

Words ending in -able



This week, we are going to be looking at words ending in the suffix -able.



Can you spot the -able suffix words in this usually adjectives sentence?

Kirsty was always around if there was a problem; she was such a dependable friend.

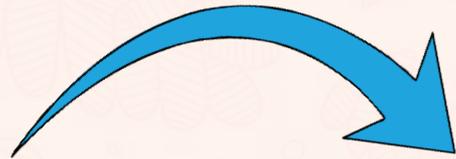


What Does the Suffix **-able** Mean?

The suffix **-able** is usually found in words which are adjectives. It means '**able to be**'. This changes the meaning of the root words as follows:

break

(verb) – to separate into pieces
e.g. I will **break** the vase

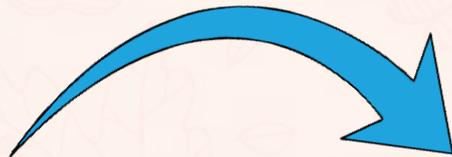


breakable

(adjective) – able to be separated into pieces e.g. The vase is very **breakable**.

enjoy

(verb) – to take pleasure in an activity e.g. I **enjoy** going swimming.



enjoyable

(adjective) – able to be taken pleasure in e.g. Swimming is an **enjoyable** activity.

When Do I Add the Suffix -able?

When a word ends in **-able**, the main part of the word (the root word before the suffix) is usually a complete word in itself, for example:

bear → bearable

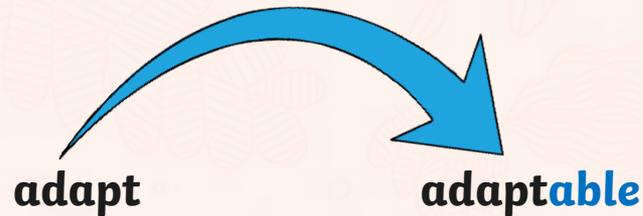
read → readable

accept → acceptable

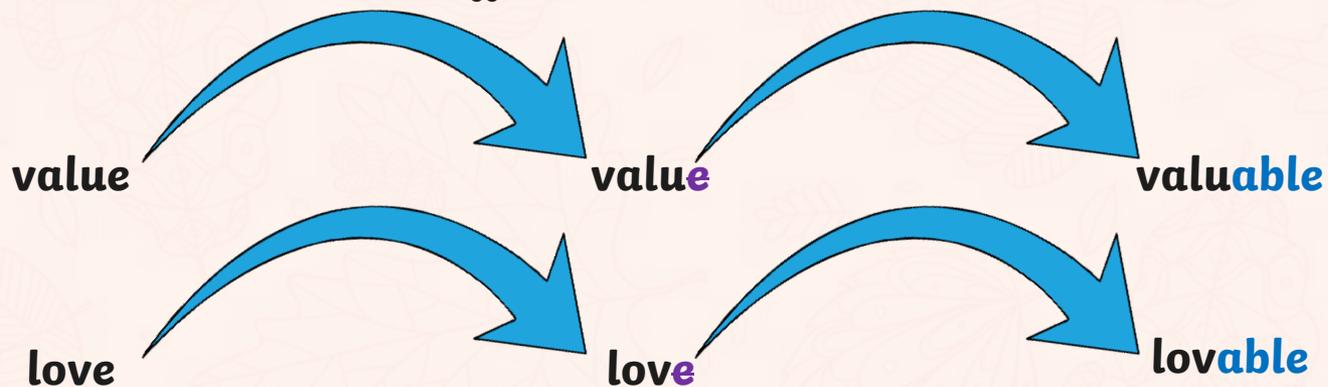


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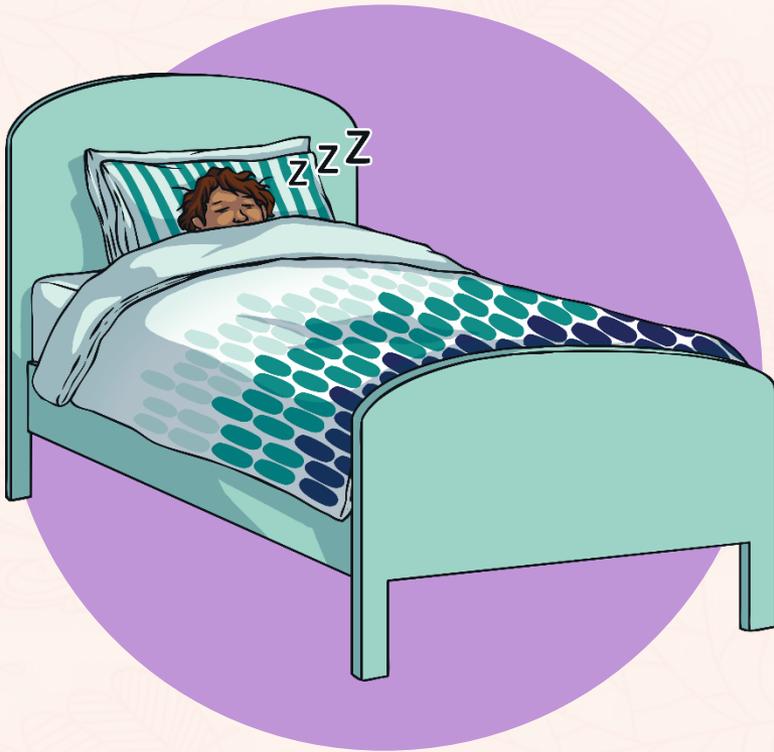
For many words, adding the suffix **-able** just requires putting the letters **-able** onto the end of the word.



However, if the root word ends in the letter 'e', **drop the 'e'** and add the suffix **-able**, such as:



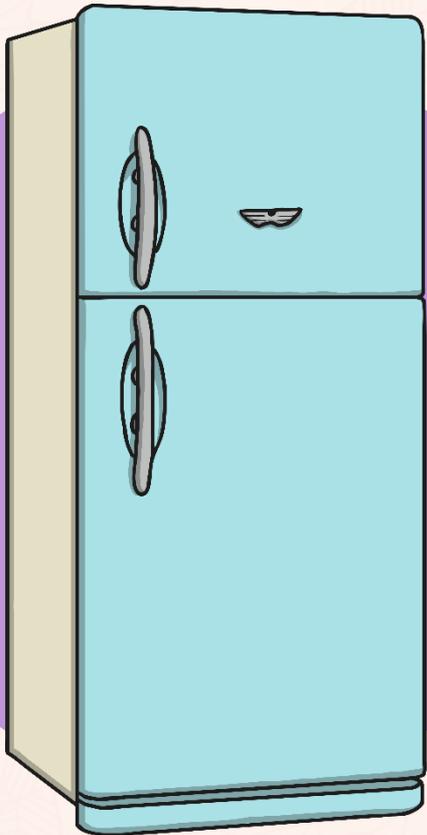
Work with a partner to play this -able suffix quick quiz. Write your answers on your whiteboards. Who can all the questions correctly?



Can you think of the -able suffix word missing from this sentence?

This morning, my dreaded alarm clock disturbed me whilst in a deep sleep in my warm, **comfortable** bed.

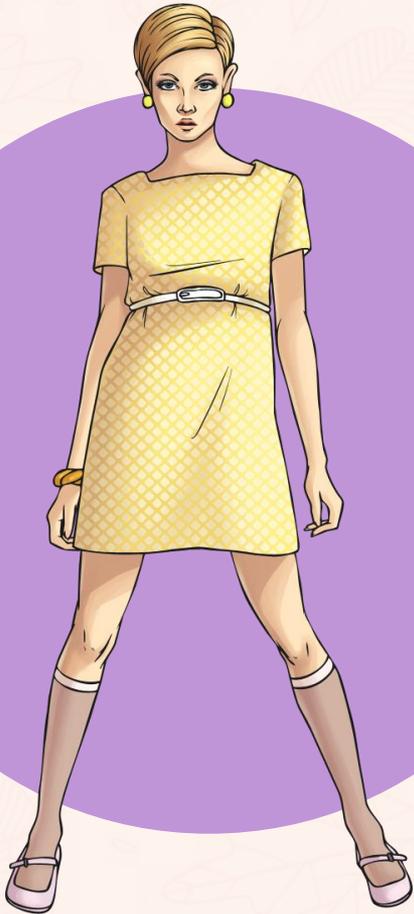
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After returning from the supermarket, I quickly placed all of the **perishable** items into the fridge.

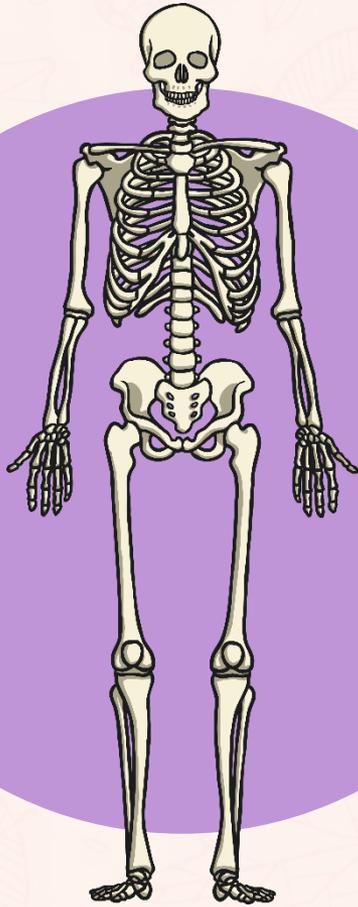
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The model walked down the catwalk in a **fashionable** outfit by the latest, popular designer.

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Can you think of the -able suffix word missing from this sentence?

Children's bones are softer and are more easily **breakable** than those of adults.

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Can you think of the -able suffix word missing from this sentence?

After a **considerable** rise in his weekly pocket money, Peter had now been able to afford the computer game he had wanted.

Answers



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Here are your spelling words for this week.
Work hard to practise these **-able** suffix words.



(Week 1)
(Words ending in -able)

applicable
tolerable
operable
considerable
dependable
comfortable
reasonable
perishable
breakable
fashionable

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