light-hearted is cheerful and happy. They were light-hearted and prepared to enjoy life.
	<i>soft-hearted</i>	Someone who is soft-hearted has a very sympathetic and kind nature.
	<i>tender-hearted</i>	If you are tender-hearted, you have a gentle and caring nature.
	<i>warm-hearted</i>	A warm-hearted person is friendly and affectionate.
-mannered	<i>wholeheartedly</i>	If you support or agree to something in a wholehearted way, you support or agree to it enthusiastically and completely. [EMPHASIS] That's exactly right. I agree wholeheartedly with you.
	<i>well-mannered</i> <i>ill-mannered</i>	having manners of a specified sort

-natured	<i>good-natured</i> <i>ill-natured</i>	having or showing a (specified kind of) nature, disposition, or temperament [<i>good-natured</i>]
-willed	<i>strong-willed</i> <i>self-willed</i> <i>weak-willed</i> <i>ill-willed</i>	having a will, esp. a specified kind of will: [<i>strong-willed</i>]
-visaged	having a (specified kind of) visage [<i>stern-visaged</i>]	
-voiced	having or using (a specified kind or tone of) voice: often in hyphenated compounds [<i>deep-voiced</i>]	
-worthy	worthy of; deserving [<i>praiseworthy</i>] <u>-worthy</u> can be added to words to form adjectives which indicate that someone or something deserves a particular thing or action.	
	<i>noteworthy</i>	A fact or event that is noteworthy is interesting, remarkable, or significant in some way. [FORMAL]
	<i>praiseworthy</i>	If you say that something is praiseworthy, you mean that you approve of it and it deserves to be praised. [FORMAL, APPROVAL]
	<i>trustworthy</i>	A trustworthy person is reliable, responsible, and can be trusted completely.
-free	<u>-free</u> combines with nouns to form adjectives that indicate that something does not have the thing mentioned, or has only a little of it. For example, sugar-free drinks do not contain any sugar.	
-like	<u>-like</u> combines with nouns to form adjectives which describe something as being similar to the thing referred to by the noun.	
-shaped	<u>-shaped</u> combines with nouns to form adjectives that describe the shape of an object.	
-sided	<u>-sided</u> combines with numbers or adjectives to describe how many sides something has, or what kind of sides something has.	

NOUN SUFFIXES

-ity	-ship	(-ancy, -ency)	-ee	-ism
-ment	-ion, -ation	-er, -or	-ess	-ics
-ness	-ance, -ence	-ant, -ent	-ian	-ist

-ITY

-ity is added to adjectives, sometimes in place of '-ious', to form nouns referring to the state, quality, or behaviour described by the adjective.

ability	diversity	nationality	quality
abnormality	electricity	necessity	reality
activity	generosity	opportunity	responsibility
brutality	inability	personality	security
capacity	legality	possibility	unity
complexity	majority	priority	
curiosity	minority	prosperity	

-MENT

-ment is added to some verbs to form nouns that refer to actions, processes, or states.

achievement	assignment	employment	monument
adjustment	astonishment	environment	movement
agreement	commitment	excitement	payment
apartment	development	fragment	punishment
argument	disagreement	government	unemployment
argument	document	ill-treatment	
assessment	element	improvement	

-NESS

-ness is added to adjectives to form nouns which often refer to a state or quality. For example, 'sadness' is the state of being sad and 'kindness' is the quality of being kind.

business	goodness	kindness	sickness
fairness	illness	weakness	

-SHIP

1. the quality, condition, or state of being [*hardship, friendship*]
2. a person having the rank or status of
3. all individuals (of the specified class) collectively [*readership*]

citizenship	friendship	leadership	partnership
companionship	fellowship	membership	relationship
	hardship	ownership	

-ATION

-ation and -ion are added to some verbs in order to form nouns. Nouns formed in this way often refer to a state or process; for example, starvation is the process of starving, and victimization is the process of being victimized.

action	caution	creation	formation
addiction	civilization	dedication	foundation
addition	collaboration	demonstration	hallucination
admiration	conclusion	desertification	hesitation
admiration	condition	devotion	imagination
aggression	connection	digestion	impression
animation	construction	dimension	indignation
attention	consumption	discrimination	information
attraction	contribution	dissatisfaction	invitation
calculation	correction	education	location

motivation	permission	prohibition	reputation
obligation	pollution	protection	satisfaction
occupation	population	punctuation	socialization
organization	position	reaction	tension
passion	prediction	reduction	tradition
perfection	production	regulation	translation

-ENCE, -ANCE, -ENCY, -ANCY

-ence and -ency are added to adjectives, usually in place of -ent, to form nouns referring to states, qualities, attitudes, or behavior. For example, 'affluence' is the state of being affluent.

absence	difference	incompetence	residence
affluence	disappearance	independence	self-confidence
assistance	distance	influence	self-reliance
audience	entrance	insignificance	vengeance
circumstance	evidence	intelligence	efficiency
coincidence	excellence	nuisance	frequency
conference	existence	patience	proficiency
conscience	guidance	performance	
convenience	competence	presence	

-ER

1. You add -er to verbs to form nouns which refer to a person, animal, or thing that does the action described by the verb; for example a 'reader' is someone who reads and a 'money-saver' is something that saves money.
2. You add -er to words to form nouns which refer to a person with a particular job. For example, someone who works in a mine is a 'miner'.
3. You add -er to the names of some places to form nouns which refer to a person who comes from that place. For example, someone who comes from London is a 'Londoner'.

adventurer	consumer	explorer	listener
advertiser	worker	fighter	leader
adviser	driver	firefighter	murderer
attacker	drinker	gamer	mass-murderer
banker	employer	hunter	native-speaker
beginner	user	killer	non-smoker
believer	eraser	learner	player
builder	evildoer	lecturer	researcher
commander	executioner	loser	teacher

-OR

-or is used at the end of nouns that refer to people or things which perform a particular action.

author	creator	professor	visitor
calculator	counselor	traitor	
competitor	director	translator	

female [lioness]: In nouns of agent ending in -tor or -ter, the vowel is usually dropped before adding -ess [actress] As applied to persons, now often avoided as discriminatory [poetess]

-AN

- (one) born in or living in [*Mexican*]
- -an is added to the names of some places in order to form adjectives or nouns that refer to people or things which come from that place.

-ICIAN

a person engaged in, skilled in, or specializing in (a specified field) [*phonetician*]

electrician	physician	technician
mathematician	politician	

-EE

1. a person in a (specified) condition
2. a person that performs the (specified) action

absentee	employee	refugee
detainee	examinee	

-IST

1. -ist is used in place of -ism to form count nouns and adjectives. The nouns refer to people who have particular beliefs. The adjectives describe something related to or based on particular beliefs.
2. -ist is used to form count nouns referring to people who do a particular kind of work.
3. -ist is added to nouns referring to musical instruments, in order to form nouns that refer to people who play these instruments.

artist	dentist	stylist	philanthropist
atheist	ecologist	journalist	physicist
botanist	economist	jurist	psychologist
cartoonist	egoist	optimist	tourist
chemist	environmentalist	perfectionist	specialist
cyclist	essayist	pessimist	terrorist

-ICS

1. [usually with pl. v.] activities, practices [*politics*]
2. [usually with sing. v.] art, science, study [*mathematics*]

athletics

mathematics

statistics

economics

physics

-ANT

1. *forming nouns* a person or thing that ____s [*occupant, accountant*]
2. *forming nouns* a person or thing that [*superintendent, solvent*]

assistant

consultant

immigrant

observant

commandant

defendant

inhabitant

agent

emigrant

servant

SOME FREQUENTLY MET PREFIXES

A prefix goes at the beginning of a word.

Prefixes and their variants	Meanings	Examples
an, a	not, without	atheist
anti, ant	against, opposite	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Anti-</u> is used to form adjectives and nouns that describe someone or something that is opposed to a particular system, practice, or group of people. <u>Anti-</u> is used to form adjectives and nouns that describe things that are intended to destroy something harmful or to prevent something from happening. <p>Antibiotic, anti-American, antidote, antidepressant, anti-social, anti-virus.</p>
bene	good	<p>benediction (speaking well)</p> <p>benevolent (wishing well)</p> <p>benefactor (someone who does good)</p>
com, con, col, cor, co	together, with, very, joint, accompanying	<p>It becomes col- before <i>l</i>; cor- before <i>r</i>; con- before <i>c, d, g, j, n, q, s, t, or v</i>, or, sometimes, <i>f</i>; and co- before <i>h</i> or a vowel</p> <p>Communicate, conference, collect, coworker, coexist, co-author, colleague.</p>
contra, contro, counter	against, opposite, opposed to, contrary	contraband, contradict, controversy, counteract, counterattack, counterforce, counterproductive
	contradict	If you contradict someone, you say that what they have just said is wrong, or suggest that it is wrong by saying something different.
	contrary	Ideas, attitudes, or reactions that are contrary to each other are completely different from each other.
	contrast	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A contrast is a great difference between two or more things which is clear when you compare them. You say <i>by contrast</i> or <i>in contrast</i>, or in contrast to something, to show that you are mentioning a very different situation from the one you have just mentioned.
de	away, from, down, of, out of, reverse action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>De-</u> is added to a verb in order to change the meaning of the verb to its opposite. <u>De-</u> is added to a noun in order to make it a verb referring to the removal of the thing described by the noun. <p>Deactivate, decapitate, decode, decipher, decontrol, deface, detach.</p>
dia, di	across, through, between	diagonal, dialogue, diameter

dis, di	1. reverse action, not; 2. apart, away, completely	1. disagree, disconnect, discover, dislike, disbelief, dismiss, disrespect, dishonest; 2. digest, distant, distribute, disturb, divert, divide, divorce.
down	down, downward	downgrade, downhill, download, downpour, downsize, downhearted.
ex, ec, ef, e	1.out of, from, completely; 2.former	1. exclude, expand, expensive, export, exterior, external, extract; 2. ex-wife, ex-champion, ex-mayor, ex-president.
extra, extro	outside, beyond, very, more than usual	extraordinary, extrovert
fore	before, in front, front part	forearm, forecast, forehead, foremost, forerunner, foresee, foresight, forethought.
hyper	over, above, more than the normal, excessive	<u>Hyper-</u> is used to form adjectives that describe someone as having a lot or too much of a particular quality. hyperactive, hypersensitive, hypercritical,
hypo	below, under	hypodynamia
in (Engl.)	in, inside, into, inward	income, incoming, inflow, inland, inside, intake, inward
in, il, im, ir (Latin)	in, inside, into, inward	interior, internal, import.
in, il, im, ir	not	In- is added to some words to form words with the opposite meaning. For example, something that is incorrect is not correct. no, not, without, non- [insignificant]: it becomes il- before l; im- before b, m, or p; and ir- before r inability, individual, indivisible, inexpensive, intolerable, illegal, illiterate, illogical, immature, immoral, impatient, impolite, impossible, irregular, irresponsible
inter	between, together, during	<u>Inter-</u> combines with adjectives and nouns to form adjectives indicating that something connects two or more places, things, or groups of people. For example, inter-governmental relations are relations between governments. interaction, international, interpreter, interrupt, interview
intra, intro	inside, within	intravenous, introduction, introvert
mal	bad or badly, wrong, ill	<u>Mal-</u> is added to words in order to form new words which describe things that are bad or unpleasant, or that are unsuccessful or imperfect. malfunction, malicious
male	evil	malevolence, malevolent, malefactor
multi	having, consisting of, or affecting many;	Multi- is used to form adjectives indicating that something consists of many things of a particular kind. Multitude, multinational, multicultural, multicolored, multi-skilled, multi-storied, multiplayer.

mid	middle	<p><u>Mid-</u> is used to form nouns or adjectives that refer to the middle part of a particular period of time, or the middle point of a particular place.</p> <p>midnight, midsummer, Midwest (U.S.), mid-June, mid-nineties.</p>
mis	bad, wrong; negation	<p><u>Mis-</u> is added to some verbs and nouns to form new verbs and nouns which indicate that something is done badly or wrongly.</p> <p>misfortune, mislead, misplace, misprint, mistake, mistreat, misunderstanding, misbehave, misfortune, misinform, misplace, misspell, misuse.</p>
non	not	<p><u>Non-</u> is used in front of adjectives and nouns to form adjectives that describe something as not having a particular quality or feature.</p> <p>Nonalcoholic, nonsmoker, non-member, non-stop, nonsense, non-violent, non-aggressive.</p>
out	out, beyond	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. situated at or coming from a point away, outside, external [<i>outbuilding, outpatient</i>] 2. going away or forth, outward [<i>outbound</i>] 3. better, greater, or more than: (<i>outdo, outsell, outsmart</i>) <p>Outgoing, outnumber, outstanding, outdoor.</p>
over	beyond, above	<p>You can add <u>over-</u> to an adjective or verb to indicate that a quality exists or an action is done to too great an extent. For example, if you say that someone is being over-cautious, you mean that they are being too cautious.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. above in position, over, outer, upper [<i>overhead</i>] 2. more (than), excessive, too much, beyond the normal, extra [<i>overrate, oversell, oversleep</i>] 3. overly; excessively [<i>overeager, overlong</i>] <p>overcoat, overcome, overdo, overeat, overlook, overweight</p>
post	after, behind, later	<p><u>Post-</u> is used to form words that indicate that something takes place after a particular date, period, or event.</p> <p>post-war</p>
pre	before, in front of, before in time, earlier (than), prior (to)	<p><u>Pre-</u> is used to form words that indicate that something takes place before a particular date, period, or event.</p> <p>predict, preface, prepare, prepay, prevent, prewar</p>

re	again, back	<p><u>Re-</u> is added to verbs and nouns to form new verbs and nouns that refer to the repeating of an action or process. For example, to `re-read' something means to read it again.</p> <p>recollect, remind, rename, renew, repeat, replace, retell, review.</p>
sub, sup	under, below, inferior, beneath	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sub- is used at the beginning of words that have `under' as part of their meaning. 2. Sub- is added to the beginning of adjectives in order to form other adjectives that describe someone or something as inferior, for example inferior to normal people or to normal things. <p>Sub-Atlantic, submarine, subordinate, substandard, support.</p>
super, supra	above, beyond, over, greater in quality, amount, or degree than; greater or better than others of its kind	<p><u>Super-</u> is used to form adjectives which indicate that something is at a higher level than something else.</p> <p>Supernatural, supercomputer, superhero, superman, supernatural, supermarket.</p>
trans	across, beyond, through, on the other side of, to the other side of, over	<p><u>Trans-</u> is used to form adjectives which indicate that something involves or enables travel from one side of an area to the other. For example, a trans-continental journey is a journey across a continent.</p> <p>transaction, transcontinental, transfer, transform</p>
un	not; reverse action, lack of, the opposite of	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Un-</u> is added to the beginning of adjectives, adverbs, and nouns, in order to form words that have the opposite meaning. 2. <u>Un-</u> is added to the beginning of a verb that describes a process, in order to form another verb that describes the reverse of that process. 3. <u>Un-</u> is added to the beginning of the past participle of a verb, in order to form an adjective that means that the process described by the verb has not happened. <p>unable, unhappy, unnecessary, unemployment, unrest; undo, unlock, unpack, unplug, unwrap</p>
under	below, beneath; an inferior or subordinate position or rank; too little, not enough, below normal or standard	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Under-</u> is used to form words that express the idea that there is not enough of something. For example if people are underfed, they are not getting enough food. 2. <u>Under-</u> is added to the beginning of nouns that refer to a job or rank in order to form nouns that refer to a less important job or rank. <p>underdeveloped, underestimate, understand, undertake, underwear</p>
up	up, upward	upcoming, update, upgrade, uphill, uploading

PREFIXES WITH THE MEANING OF QUANTITY

mono	one	Mono- is used at the beginning of nouns and adjectives that have 'one' or 'single' as part of their meanings.	
	monogamy	Monogamy is the state or custom of being married to only one person at a particular time.	
	monolingual	Monolingual means involving, using, or speaking one language.	
	monologue	A monologue is a long speech which is spoken by one person.	
	monopoly	A monopoly is a company which is the only one providing a particular product or service. [BUSINESS]	
bi, di	two	Bi- is used at the beginning of nouns and adjectives that have 'two' as part of their meaning. ...a bi-cultural society.	
	bilingual	Bilingual means involving or using two languages. ...bilingual education. ...the Collins bilingual dictionaries.	
	binoculars	Binoculars consist of two small telescopes joined together side by side, which you look through in order to look at things that are a long way away.	
tri	three	Tri- is used at the beginning of nouns and adjectives that have 'three' as part of their meaning. It was triangular in shape.	
	tricolor	A tricolor is a flag which is made up of blocks of three different colors.	
quadri	four	hepta	seven
quint	five	octo	eight
hex, hexa	six	nona	nine
deca	ten		
	decade	A decade is a period of ten years, especially one that begins with a year ending in 0, for example 1980 to 1989.	
	decimal	A decimal system involves counting in units of ten.	
poly	many	Poly- is used to form adjectives and nouns which indicate that many things or types of something are involved in something. For example, a polysyllabic word contains many syllables.	
	polygamy	Polygamy is the custom in some societies in which someone can be legally married to more than one person at the same time.	
	polytheism	belief in or worship of many gods, or more than one god: opposed to monotheism	
	polyglot	A polyglot is a person who speaks or understands many languages.	

LATIN ROOTS

Root	Meaning	Examples
ami, amic	love	amiable, amicable
aqua, aque	water	aquatic, aquarium
ann, enni	year	anniversary, annual, biennial, perennial
aud	sound	auditorium, audible, audiologist, audiotape
cide	kill(ing)	infanticide, herbicide, suicide
corp	body	corpus, corpse, corporal
cred	believe	credible, credulous, credibility, credit
dent	tooth	dentist
dic	speak, say	dictate, predict, diction
fac	make, do	manufacture, factory, benefactor, malefactor
magn	large	magnify, magnate, magnificent
min	small	minority, minuscule, minute
scrib	write	manuscript, scribe, proscribe, scripture
son	sound	sonar, resonate, unison
temp	time	temporary, temporize
ten, tent	hold	tentative, tenable, tenuous
terr	earth	subterranean, terrain, terrestrial, disinter
vit	life	vital, revitalize, vitamin

GREEK ROOTS

Root	Meaning	Examples
anthrop	human, man	anthropology, anthropomorphic, misanthrope
arch	chief, leader, ruler	archangel, monarch, archaic, archenemy
auto	self	autobiography, automobile, autocracy
biblio-	book	bibliography, bibliophile
bi, bio	life	biosphere, biography, autobiography, biology, antibiotic
demo	people	demography, democracy, epidemic

derm	skin	dermatology, epidermis, hypodermic
dynam	power	dynamo, hydrodynamics
gam	marriage	monogamy, polygamy, bigamy
geo	earth	geopolitical, geology, geography, geothermal
graph	writing, printing	graphology, biography, telegraph, digraph, orthography, geography
hetero	other, different	heterodoxy
homo	same	homogeneous
hydro	water	dehydrate, rehydrate, hydraulics, hydroelectric, hydroplane
log	study, field of,	biology, geology, etymology, cardiology,
	word	neologism, monologue
macro	large	macroeconomics
metri, meter	measure	geometric, thermometer, odometer
micro	small	microscope, microcosm, microeconomics
mono	one, alone, single	monologue, monotheism, monarchy, monogamy, monogram, monopoly
neo	new, recent	neologism, neo-liberal, neonatology. neolithic
pan	all, every	panorama,
path	feeling, suffering	sympathy, apathy, empathy, pathos, telepathy, pathology
phil, philo	like, lover of	philosophy, Francophile, bibliophile, philately, philanthropy
phobia	exaggerated fear	photophobia, claustrophobia, agoraphobia
phon, phono	sound, voice	telephone, euphony, cacophony, phonograph, phonogram
poly	many, several	polygon, polygamy, polytheism
psych	soul, spirit, mind	psychology, psychic, psychosomatic, psychobiography
tele	distant, far off	telephone, telepathy, telegram, television, telekinetic
theo	god, deity	theology, polytheism, atheist, monotheism
therm	heat	thermal, thermos, thermometer
zoo	animal	zoo, zoology, zooaltry