

Part 1: Grammar Topic 8 Formation of Adjectives

Adjectives are formed from nouns or verbs. There are two ways of doing this

1. **By adding a suffix at the end of the noun or the verb**
2. **By adding a prefix in front of the noun or the verb usually to make the opposite of the word**

LISTS OF FREQUENT SUFFIXES AND PREFIXES

SUFFIXES	EXAMPLES		PREFIXES	EXAMPLES
- ful	fearful, playful, careful		im	impossible, impure, impatient
- less	endless, helpless, useless		un	unheroic, unfruitful, untrue,
- ly	lovely, friendly, closely		in	insincere, inefficient, independent
- ish	childish, foolish, hoyish		il	illegal, illustrious
- some	troublesome, handsome,		ir	irresponsible, irrefutable, irritable
- able	enjoyable, miserable		dis	dishonest, dissatisfied, disqualify
- y	stormy, wintery, handy			
- ous	envious, spacious			
- ic	heroic, historic, epic			
- ent	obedient, patient,			
- al	Imperial, national			

1. Study the list of adjectives in your grammar book as well as the above.
2. Remember that adjectives go before the noun to qualify it (that is to make it more clear and specific) for example:
a boy, a precocious boy; a game, an interesting game; a watch, a timeless watch

Exercise 1: Use the following adjectives in sentences of your own:

1. **Unhappy** _____
2. **Indecent** _____
3. **Spacious** _____
4. **Obedient** _____
5. **Wonderful** _____

Exercise 2: Choose the appropriate adjective from the brackets and write it in the blanks provided:

1. On national days we remember the _____ deeds of great men. (helpful/heroic)
2. He was _____ in his exam. He had to redo it. (unsuccessful/ indefinite)
3. We do not like to be _____. (dirty/lucky)
4. The work you did was _____ (comfortable/fruitful)
5. They did not want the _____. (dissatisfied/impossible)

Part 2: Reading Comprehension

The crowd was ready to erupt. The people were very violent. They wanted to storm the palace. They had been under lock down for 6 weeks.

Why couldn't they go out into the open? Why did they have to stay at home? The pandemic was a lie. The TV was telling lies. People did not die of a small virus!

They could not go to work. They could not go to school. They were angry. "How can we earn money with all businesses closed?" they asked.

At last, one wise man stood on the podium. The shouting stopped. The square became silent. Someone gave him a microphone. He looked at it wistfully. He looked at the expectant faces. He coughed in sleeve and carefully began, "Friends, my countrymen, we are living in terrible times, in a crisis. If this were a usual war, with sirens, with airplanes dropping bombs and shattering building, you wouldn't be here. You would be hiding in shelters. You wouldn't open your shops or go to work. You would try to keep safe!!

We cannot see the virus. It is invisible to the naked eye. But we can see its effects: Many people who can no longer breathe, many with all kinds of symptoms. Just read about the big number of deaths in other countries. We are not immune! Please, go back home because you can easily pick up this deadly enemy from your neighbours here. If we are all careful to observe what the scientists and medical staff have told us, soon, very soon, we shall have defeated this enemy as well."

Someone in the crowd, clapped. Other followed. People started turning slowly silently back home. The wise man stood until the square became empty.

Answer the questions in one sentence.

1. Why were the people angry?

2. Write one of the questions the people were asking.

3. What couldn't they do?

4. What does the underlined word 'invisible' mean?

5. Did the wise man succeed in controlling the angry crowd?

Part 3: Vocabulary - Match these words with their meanings

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| 1. spacious | a. turbulent, violent |
| 2. indefinite | b. ban, prohibit |
| 3. disqualify | c. at ease |
| 4. stormy | d. roomy, airy |
| 5. comfortable | e. vague, hazy |

