

# SUFFIX: -ness

C1 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

## 1 Vocabulary

The suffix *-ness* changes many adjectives into nouns that name a quality or state.

### assertiveness

the ability to express your views confidently

### conscientiousness

careful attention to doing things well

### thoroughness

the quality of doing something very carefully

### resourcefulness

the ability to solve problems cleverly

### thoughtfulness

careful consideration of other people

### interconnectedness

the state of being closely connected

### persuasiveness

the ability to make people agree

### responsiveness

the ability to react quickly and positively

## 2 Complete the sentences

Choose a word from the vocabulary box. Use each word once.

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ was clear in the way he listened before answering.
2. Good managers need \_\_\_\_\_ so they can give clear feedback.
3. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ to customer complaints improved its reputation.
4. The report was praised for its \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The crisis showed the \_\_\_\_\_ of global trade and transport.
6. Her \_\_\_\_\_ was obvious in the careful way she checked every detail.
7. The speaker's \_\_\_\_\_ made the audience support the proposal.
8. The team's \_\_\_\_\_ helped them solve the problem with limited funding.

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C1 | Discussion questions

## 1 Talk about the vocabulary

Discuss each question with a partner, then write short notes or your own answer.

*Try to use at least one word ending in -ness in every answer.*

## 2 Conversation questions

1. When is assertiveness more useful than aggression?

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2. Why is conscientiousness valuable in professional work?

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3. How can resourcefulness help during a crisis?

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4. What does interconnectedness mean in the modern world?

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5. What makes an argument persuasive?

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C1 | Teacher answer key

## 1 Suggested answers

Suggested answers for the gap-fill activity are shown below.

*Discussion answers will vary. The target word is highlighted in bold.*

## 2 Gap-fill answers

1. His **thoughtfulness** was clear in the way he listened before answering.
2. Good managers need **assertiveness** so they can give clear feedback.
3. The company's **responsiveness** to customer complaints improved its reputation.
4. The report was praised for its **thoroughness**.
5. The crisis showed the **interconnectedness** of global trade and transport.
6. Her **conscientiousness** was obvious in the careful way she checked every detail.
7. The speaker's **persuasiveness** made the audience support the proposal.
8. The team's **resourcefulness** helped them solve the problem with limited funding.