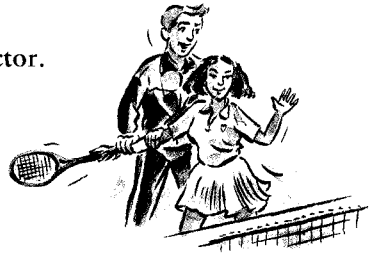
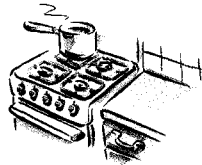


# 26 Suffixes

Suffixes come at the end of words. They help you to understand the meaning of a new word. Here are some common suffixes.

<i>suffix</i>	<i>meaning</i>	<i>examples</i>
er, or (noun)	person	worker, swimmer, instructor
er, or (noun)	machine, thing	cooker, word processor
ful (adjective)	full of	useful, beautiful
ology (noun)	subject of study	sociology, psychology
ics (noun, singular)	subject of study	economics, politics
less (adjective)	without	useless, endless
ly	makes an adverb from an adjective	sadly, happily
ness	makes an abstract noun from an adjective	happiness, sadness
y	makes an adjective from a noun	sandy, sunny

He's a hard **worker**. He works 12 hours a day.  
 Her tennis is much better now that she has a new **instructor**.  
 She's a very good **swimmer**.  
 She was in the Olympic team.  
 We've got a new gas **cooker**  
 so the food should be delicious!



Thanks for the information. It was very **useful**.  
 What a **beautiful** photo. I think it will win the competition.

Studying **sociology** teaches you about society.  
 Studying **psychology** teaches you about people.

**Economics** is the study of money and finance.  
 Although he is a very good Member of Parliament, he has never studied **politics**.

This book is no help at all – it's **useless**.  
 I can't finish this book – it's **endless**.

He was late for work so he went **quickly** to the station.  
 The little child danced **happily** across the grass.

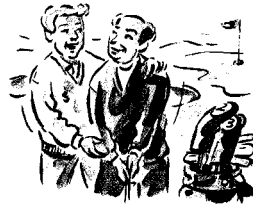
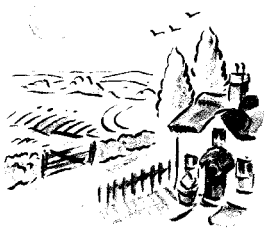
The mother was smiling with **happiness** as she held her baby in her arms.  
 They said goodbye with great **sadness** because they  
 knew they would probably never meet again.

That beach is very popular with tourists  
 because it is long and **sandy**.  
 It's a lovely **sunny** day – let's go to the beach.

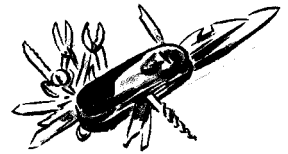
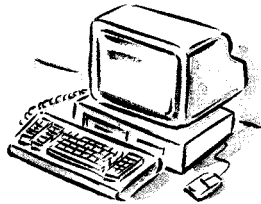


# Exercises

**26.1** Which of the example words do these pictures illustrate?



1 a sunny day..... 3 a golf i..... 5 a s.....



2 He's smiling h..... 4 a w..... 6 a u..... thing

**26.2** Match the adjectives with the nouns in the box. Some adjectives go with more than one noun.

*electric cooker / guitar*

- |            |             |         |           |           |
|------------|-------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 electric | 3 beautiful | 5 sunny | 7 useful  | 9 useless |
| 2 fast     | 4 sandy     | 6 hard  | 8 endless |           |

worker	cooker	beach	weather	car	idea
book	swimmer	guitar	smile	picture	fun

**26.3** Match these books with their subjects – *sociology, psychology, economics* or *politics*.

- 1 The Role of the President in the US Congress
- 2 British Society in the 1950s
- 3 Banking Today
- 4 Why People Smile

**26.4** Are there suffixes in your language? Write a translation or an explanation for the suffixes in the table.

**26.5** What do you think these words and phrases mean? Use the information about prefixes and suffixes in the table to help you.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 zoology <i>the study of animals</i> | 6 painless      |
| 2 a traveller                         | 7 badly         |
| 3 slowly                              | 8 a tin opener  |
| 4 hopeful                             | 9 mathematics   |
| 5 rainy                               | 10 a footballer |