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Latin and Greek Suffixes IVE and OR

Many suffixes we use in English originally come from Greek or Latin word endings. The suffix -ive is from Latin meaning “cause to,” “tend to,” or “doing.” The suffix -or is from Latin meaning “someone or something that performs an action.” often change the way the root word is used, such as from a verb to adjective. For example, the root associate means “join or connect.” Combine associate with -ive, and it becomes the word associative. Based on governor’s original meaning, associative means “cause to join” or involving the professing of things or ideas.

Use the list in the bank to make five different English words out of -ive and -or. 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 -ive and -or.

Word Bank act, advise, conduct, create, detect, fest, governor, profess, sail, sense

1. Sentences:

2.

3.

4.

5.

Answers key

Actual answers may vary

1. Student's choice

2.

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