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Lecture 3: 간결형용사 (-able 형용사)

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Today's Lecture

Style series

Lecture 3

Concise adjectives

/ -able adjectives

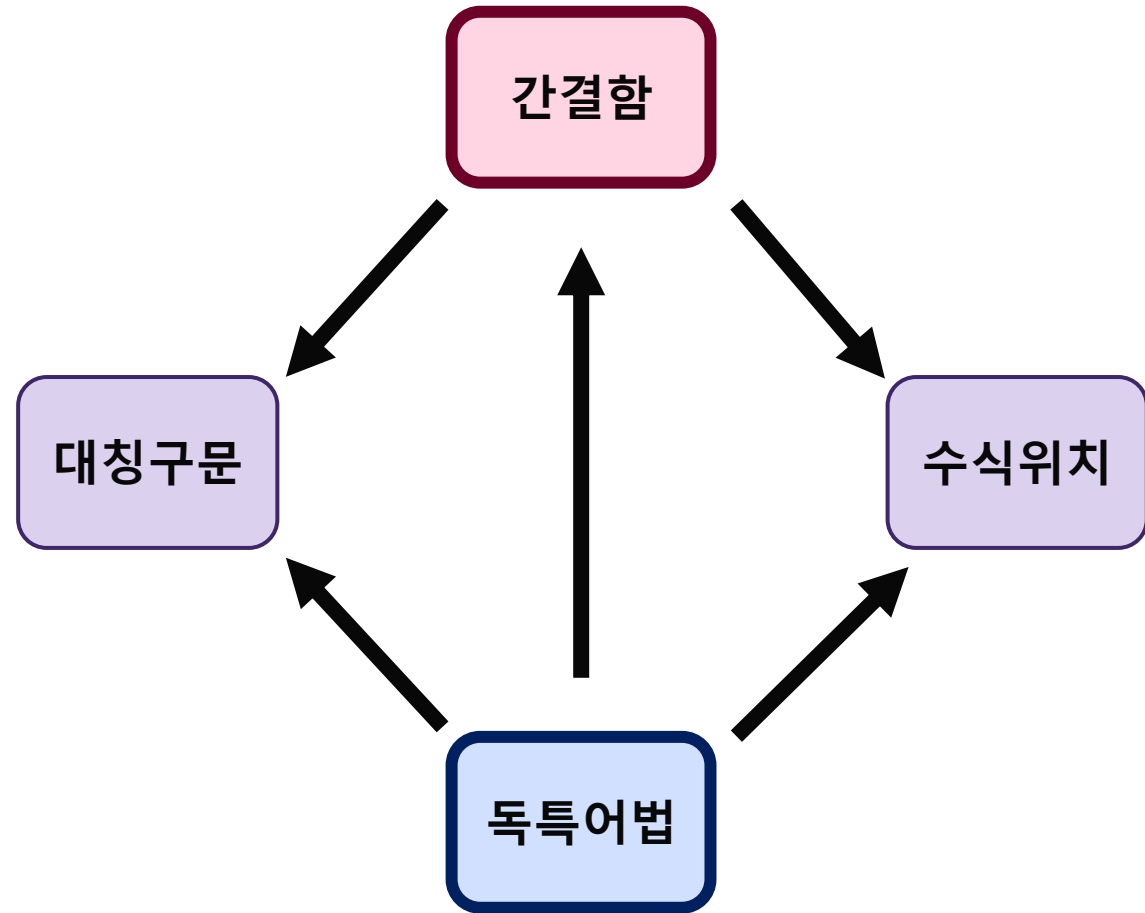
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Review and overview

Style

Clear, natural, and elegant
expression of ideas

Style elements



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독특어법

Concise adjectives / -able adjectives

(간결형용사 / -able 형용사)



1. Concise adjectives / -able adjectives

Various meanings of V-able

- a. V-able = can be V-ed (V할 수있는, V가 가능한, V할 만한)
- Cancer is **curable**: cure-able = cure할 수있다 / cure가 가능하다
= Cancer **can be cured**. / Cancer is **possible to cure**.
 - Your story is **believable**: believe-able = 믿을 수있다 / 믿을 만하다
= Your story **can be believed**.
- b. V-able = can be **easily** V-ed (쉽게 V할 수있는)
- c. V-able = **must** be V-ed (V해야 하는, V해 마땅한)

V-able = 수동형

- d. V-able = **can** V (V할 수있는)
- This food is **perishable**: perish-able = 상할 수 있다
= This food **can perish**.

V-able = 능동형

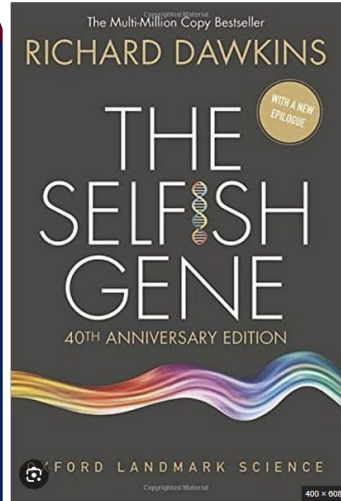
1. Concise adjectives / -able adjectives

Negations

- **un-** : unbelievable, unforeseeable, unjustifiable, unreliable, unreadable, unbreakable, unmovable
unchangeable, unpayable, unrenewable, unanswerable, unadaptable, unexcitable, unrespectable
- **in-** : inconceivable, incurable, incorrigible, incredible, incorruptible, inescapable, inseparable, invariable
- **ir-** : irreparable, irresponsible, irreversible, irresistible, irreplaceable
- **im-** : immeasurable, immovable
- **dis-** : disagreeable, disrespectable
- **non-** : non-perishable, non-durable, non-flammable

1a. V-able = can be V-ed (V할 수 있는)

- Patients need to know that this procedure is not meant to be comfortable, but it **can be tolerated**.
 - The selection process is fair and **can be justified**.
 - The data has issues **that cannot be resolved**.
 - It can usher in a whole climate of thinking, in which many theories **that are exciting and can be tested** are born ...
- Patients need to know that this procedure is not meant to be comfortable, but it **is tolerable**.
 - The selection process is fair and **justifiable**.
(*Review of Integrative Business and Economics Research*)
 - The data has **unresolvable** issues.
(*Value in Health*)
 - It can usher in a whole climate of thinking, in which many **exciting and testable** theories are born ... (*The Selfish Gene*)



1a. V-able = can be V-ed (V할 수 있는)

arguable vs. debatable

- argue = 근거를 제시하다 ("To **give reasons** for or against something" – Britannica)
= 논쟁하다 ("To disagree or fight by using angry words" – Britannica)
- debate = 논쟁하다 ("To discuss with people whose opinions are different from your own" – Britannica)
- arguable = 근거제시가 가능한 (can be argued **for**) → 근거 있는 (긍정적)
= 논쟁 가능한 (can be argued **about**) → 불확실한, 의심스런 (부정적)
- debatable = 논쟁 가능한 (can be debated **about**) → 불확실한, 의심스런 (부정적)

1a. V-able = can be V-ed (V할 수 있는)

arguable vs. debatable

- It is **arguable** whether AI could ever be given the status of moral personhood. (*Liberty Law*)
→ **negative (debatable O)**
 - The vaccine is of **debatable** value—it has been known to make some people quite sick. (*Britannia*)
→ **negative (arguable O)**
 - If you cannot show that you have an **arguable** case the Court may dismiss your application ... (*Family Court of Australia*) → **positive (debatable X)**
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- It is **arguable that** Islamophobia is primarily the fear of Muslim political agency. ... But what precisely is "feared" in Muslim political agency? (*Centre for Ethnicity and Racism Studies*)
→ **positive (debatable X)**
 - However, it is **debatable that** those services assist the adult learner population because most services are structured to assist traditional undergraduate students. (*IGI Global*)
→ **negative (arguable X)**

- arguable **that**: always positive

1a. V-able = can be V-ed (V할 수 있는)

arguable vs. debatable

The Britannica Dictionary

arguable /'ɑːɡjuwəbəl/ 🔊 *adjective*

Britannica Dictionary definition of ARGUABLE

1 : not certain or clearly true : open to argument, dispute, or question

- That word's pronunciation is *arguable*.
- the *arguable* [=questionable] benefits of trying to follow every fad diet
- That is an *arguable* point of view.

2 : possibly true — used to say that there are good reasons for believing that a statement is true

- It is *arguable* that he's the best writer of his generation.

debatable /di'bertəbəl/ 🔊 *adjective*

Britannica Dictionary definition of DEBATABLE

[more debatable; most debatable]

— used to say that something may or may not be true or real

- The benefit of the tax cuts is highly *debatable*.
- The vaccine is of *debatable* [=questionable] value—it has been known to make some people quite sick.
- Whether the report is entirely accurate is *debatable*.

1a. V-able = can be V-ed (V할 수 있는)

arguable vs. debatable

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(ɑːrˈɡjuəbəl ⓘ)

1. **ADJECTIVE**

If you say that **it is arguable that** something is true, you believe that it can be supported by evidence and that many people would agree with it.

[formal]

It is arguable that this was not as grave a handicap as it might appear. ⓘ

The judges said there was at least a good arguable case of negligence to answer. ⓘ

1b. V-able = can be easily V-ed (쉽게 V할 수 있는)

- Asphalt is **combustible** but not **flammable**. Like a pile of lumber, it can catch fire, but only in rare circumstances. (*Asphalt Institute*)
- These “display typefaces” are good examples of fonts that are **legible**, but not **readable**. (*Data + Design*)
- Above all things he desires that his work may be clear and **readable**. (*Early Theories of Translation*)

display typefaces

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- combustible (can be combusted): 태울 수 있는 → 연소가 가능한 (가연성)
- flammable (can be **easily** inflamed): **쉽게** 태울 수 있는 → **잘** 타는 (인화성)
- legible (can be read (recognized)): 읽기 가능한
- readable (can be **easily** read): **쉽게** 읽을 수 있는, 가독성이 좋은 / 이해하기 쉬운, 재미있는

- ... find a compromise that is **agreeable** to both sides of the party. (*Cambridge*) → **can be agreed on**
- An **agreeable** character with essential traits of empathy, integrity, and warmth matters more than competence or innovation in relationship building. (*Public Relations Review*) → **pleasant**

1c. V-able = must be V-ed (V해야 하는, V해 마땅한)

- The fee is **payable** in monthly installments over the duration of your course. → **can be paid**
- The deposit is **payable** in advance and expected within 24 hours of booking to confirm.
→ **must be paid**
- Even better, each undergraduate scholarship is **renewable** until graduation. → **can be renewed**
- There is an annual subscription fee, which is **renewable** by the end of December each year.
→ **must be renewed**
- [Social Security report] “Other **reportable** events” – In addition to the events listed on this form, you are responsible for reporting any other events that may affect benefit payments. → **must be reported**

- considerable: must be considered (고려해야 하는) → 상당한
- notable: must be noted (주목해야 하는) → 주목할 만한
- valuable: must be valued (가치를 부여해 마땅한) → 가치 있는
- detestable: must be detested (혐오해 마땅한) → 혐오스런
- deplorable (한탄할 만한, 통탄할), condemnable (비난할 만한)



1d. V-able = can V (V할 수 있는: 능동형)

- V-able (능동) = can V = able to V

- The catfish is **adaptable** to a wide range of water conditions. (Longman) → **able to adapt**
- Hollow tile proved to be a robust and **durable** building material. Today, there are millions of square feet of floors and roofs built of hollow tile that are still **serviceable**. (Journal of Preservation Technology) → **able to endure** / **able to service**



- endure: 오래 가다 / 견디다
durable (오래 가는): The tile is durable. → can endure (능동)
endurable (견딜 만한): The pain is endurable. → can be endured (수동)
- Perishable: able to perish → 상할 수 있는
- variable: able to vary → 가변적인
- changeable: able to change → 변화할 수 있는

1d. V-able = can V (V할 수 있는: 능동)

- V-able (수동) = can be V-ed
= can be **easily** V-ed
= **must** be V-ed

- V-able (능동) = can V = able to V
= can **easily** V
= **must** V = obliged to V

- The item is plastic, probably **breakable**, but not fragile like glass. (*Amazon*) → **can break**
- Do you have anything **breakable** in your bag? (*Longman*)
→ **can easily break**
- The Commission remains **answerable** to the European Parliament for its policy choices in this domain ... (*Reforming the EU Treaties*) → **obliged to answer**

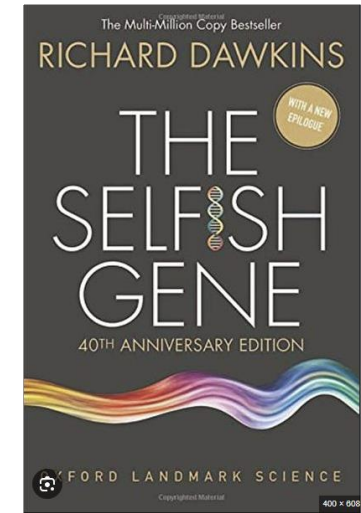
- changeable: can change easily → 변화무쌍한
- responsible: must respond (대응해야 하는) → 책임져야 하는
- accountable: must account → 해명해야 하는



Exercise

Replace the bold phrases with a V-able phrase.

1. 날씨가 변덕스러우므로, rain gear should be brought, and a warm pullover.
→ **As the weather is changeable** (*Field guide to the IGS post-symposium tour*)
2. As far as a gene is concerned ... other genes are just a part of its environment, **which can be compared** to temperature, food, predators, or companions.
→ **comparable** (*The Selfish Gene*)
3. ... it is a fallacy to suppose that genetically inherited traits are fixed and **cannot be modified**.
→ **unmodifiable** (*The Selfish Gene*)
4. I refer to the **proposal I must object to** that the election of the medical officer should take place annually.
→ **objectionable proposal** (*British Medical Journal*)



Replace the bold phrases with a V-able phrase.

5. These failures may lead to abrupt or gradual battery degradation, and in some cases to **damages that are impossible to repair and dangerous**.

→ irreparable and dangerous damages (*IEEE*)

6. [헤르페스 뇌염] On the 90th day after the onset, however, she became **easy to excite** and aggressive to her family.

→ excitable (*Brain and Development*)

7. ... once they understood the process, they **found that they could do it**.

→ found it doable (*Artificial intelligence in education*)

8. Our experiments show that this model can produce recognizable faces from **inputs that seem impossible to recognize**.

→ seemingly unrecognizable inputs (*Stanford.edu*)



Replace the bold phrases with a V-able phrase.

9. Examples of what amounted to an **offence for which a president can be impeached** included treason, corruption, and the abuse of a monopoly.

→ **impeachable offence** (*British Origins and American Practice of Impeachment*)

10. The results did support that CT scan screening may provide a **moment where smokers can be taught**.

→ **teachable moment for smokers** (*Journal of the American Cancer Society*)

Concluding remarks



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