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Suffix Origins 'ive'

Adjectives that end in 'ive' have the meaning 'pertaining to', 'tending to' This suffix comes from the Latin '—ivus'.

The suffix 'ive' can be added to a base word to form an adjective that means 'having to do with' that thing or action. (The base word can be a noun or a verb) Sometimes the final letters of the base word are changed or deleted before adding 'ive'

Write the 'ive' adjectives and the base words they relate to:

n a t _ _ _   _____   t a l k a t _ _ _   _____

f e s t _ _ _   _____   a d h e s _ _ _   _____

a c t _ _ _   _____   n e g a t _ _ _   _____

m a s s _ _ _   _____   e r u p t _ _ _   _____

e x p l o s _ _ _   _____   e r o s _ _ _   _____

c o m p e t a t _ _ _   _____   a r g u m e n t a t _ _ _   _____

Answer the following questions:

What is a feast? _____

What is a mass? _____

What does explode mean? _____

What does adhere mean? _____

What does adhere mean? _____

What does compete mean? _____

What does argue mean? _____

What does erode mean? _____

What does act mean? _____

What does talk mean? _____

What does erupt mean? _____

What does negate mean? _____

Write the list in alphabetical order and state the number of syllables:

1) _____ ( )   5) _____ ( )   9) _____ ( )

2) _____ ( )   6) _____ ( )   10) _____ ( )

3) _____ ( )   7) _____ ( )   11) _____ ( )

4) _____ ( )   8) _____ ( )   12) _____ ( )

Write as many words as you can using the letters in:

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