

LESSON 190

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Common adjective suffixes

Some common suffixes we use to form adjectives are: "-al", "-ive", "-ous", "-ic", "-y", "-able" and "-ible".

Some examples of such adjectives are "experimental", "progressive", "poisonous", "melodic", "sleepy", "predictable" and "reversible".

meagre

rise

frail

take to

mutual

sheer

agile

would sooner

docile

rowdy

let alone

hop

frog

inherit

take after

write up

duck



gauge

precise

embrace

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shove

tug

drop out

thrash

assertive

cling – clung – clung

clutch

revolve

exert

policy

dismay

setback

get over

1189 **carefree**

staircase

flight of stairs



culprit

convict

get off

remorse

entrust

hardship

1190 **jolt**



stroll

side-effect

widespread

Word-building exercise 4

For each sentence below, change the word printed at the beginning so that it fits correctly into the gap. Put your answer on the right.

			Answers
e.g.	luck	She was ... to win the game.	<u>Lucky</u>
1	appropriate	As the men were dressed ..., they were not permitted to enter the restaurant.	.....
2	contest	Each ... has to perform one song in front of a live audience.	.....
3	chaos	The performance was rather ... even though we'd planned everything carefully.	.....
4	stable	The bridge is probably safe but we're carrying out some work to improve its ... in high winds.	.....
5	global	I'm not sure ... has been good for the economy of my country.	.....
6	recognize	Whenever I mention his name, there's a sign of ... on her face.	.....
7	descend	She is a direct ... of the ancient king himself.	.....
8	resign	He can't have handed in his ...; only yesterday he was saying what a great company this was!	.....
9	comprehend	She's bound to win the race; it'd be absolutely ... if she didn't.	.....
10	dispose	The ... of plastic waste is a big issue for my local council.	.....
11	include	His ... in the team has come as a shock to most of the other players at the club.	.....
12	compliment	I felt very flattered because she made loads of ... remarks about my new house.	.....
13	respect	It was ... of her to turn up late for her brother's wedding and then not even apologize.	.....
14	observe	Don't expect Tony to notice your haircut; he's probably the most ... person I've ever met.	.....
15	know	Ask Mike; he's quite ... about that kind of thing.	.....