

Greek and Latin Suffixes *-ism*, *-ist*, *-able*, *-ible*

Darnell Rock Reporting

Vocabulary Strategies:
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Suffixes give clues about what a word means. The suffixes *-able* and *-ible* mean “able to” or “can do.” The suffix *-ism* means “belief in something.” The suffix *-ist* means “one who is or does.”

reliable	visible	violinist	flexible	heroism
reasonable	convertible	novelist	realist	realism
artist	columnist	acceptable	reversible	

Choose a word from the list to complete the sentences below.

- The _____ wrote an editorial for the newspaper.
- A wire that can bend is _____.
- She was a _____ who did not believe in fairy tales.
- A friend who is always there is _____.
- A _____ car can be driven with the top down.
- Stories about _____ describe actions that help others.
- He was an _____ who enjoyed painting.
- A fair argument is _____.
- Something that is _____ can be seen with the eyes.
- The _____ played her instrument beautifully.
- The _____ wrote a book that became very popular.
- A _____ jacket can be worn inside out.
- Sometimes, it can be _____ to take a loss.
- _____ is the belief that paintings should show the world the way it actually looks.