

AFFIXES (PREFIXES & SUFFIXES) to create ADJECTIVES

N.B. Keep in mind that adjectives can only be used in the singular form and usually come before the noun

SUFFIXES added to nouns or verbs:

- ed damaged (past participle used as an adjective)
- ese Japanese
- ian Grecian
- ish blueish
- ist racist
- al radical
- ent obedient (often from -ence nouns e.g. obedience)
- ive attractive
- ate fortunate
- ful hopeful (meaning 'full of' or 'having the quality of' the noun, e.g. hope)
- less hopeless (meaning 'without', often the negative form of adjectives with 'ful' as the suffix)
- like childlike
- ly friendly
- ous famous
- y windy
- able enjoyable (often with the meaning of 'can be done' e.g. reliable, can be trusted)
- ible responsible

PREFIXES:

to form negative adjectives

- dis **dishonest**
- un often combined with adjectives with the -able suffix e.g. **unsuitable**
- in often combined with adjectives ending in -ible e.g. **invisible**

N.B. -in often changes to

- im (before *b, p, m*) e.g. **impossible, immortal**
- ir (before *r*) e.g. **irresponsible**
- il (before *l*) e.g. **illegal**

SUFFIXES for ADVERBS (from adjectives)

- ly quickly N.B. happily
- wards backwards (in the sense of 'towards')
- wise clockwise (in the direction of)

N.B. Adverbs, like adjectives, often have a negative form.

Example:

BASE WORD = FORTUNE

....., she didn't leave enough time to get to the airport, so she missed her flight.

FORTUNE + ATE (SUFFIX) = FORTUNATE (adjective)

FORTUNATE + LY (SUFFIX) = FORTUNATELY (adverb)

FORTUNATELY + UN (PREFIX) = UNFORTUNATELY (negative adverb)

...**UNFORTUNATELY**..., she didn't leave enough time to get to the airport, so she missed her flight.