

Suffix -ive

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Changing nouns and verbs into adjectives using -ive like in "active"

Suffix -ive



[Figure1]

The suffix *-ive* changes nouns and verbs into adjectives. It adds the meaning “tending to” or “doing” or “being.”

Often an adjective that ends in *-ive* comes to be used also as a noun. For instance, the verb *execute* becomes the adjective *executive*, which is then used as a noun, as in "She is an executive in a computer company."

Additionally, some adjectives are formed not by adding *-ive* to nouns or verbs, but rather to bound stems.

Examples

Adjective	= Noun or verb	+ Suffix
defensive	= <i>defens</i> /	+ <i>ive</i>
massive	= <i>mass</i>	+ <i>ive</i>

Elements	= Adjective
ex + cess + ive	= <i>excessive</i>
intro + spect + ive	= <i>introspective</i>

Bound stem + suffix	= Adjective	Related Verb
extens + ive	= <i>extensive</i>	<i>extend</i>

Review

Each of the following words consists of a verb or noun plus the suffix *-ive*. Analyze each one. Be sure to show any cases where a silent final <e> was deleted.

Adjective	= Noun or verb	+ Suffix
1. excessive	=	+
2. supportive	=	+
3. reflective	=	+
4. effective	=	+
5. directive	=	+
6. exhaustive	=	+
7. detective	=	+
8. narrative	=	+
9. disruptive	=	+
10. subjective	=	+
11. active	=	+
12. attractive	=	+
13. retrospective	=	+

Here are some the other way around. Combine the elements to make adjectives. Show any changes that occur when the elements combine.

Elements	= Adjective
14. ob + struct + ive	=
15. retro + spect + ive	=
16. ob + ject + ive	=
17. ad + gress + ive	=
18. sub + ject + ive	=
19. re + strict + ive	=
20. re + cept + ive	=
21. per + cept + ive	=
22. de + fect + ive	=
23. ex + secute + ive	=
24. dis + rupt + ive	=

Each of the bound stems is related to a verb that is spelled slightly differently from the bound stem. (Usually a verb has a <d> where the bound stem has an <s>.) Combine the following bound stems and suffixes to make adjectives, and then in the right hand column write the related verb.

Bound stem + suffix	= Adjective	Related Verb
25. attent + ive	=	
26. inclus + ive	=	
27. exclus + ive	=	
28. explos + ive	=	

Review (Answers)

Adjective	= Noun or verb	+ Suffix
1. excessive	= <i>excess</i>	+ <i>ive</i>
2. supportive	= <i>support</i>	+ <i>ive</i>
3. reflective	= <i>reflect</i>	+ <i>ive</i>
4. effective	= <i>effect</i>	+ <i>ive</i>
5. directive	= <i>direct</i>	+ <i>ive</i>
6. exhaustive	= <i>exhaust</i>	+ <i>ive</i>
7. detective	= <i>detect</i>	+ <i>ive</i>
8. narrative	= <i>narrat</i> ✂	+ <i>ive</i>
9. disruptive	= <i>disrupt</i>	+ <i>ive</i>
10. subjective	= <i>subject</i>	+ <i>ive</i>
11. active	= <i>act</i>	+ <i>ive</i>
12. attractive	= <i>attract</i>	+ <i>ive</i>
13. retrospective	= <i>retrospect</i>	+ <i>ive</i>

Elements	= Adjective
14. ob + struct + ive	= <i>obstructive</i>
15. retro + spect + ive	= <i>retrospective</i>
16. ob + ject + ive	= <i>objective</i>
17. ad + gress + ive	= <i>aggressive</i>
18. sub + ject + ive	= <i>subjective</i>

Elements	= Adjective
19. re + strict + ive	= <i>restrictive</i>
20. re + cept + ive	= <i>receptive</i>
21. per + cept + ive	= <i>perceptive</i>
22. de + fect + ive	= <i>defective</i>
23. ex + s ecut e + ive	= <i>executive</i>
24. dis + rupt + ive	= <i>disruptive</i>

Bound stem + suffix	= Adjective	Related Verb
25. attent + ive	= <i>attentive</i>	<i>attend</i>
26. inclus + ive	= <i>inclusive</i>	<i>include</i>
27. exclus + ive	= <i>exclusive</i>	<i>exclude</i>
28. explos + ive	= <i>explosive</i>	<i>explode</i>

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