

Creating Adjectives Using the Suffix -ive



This week, we are going to look at how we can create adjectives using a particular suffix...



-ive

which simply
means 'tending
to' or 'having the
nature of'.

We will look at how the -ive suffix can be added to nouns or verbs to create adjectives.

Working with a partner on your whiteboards, can you change these root words into adjectives using the suffix –ive?

Do any of the root words change when the suffix is added?
What do all the adjectives you have made actually mean?

appreciate

attract

addict

offence

co-operate

abuse

create

exhaust

assert

express

What adjectives were formed? Did any of the root words change?

**No change to the
root word**

attract + **ive**
attractive

addict + **ive**
addictive

exhaust + **ive**
exhaustive

assert + **ive**
assertive

express + **ive**
expressive

Root word drops the 'e'

creat~~e~~ + **ive**
creative

abus~~e~~ + **ive**
abusive

appreciat~~e~~ + **ive**
appreciative

co-operat~~e~~ + **ive**
co-operative

Exceptions to the rules

offenc^s~~e~~ + **ive**
offensive

Work with a partner. Which of the -ive suffix adjectives you have created do you think fits in this sentence?

Miss Hizam was extremely appreciative
of all the help she received when setting
up the school fayre.

Work with a partner. Which of the -ive suffix adjectives you have created do you think fits in this sentence?

Caffeine and nicotine are extremely
addictive substances.

Work with a partner. Which of the -ive suffix adjectives you have created do you think fits in this sentence?

The crowd gasped and jeered as the comedian had told a very offensive joke.

Work with a partner. Which of the -ive suffix adjectives you have created do you think fits in this sentence?

The overworked teacher had an
exhaustive list of jobs to complete.

Work with a partner. Which of the -ive suffix adjectives you have created do you think fits in this sentence?

The awkward suspect wasn't being very **co-operative** during the police interview.

Here are your spelling words for this week.
Work hard to practise the -ive suffix words.



Week 5

Converting nouns or
verbs into adjectives
using the suffix -ive

attractive

creative

addictive

assertive

abusive

co-operative

exhaustive

appreciative

offensive

expressive



