



Straightforward

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Affix tennis

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1. Write the following affixes on the board: *-al, -ary, -ful, -ous, -able, -ive, -ative, -y, -ible*.
2. Put students in pairs, A and B. A serves an affix (-al). B must return with a word e.g. *original*. A returns with another word e.g. *personal*, and so on until one student can't think of another adjective. The person who said the last word wins the point: 15-0. 'A' serves another affix, and another point is played. As in tennis, the winner is the first player to win four points, with a two point margin, so, at 40-40 (deuce) players continue to play until someone has a two point lead.
3. Theoretically, you could continue to play until someone wins a set. However, two or three games are probably enough. Students may serve the same affix more than once, but they can't play with the same words, so, if *-al* is served a second time, B can't say *original*.