

Identifying adjectives

There is no general rule for making adjectives. We know they are adjectives usually by what they do (their function) in a sentence. However, some word endings (suffixes) are typical of adjectives.

suffix	examples
<i>-able, -ible</i>	<i>comfortable, readable, incredible, invisible</i>
<i>-al, -ial</i>	<i>comical, normal, musical, industrial, presidential</i>
<i>-ful</i>	<i>beautiful, harmful, peaceful, wonderful</i>
<i>-ic</i>	<i>classic, economic, heroic, romantic</i>
<i>-ical</i>	<i>aeronautical, alphabetical, political</i>

<i>-ish</i>	<i>British, childish, Irish, foolish</i>
<i>-ive, -ative</i>	<i>active, alternative, creative, talkative</i>
<i>-less</i>	<i>endless, motionless, priceless, timeless</i>
<i>-eous, -ious, -ous</i>	<i>spontaneous, hideous, ambitious, anxious, dangerous, famous</i>
<i>-y</i>	<i>angry, busy, wealthy, windy</i>