

Adjectives formed from other parts of speech

Level: B1

ADJECTIVES MADE OUT OF VERB

VERB + -ABLE/ BLE

Adjective express something possible or simple to do:

Example:

admire – **admirable**
play – **playable**
move – **movable**

VERB + -IVE

Adjective express trait:

Example:

create – **creative**
act – **active**
explode – **explosive**

VERB + -ED

Adjective express effect:

Example:

move – **moved**
limit – **limited**

VERB + -ING

Adjective express "causing effect":

Example:

amuse – **amusing**

surprise – surprising

ADJECTIVES MADE OUT OF NOUNS

NOUN + -OUS

Adjective express "having this particular trait":

Example:

danger – dangerous
fame – famous
ambition – ambitious

NOUN + -Y

Adjective express state:

Example:

anger – angry
hunger – hungry
noise – noisy

NOUN + -FUL

Adjective express "full of something":

Example:

beauty – beautiful
faith – faithful
skill – skilful

NOUN + -ING

Adjective express "causing effect":

Example:

interest – interesting
will – willing

NOUN + -LESS

Adjective express "without something":

Example:

home – home**less**
child – child**less**
hope – hope**less**

NOUN + -AL

Adjective express "referring to something":

Example:

nation – national
nature – natural
culture – cultural

NOUN + -AN

Adjective express "belongs to somebody or something":

Example:

America – American
Russia – Russian
Christ – Christian

SPELLING RULES

Sometimes the spelling changes when we add the ending to the verb or noun.

Remember:

-closing **-e** disappear but ending **-less** is an exception to this rule:

Example:

admire – admir**able**
surprise – surpris**ed**
home – home**less**
hope – hope**less**

-nouns ending with **-er** creating adjective by adding an ending **-y** loses **-e**, ending **-ous** is an exception to this rule:

Example:

hunger – hungry
anger – angry
danger – dangerous

NATIONALITIES

It is worth mentioning adjectives based on the names of countries and describing people, places, languages, etc. Very often noun expressing nationality has the same form as an adjective.

CREATING ADJECTIVES (AND NOUNS) FROM COUNTRY NAMES

country name	adjective/noun ending with -an
America	American
Australia	Australian
Belgium	Belgian
Chile	Chilean
Germany	German
Hungary	Hungarian
India	Indian
Italy	Italian
Mexico	Mexican
Russia	Russian

Example:

This is **Mexican** food.
She's **Italian**. She lives in Italy.

Nouns

country name	adjective/noun ending with -ese
China	Chinese
Japan	Japanese
Portugal	Portuguese
Vietnam	Vietnamese

Example:

I love **Japanese** food.
He's **Japanese**. He comes from Tokio

country name:	adjective/noun ending with -ish	inhabitant:
Great Britain	British	Briton
England	English	Englishman/Englishwoman
Denmark	Danish	Dane
Finland	Finnish	Finn
Ireland	Irish	Irishman/Irishwoman
Poland	Polish	Pole
Scotland	Scottish	Scot
Spain	Spanish	Spaniard
Sweden	Swedish	Swede
Turkey	Turkish	Turk

Example:

I like **Spanish** football teams.
Tom is **English**.
Tom is an **Englishman**.

Nouns

country name:	adjective/noun ending with -i
Iraq	Iraqi
Israel	Israeli
Pakistan	Pakistani

Example:

The most famous **Iraqi** river is the Euphrates River.
Most **Iraqi** are Muslim.

country name:	Irregular noun & adjective	inhabitant
France	French	Frenchman/Frenchwoman
Greece	Greek	Greek
Holland	Dutch	Dutchman/Dutchwoman
Switzerland	Swiss	Swiss
Wales	Welsh	Welshman/Welshwoman

Example:

This famous **Welshman** lives in Cardiff.
Frenchwomen like **Swiss** watches.