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Spelling Words with the *-ive* Suffix



CORE

1. *exclusive*
2. *active*
3. *protective*
4. *destructive*
5. *creative*
6. *informative*
7. *captive*
8. *aggressive*
9. *detective*
10. *expressive*
11. *comparative*
12. *defensive*
13. *alternative*
14. *conclusive*
15. *defective*

CHALLENGE

16. *cooperative*
17. *abrasive*
18. *cumulative*
19. *descriptive*
20. *communicative*

Base Word	Suffix	New Word
act	<i>-ive</i>	active
create	<i>-ive</i>	creative
inform	<i>-ive</i>	informative

Say each word. Listen for the suffix in the final syllable.

Study the spelling. How is the suffix spelled? Does the spelling of a base word ever change when the suffix is added? How does the suffix change the meaning of the word?

Write the words.

1-6. Write the Core Words in which the base word does not change when *-ive* is added.

7-15. Write the Core Words whose base words change when *-ive* is added.

16-20. Write the Challenge Words. Circle the suffix in each word.

SPELLING TIP

The spelling of a base word sometimes changes when *-ive* is added.

