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WORD STUDY ➔ **LATIN SUFFIX: -IVE**

The **Latin suffix -ive** means “having the nature or quality of” or “tending to.” Words with this suffix are usually adjectives. For example, when *-ive* is added to the verb *correct*, it becomes *corrective*, an adjective meaning “tending or meant to fix or make right.” Corrective glasses, for instance, help make your eyes see better.

Note that sometimes the spelling of the base word will change slightly when *-ive* is added. For example, *extend* plus *-ive* is spelled *extensive*.

A. DIRECTIONS: Study the words below, and notice how they are formed. Then, select the correct word to complete each sentence. Use a dictionary, if needed.

selective: *select* + *-ive***explosive:** *explode* + *-ive***attractive:** *attract* + *-ive***descriptive:** *describe* + *-ive*

1. Each item in the online catalog has a _____ paragraph and a photo.
2. Mr. Dunn is _____ about what his five-year-old watches on TV.
3. Never light a match near any kind of _____ material.
4. The orange and blue blooms of hibiscus flowers made the Ashoks’ front garden look even more _____ than usual.

B. DIRECTIONS: Reread the sentences in Part A. Then, match each word with its definition by writing the correct letter on the line.

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| 1. _____ selective | a. pleasing to look at; appealing |
| 2. _____ attractive | b. having the ability or tendency to blow up |
| 3. _____ explosive | c. tending to choose carefully |
| 4. _____ descriptive | d. giving details to tell how something looks, works, feels, and so on |

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A. DIRECTIONS: Select the correct word from the box to complete each sentence. Use a dictionary, if needed.

effective • massive • permissive • inventive

1. It is likely that the City Council will approve the construction of a _____ parking structure downtown.
2. _____ dog owners are sometimes seen as neglectful in training their pets to behave.
3. Some _____ artists produce amazing works of art from recycled materials.
4. A hawk's beak is very _____ at tearing meat.

B. DIRECTIONS: Write each word from Part A on the line next to its definition.

1. _____ creative; tending to think up new ideas
2. _____ very big; done on a large scale
3. _____ tending to work well for a certain purpose
4. _____ allowing more freedom than most people would

C. DIRECTIONS: Add the suffix *-ive* to each word to form a new word. Then, use the new word correctly in a sentence. Use a dictionary to help you, if necessary.

1. support _____
2. protect _____
3. narrate _____
4. express _____