

That's My Inclination

Vocabulary

All the words in this lesson contain the suffixes *-ative* or *-ive*, meaning "having the nature of" or "inclined to."

acquisitive (uh KWIZ i tiv) ADJ. strongly desiring to acquire or possess (*Rebecca's acquisitive nature made her value objects over people.*)

affirmative (uh FUR muh tiv) ADJ. expressing assent; confirming (*When I asked if I should change my diet, the doctor's reply was affirmative.*)

apprehensive (AP ri HEN siv) ADJ. uneasy about the future; anxious (*My grandmother is apprehensive about boarding the plane.*)

commemorative (kuh MEM ur uh tiv) ADJ. something that serves as a reminder or memorial (*The Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp in honor of Black History Month.*)

corrosive (kuh ROH siv) ADJ. causing something to be eaten away or dissolved (*Rain has had a corrosive effect on our lawn furniture.*)

demonstrative (di MAHN struh tiv) ADJ. inclined to express feelings openly (*My uncle is not demonstrative, but my aunt likes to hug and kiss everyone.*)

destructive (di STRUHK tiv) ADJ. damaging or harmful (*The tornado was the most destructive one in the past decade.*)

elusive (i LOO siv) ADJ. difficult to catch or grasp (*Some people say that happiness is an elusive butterfly.*)

extensive (ik STEN siv) ADJ. having considerable size; vast (*The school will undertake extensive remodeling during the summer.*)

furtive (FUR tiv) ADJ. evasive, secret, or hidden (*The young man's furtive glance made me think he had something to hide.*)

impassive (im PAS iv) ADJ. giving no sign of feeling; emotionless (*The convicted man remained impassive as the sentence was read.*)

inclusive (in KLOO siv) ADJ. including or containing everything (*The amount of the restaurant check is inclusive of tax and tip.*)

intensive (in TEN siv) ADJ. highly concentrated (*Before going abroad, Julie took an intensive course in French.*)

intuitive (in TOO i tiv) ADJ. possessing insight (*My sister has an intuitive sense of how other people are feeling.*)

obtrusive (ahb TROO siv) ADJ. forward in conduct or in manner; pushy (*Until she learned to avoid being obtrusive, she had few friends.*)

offensive (uh FEN siv) ADJ. causing displeasure or resentment (*The young man's behavior was offensive, and he was soon asked to leave the party.*)

passive (PAS iv) ADJ. not responsive to an action; compliant (*I felt passive and did not participate in the argument.*)

protective (pruh TEK tiv) ADJ. guarding or shielding from harm or injury (*Mail was a protective armor worn by knights in the Middle Ages.*)

provocative (pruh VAHK uh tiv) ADJ. tending to stir up or excite (*I found the filmmaker's style provocative and hoped to see more of her work.*)

substantive (SUHB stuhn tiv) ADJ. consisting of something real or important; worthwhile (*The professor had a lot to say on the matter, but nothing substantive.*)

Exercise 1

Choose the letter of the word that best completes the sentence.

1. His ---- statement stirred up even the most ---- people.
A. affirmative — extensive **C.** provocative — passive
B. passive — obtrusive **D.** demonstrative — corrosive
2. The mother is ---- about her child’s welfare and tends to be too ----.
F. intensive — elusive **H.** destructive — passive
G. apprehensive — protective **J.** inclusive — furtive
3. The police conducted a(n) ---- search for the ---- criminal.
A. intensive — elusive **C.** protective — offensive
B. commemorative — corrosive **D.** passive — destructive
4. Despite ---- repainting, the ---- effect of rust on the car continued.
F. impassive — intensive **H.** substantive — passive
G. extensive — corrosive **J.** obtrusive — protective
5. Roger thought the criticism was ---- and not at all ----.
A. extensive — furtive **C.** destructive — acquisitive
B. obtrusive — offensive **D.** offensive — substantive
6. Opponents of the bill were ---- as it received an ---- vote.
F. passive — protective **H.** impassive — affirmative
G. furtive — destructive **J.** elusive — obtrusive
7. The ---- power of the river was recorded on the ---- plaque.
A. destructive — commemorative **C.** impassive — affirmative
B. corrosive — demonstrative **D.** provocative — substantive
8. Your ---- behavior in public seems ---- and embarrassing to me.
F. passive — furtive **H.** elusive — extensive
G. demonstrative — obtrusive **J.** substantive — offensive
9. The pack rat is a(n) ---- creature with a(n) ---- nature.
A. affirmative — passive **C.** protective — substantive
B. impassive — corrosive **D.** furtive — acquisitive
10. I do not know the facts but my ---- reaction is that the report should be ---- of all relevant data.
F. intuitive — inclusive **H.** passive — furtive
G. impassive — intensive **J.** corrosive — elusive

Exercise 2

Choose the letter of the word that most nearly has the same meaning as the word in capital letters.

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| 11. PROVOCATIVE | A. cautious | C. stimulating | 16. OFFENSIVE | F. large | H. insulting |
| | B. shielding | D. unpleasant | | G. kindly | J. fragrant |
| 12. INTENSIVE | F. narrow | H. consistent | 17. OBTRUSIVE | A. abandoned | C. stubborn |
| | G. thorough | J. harmful | | B. interfering | D. indifferent |
| 13. EXTENSIVE | A. boastful | C. large | 18. DESTRUCTIVE | F. agreeing | H. shielding |
| | B. annoying | D. uneasy | | G. ruinous | J. expressive |
| 14. PROTECTIVE | F. defending | H. powerful | 19. APPREHENSIVE | A. wicked | C. excited |
| | G. exciting | J. damaging | | B. quick | D. fearful |
| 15. PASSIVE | A. large | C. lasting | 20. FURTIVE | F. concealed | H. respected |
| | B. yielding | D. elegant | | G. hesitant | J. ruined |

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- 1 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 2 (F) (G) (H) (J)
- 3 (A) (B) (C) (D)
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Exercise 2

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