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Latin and Greek Suffixes: -Ate and -Able/-Ible

Many suffixes we use in English originally come from Greek or Latin word endings. The suffix -ate is from Latin meaning “have,” “give,” or “characteristic.” The suffix -able/-ible is from Latin meaning “ability” or “can do something.” The suffixes often change the way the root word is used, such as from a noun to an adjective. For example, the root port means “carry.” Combine port with -able, and it becomes the word portable. Based on its original meaning, portable means “can carry” or something that can be moved from one place to another.

Use the list in the bank to make five different English words out of -ate and -able/-ible. You may add a prefix or change the spelling a little if needed. Write a sentence for each word you make and circle the word you made with the suffix. Be sure to use words for both -ate and -able/-ible.

Word Bank activ, affection, duplic, enjoy, like, particip, passion, prevent, sens, work

1. Sentences

2.

3.

4.

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Answers key

Actual answers may vary.

1. Student's choice

2.

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