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Use the list in the bank to make five different English words out of *-ive* and *-or*. You may add a prefix or change the spelling a little if needed. Write a sentence for each word you make and circle the word you made with the suffix. Be sure to use words for both *-ive* and *-or*.

Sentences:

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2.

3.

4.

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