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# Word Building Technology - now and then Evaluating adjectives

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1 It is important to be able to evaluate ideas and recognize when ideas are being qualified.  
Look at the following sentence:

*We have had loads of entries from secondary schools, which is important as more local teenagers are getting involved.*

Here the adjective ‘important’ qualifies the idea in the previous clause. Work with your teacher.  
Think of synonyms for the following adjectives.

*unimportant                      useless                      valueless                      harmless*

2 Now think of synonyms for their opposite forms.

*important                      useful                      valuable                      harmful*

3 For each adjective 1-12 below, write the opposite form in the correct column of the table

	<i>in-/im-</i>	<i>un-</i>	<i>-less</i>
1 useful			
2 practical			
3 important			
4 necessary			
5 significant			
6 harmful			
7 valuable			
8 convenient			
9 effective			
10 appealing			
11 worthwhile			
12 inspiring			

4 For sentences 1-6 below, decide which adjective from exercise 3 can be used to replace the underlined words. Make any necessary changes.

*Example:*

Many of the early technologies we take for granted are those that we cannot do without.  
*necessary*

- 1 Some ideas from the 1950s were not very sensible or easy to use.
- 2 Using hydrogen cars to combat global warming is a solution that produces the desired result.
- 3 Satellite navigation systems have made traveling by car something that requires little effort or trouble.
- 4 With so much business being done on-line, learning to build a website can be really worth the time spent on it.
- 5 Instead of being an activity which does not harm, mobile phone gaming can sometimes be dangerous.
- 6 The work of people like Louis Daguerre, who shaped the world of cinema, can only be considered as stimulating and motivating.



## Review

**1** Remove the word 'not' from each sentence below and make the qualifying adjective positive or negative.

**1** Having advanced computer skills is not necessary for all workers.

**2** Traveling daily to an office is not convenient for modern workers.

**3** Inventions like the radio and TV are often seen as not important by some people.

**4** Using computers for long periods of time is definitely not harmless.

**5** I think having a knowledge of computer programming is not valueless.

**6** The changes in the sales figures were not significant.

**7** In my opinion, the software training was not effective.

**8** Doing the language games on the computer was certainly not a worthless exercise.

**9** It is not practical to have everyone studying the same subjects at university.

**10** The lecture on technology in the workplace was not inspiring.

