Adjective Formation

CEFR A2 · More suffixes and negative prefixes
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Worksheet 1: More Suffixes

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Reference: Endings That Make Adjectives

A **suffix** is an ending we add to a word. Different suffixes make adjectives from nouns or verbs. Learn these common ones and watch small spelling changes.

Suffix	Example	From
-al	nature → natural	noun
-ous	danger → dangerous	noun
-ive	act → active	verb
-able	enjoy → enjoyable	verb
-ic	hero → heroic	noun

Part A – Make the Adjective

1. danger → _____
2. nature → _____
3. enjoy → _____
4. create → _____
5. music → _____

Part B – Complete the Sentence

1. Swimming here is _____. (danger)
2. She is a very _____ child. (create)
3. The film was really _____. (enjoy)
4. We ate some _____ food. (nature)

Score: _____ / 20

Worksheet 2: -less and -ful

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Reference: A Useful Pair of Opposites

-ful means "full of / with"; **-less** means "without". They are often opposites: *careful / careless*, *hopeful / hopeless*. Both are added to a noun.

Noun	-ful (with)	-less (without)
care	careful	careless
hope	hopeful	hopeless
use	useful	useless
colour	colourful	colourless
pain	painful	painless

Part A – Complete the Pair

1. hope → _____ / _____
2. use → _____ / _____
3. care → _____ / _____

Part B – Choose -ful or -less

1. This broken pen is _____. (use)
2. Be _____ with that knife! (care)
3. The injection was quick and _____. (pain)
4. After the bad news, she felt _____. (hope)
5. The autumn trees were bright and _____. (colour)

Part C – Match the Meaning

Which word means the opposite? Write it.

1. careful → opposite: _____
2. useless → opposite: _____
3. hopeful → opposite: _____

Score: _____ / 25

Worksheet 3: Negative Prefixes

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Reference: More Ways to Say "Not"

Besides **un-**, English uses other negative prefixes: **in-**, **im-** (before m/p), **dis-**, and **ir-** (before r), **il-** (before l). You must learn which prefix each adjective takes.

Prefix	Used before	Example
un-	many words	happy → unhappy
in-	some words	correct → incorrect
im-	m, p	possible → impossible
dis-	some words	honest → dishonest
ir- / il-	r / l	regular → irregular; legal → illegal

Part A – Add the Correct Prefix

1. _____ possible (im/un) → _____
2. _____ honest (dis/un) → _____
3. _____ correct (in/im) → _____
4. _____ polite (im/un) → _____
5. _____ patient (im/in) → _____

Part B – Complete the Sentence

1. Sorry, that's _____ — we can't do it. (possible)
2. It's _____ to steal. (legal)
3. He was very _____ and didn't say thank you. (polite)
4. Your answer is _____; try again. (correct)

Part C – Sort the Prefixes

Write each adjective with its correct prefix.

#	Adjective	With prefix
1	comfortable	
2	responsible	
3	patient	
4	honest	

Score: _____ / 30

Worksheet 4: Editing & Writing

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A2 (CEFR)

Part A – Edit the Paragraph

This text has **six** word-formation errors (wrong suffix, wrong prefix, or spelling). Underline and correct them.

> My brother is very carefull with money, but I am careless and always lose it! Last week I did something unpossible — I forgot my own birthday. My friends said I was forgetful. They planned a surprise, which was really enjoyful. The cake was colourfull and the music was wonderfull. It was an unforgettable day, and I felt very thankfull.

#	Error	Correction
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Part B – Writing

Write 80–100 words describing a person and a place. Use at least **six** adjectives made with suffixes (-ful, -less, -ous, -al…) or negative prefixes (un-, in-, im-, dis-). Underline each formed adjective.

#	Line
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	

Formed adjectives: _____ / 6 Score: _____ / 35

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

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Worksheet 1 – Part A

1 dangerous · 2 natural · 3 enjoyable · 4 creative · 5 musical

Worksheet 1 – Part B

1 dangerous · 2 creative · 3 enjoyable · 4 natural

Worksheet 2 – Part A

1 hopeful / hopeless · 2 useful / useless · 3 careful / careless

Worksheet 2 – Part B

1 useless · 2 careful · 3 painless · 4 hopeless · 5 colourful

Worksheet 2 – Part C

1 careless · 2 useful · 3 hopeless

Worksheet 3 – Part A

1 impossible · 2 dishonest · 3 incorrect · 4 impolite · 5 impatient

Worksheet 3 – Part B

1 impossible · 2 illegal · 3 impolite · 4 incorrect

Worksheet 3 – Part C

uncomfortable · irresponsible · impatient · dishonest

Point out patterns: im- before m/p, ir- before r, il- before l — but the safest route is to learn each word.

Worksheet 4 – Part A

1 careful · 2 impossible · 3 enjoyable · 4 colourful · 5 wonderful · 6 thankful

Worksheet 4 – Part B: Marking Guide

Criterion	Descriptor	Marks
Suffixes	-ful/-less/-ous/-al etc. correct	0–4
Negative prefixes	un-/in-/im-/dis- correct	0–4
Spelling	One l in -ful; correct stems	0–3
Task & length	80–100 words; coherent	0–4