



Forming Adjectives Using suffixes -ful or -less

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Aim

- I can form adjectives using the suffixes -ful and -less.

Success Criteria

- I can add the suffixes -ful and -less to words to make adjectives.
- I can add the suffixes -ful and -less to words ending in y.
- I can use adjectives ending in -ful and -less in sentences.



Introductory teaching

What is a suffix?



A suffix is a group of letters we add to the end of a word to change its meaning.

There are lots of different suffixes. Today we are going to look more carefully at the suffixes:

-ful

and

-less

Suffixes -ful and -less

Look at these words:

use

help

These words can be used as a verb or a noun.
When we add one of our suffixes, the word becomes an adjective.

They could not **use** the broken car.

verb

He couldn't **help** the injured bird.

verb

The broken car was **useless**.

adjective

He felt **helpless**.

adjective

Suffixes -ful and -less

The suffix -ful often means 'being full of' or having lots of.
For example, **useful** means being full of use or having lots of use.



When we use the suffix -ful on the end of words we only write one letter l.

The suffix -less is often the opposite of -ful and means having none.
So **useless** means having no use.



Suffixes -ful and -less



In your pairs, look at the following sentences and work out which word fits best. Write your answer on your whiteboard.

1. The girl broke her toy train. She was careless. (careful / careless)
2. The boy helped his mum to wash the dishes.
He was helpful. (helpful / helpless)
3. I cooked my mum breakfast when she was ill.
She said I was very thoughtful. (thoughtful / thoughtless)
4. The injection I had didn't hurt. It was painless. (painful / painless)



Spelling rules

Adding -ful or -less

When we add the suffixes -ful and -less, we usually just add them to the end of the root word.

care → careful

care → careless

mind → mindless

When the root word ends in y, we **usually** change the y to an i before adding the suffix.

beauty → beauti**i**ful

plenty → plenti**i**ful

Adding -ful or -less

How would you spell these words with the suffix?

Root word	-ful	-less
cheer		
faith		
harm		
joy		
meaning		

Root word	-ful
play	
duty	

Adding -ful or -less

Spelling answers.

Root word	-ful	-less
cheer	cheerful	cheerless
faith	faithful	faithless
harm	harmful	harmless
joy	joyful	joyless
meaning	meaningful	meaningless

Root word	-ful
play	plentiful
duty	dutiful

Today all thee challenges are on the same sheet in assignments!

Name: _____

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Suffixes

A suffix is a groups of letters added to a word to change the meaning.

e.g. wonder + ful = wonderful

Challenge 1 Add *-less* or *-ful* to the following words.

(some words could be either)

hope _____ + _____ = _____

care _____ + _____ = _____

help _____ + _____ = _____

great _____ + _____ = _____

use _____ + _____ = _____

fear _____ + _____ = _____

plenty _____ + _____ = _____

power _____ + _____ = _____

colour _____ + _____ = _____

beauty _____ + _____ = _____

Challenge 2 Complete challenge 1 and then use the words above to write sentences of your own.

Challenge 3 Complete challenge 1 and then write sentences using the words. Make sure you include examples of statements, questions, commands and exclamations.

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