



## Commonly confused adjectives (-ic /ical suffixes)

<b>Classic</b>	<b>Classical</b>
<p>Completely typical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● She was displaying <b>classic</b> symptoms of shock.</li> <li>● Their romance is a <b>classic</b> case of opposites attracting.</li> </ul>	<p>Widely accepted and used for a long time; traditional in style or idea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Does she study <b>classical</b> ballet or modern ballet?</li> <li>● Do you like <b>classical</b> music?</li> </ul>
<b>Electric</b>	<b>Electrical</b>
<p>Using electricity for power:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An <b>electric</b> blanket/car/kettle/light</li> <li>● I'm thinking of buying an <b>electric</b> car.</li> </ul>	<p>Relating to electricity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Electrical</b> equipment/goods/devices</li> <li>● He works as an <b>electrical</b> engineer</li> </ul>
<b>Historic</b>	<b>Historical</b>
<p>Important or likely to be important in history.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The <b>historic</b> city of York.</li> <li>● Park's impeachment marked a <b>historic</b> moment for South Korea</li> </ul>	<p>Connected with studying or representing things from the past.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Many important <b>historical</b> documents were destroyed when the library was bombed.</li> </ul>
<b>Economic</b>	<b>Economical</b>
<p>Relating to the economy of a particular country or region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Economic</b> growth is slowing down.</li> </ul>	<p>Not costing or spending much money.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It would be more <b>economical</b> to switch the machine off at night.</li> </ul>
<b>Politic</b>	<b>Political</b>
<p>Tactful, sensible (formal adj)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I deemed it <b>politic</b> to leave at that point.</li> <li>● It would not be <b>politic</b> for you to be seen there.</li> </ul>	<p>About or concerned with politics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Can you think of a <b>political</b> solution to this problem, as opposed to an economic one?</li> </ul>
<b>Comic</b>	<b>Comical</b>
<p>Relating to comedy / intentionally funny</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A <b>comic</b> actor.</li> <li>● The clown performed many <b>comic</b> tricks.</li> </ul>	<p>Funny, especially because it is strange or silly. Unintentionally funny.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● She often wears large <b>comical</b> hats.</li> </ul>
<b>Lytic</b>	<b>Lyrical</b>
<p>Relating to poetry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A <b>lyric</b> writer</li> </ul>	<p>Beautifully expressed in words, poetry, or music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The new concerto is intensely <b>lyrical</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Magic</b>	<b>Magical</b>
<p>Having or using special powers to make impossible things happen or seem to happen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A <b>magic</b> spell/charm/potion.</li> <li>● There is no <b>magic</b> formula for passing exams—only hard work.</li> </ul>	<p>Containing magic; used in magic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Her words had a <b>magical</b> effect on us.</li> <li>● Diamonds were once thought to have <b>magical</b> powers.</li> </ul>