

## 6B Word converters!

### Aim

to practise forming adjectives and nouns with prefixes and suffixes from root words

### Activity type

a timed word formation activity

### Classroom dynamics

individual or pairwork

### Time taken

10 minutes

### Preparation

You will need one copy of the activity for each individual or pair, cut into grids. Alternatively, to save paper you can write the root words on the board and have students do the activity in their notebooks.

### Procedure

- 1 Divide the class into pairs, or tell students they will be working individually. Give each student or pair a grid.
- 2 Tell students that they must make as many adjectives and nouns as possible from the words in the grid by adding prefixes or suffixes.
- 3 Elicit some suffixes and prefixes from the class. Demonstrate with one of the words if you think this will be helpful.
- 4 Give students 6 minutes for this part of the activity. Once completed, tell them to count up their words.
- 5 Ask students or pairs how many words they found. Ask the individual or pair with the most words to read them out, including the spelling. Record these on the board, asking the class to help correct any spelling errors. Ask the rest of the class if they found any other words and record these on the board as well. Tell students to note down any extra words they didn't find.

### Adaptation and extension

- This activity can be done by fast finishers individually.
- As an extension, ask fast finishers to come up with their own root words and make new words from them. They can write these in the extra space on the activity sheet. Students can also add other parts of speech to their word families (e.g. verbs, adverbs).

### Answer key

#### Possible answers:

curious: curiosity  
 convention: conventional, unconventional  
 depend: dependence, dependency, independence, dependent, dependant, independent, dependable, undependable  
 defeat: defeatist  
 empathy: empathetic, unempathetic  
 flaw: flawed, flawless  
 initiate: initiative  
 provoke: provoked, unprovoked, provoking  
 sight: sighted, unsighted, unsightly, sightless, insight  
 tact: tactless, tactful, tactile, tactility  
 deny: denial, deniable, undeniable  
 dignify: dignified, undignified  
 manage: management, manageable, unmanageable, manager  
 promote: promotion, promotional  
 value: valuable, invaluable, valued, valuation  
 rival: rivalry, rivalled, unrivalled  
 continue: continuous, continuing, continuation, continuity, continual, discontinue  
 empathise: empathy, empathetic

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