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## Vocabulary Strategy

### THE ANGLO-SAXON SUFFIX *-SOME*

The suffix *-some* usually means “like” or “tending to cause,” as in *burdensome*. This suffix turns nouns or verbs into adjectives.

**Directions:** Beside each adjective write the letter of the phrase it describes.

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| _____ <b>1.</b> lonesome      | <b>a.</b> a thrill-seeking person                        |
| _____ <b>2.</b> adventuresome | <b>b.</b> someone who pries into other people’s business |
| _____ <b>3.</b> meddlesome    | <b>c.</b> a duty that is repetitive and dull             |
| _____ <b>4.</b> tiresome      | <b>d.</b> a situation that causes concern                |
| _____ <b>5.</b> worrisome.    | <b>e.</b> a place that is deserted or remote             |

**Directions:** Use each of these words in a sentence.

- 6.** bothersome \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 7.** fearsome \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 8.** irksome \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 9.** tiresome \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10.** adventuresome \_\_\_\_\_  
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