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Lesson
10**The suffix *able****Teaching*

tax	+	able	=	taxable	quote	+	able	=	quotable
remark	+	able	=	remarkable	value	+	able	=	valuable
comfort	+	able	=	comfortable	imagine	+	able	=	imaginable
respect	+	able	=	respectable	note	+	able	=	notable
consider	+	able	=	considerable	advise	+	able	=	advisable
predict	+	able	=	predictable	rely	+	able	=	reliable
question	+	able	=	questionable	vary	+	able	=	variable
favor	+	able	=	favorable	envy	+	able	=	envious
bear	+	able	=	bearable					
enjoy	+	able	=	enjoyable					

Lesson Generalization: The suffix **able**, meaning "able to be," is commonly added to complete words to form adjectives.

taxable = able to be taxed **imaginable** = able to be imagined

If the base word ends with a silent **e**, drop the **e** before adding the suffix **able**.

If the base word ends with a consonant + **y**, change the **y** to **i** before adding **able**.

A. Complete the following exercises.

1. When the suffix **able** is added to a base word ending in a consonant or a vowel-**y** combination, do not change the spelling of the base word. Write the words from the word list that follow this spelling rule.

2. When the suffix **able** is added to a base word ending in a silent **e**, drop the **e**. Write the words from the list that follow this rule.

3. When the suffix **able** is added to a base word ending in a consonant-**y** combination, change the **y** to **i**. Write the words from the list that follow this rule.

B. On a separate sheet of paper, write the words from the word list in alphabetical order.

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More Practice

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|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. taxable | 7. questionable | 13. imaginable |
| 2. remarkable | 8. favorable | 14. notable |
| 3. comfortable | 9. bearable | 15. advisable |
| 4. respectable | 10. enjoyable | 16. reliable |
| 5. considerable | 11. quotable | 17. variable |
| 6. predictable | 12. valuable | 18. enviable |

A. Add the **able** suffix to each base word.

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. predict _____ | 10. value _____ |
| 2. rely _____ | 11. tax _____ |
| 3. comfort _____ | 12. imagine _____ |
| 4. consider _____ | 13. note _____ |
| 5. quote _____ | 14. respect _____ |
| 6. vary _____ | 15. favor _____ |
| 7. remark _____ | 16. question _____ |
| 8. enjoy _____ | 17. advise _____ |
| 9. envy _____ | 18. bear _____ |

B. Answer each question with the **able** form of a word from the spelling list. The underlined words give a clue to the word you should use.

- Must you pay a tax on the items you bought?

- Did the project take a great deal of time?

- Is that chair nice to sit in?

- Could you predict the outcome of the game?

- Was there some doubt about the field trip?
