

Year 2

Suffixes - less -ful

Suffixes are letters that you add on to the end of words to change their meanings. Most words you can just add **-less** and **-ful** to.

The suffix **-ful** means 'full of' or 'lots of' (e.g. **painful** - full of pain or lots of pain)

The suffix **-less** means 'without' (e.g. **painless** - without pain)

If a root word ends in a **-y**, drop the **y** and add an **i** (e.g. **beauty** - **beautiful**)

Activity 1: Tick the correct box/es in the table below.

Root word	-ful	-less
hope	✓	✓
end		✓
help	✓	✓
play	✓	
truth	✓	✓

Activity 2: Complete the following table using what you know about ful/less.
Some have been done for you 😊

Suffix word	Root word
<u>cheer</u> ful	cheer
harmless	harm
colourful OR colourless	colour
speechless	speech

Suffix word	Root word
<u>end</u> less	end
wonderful	wonder
useful	use
plentiful	plenty

Activity 3:

The underlined words in the sentences below are missing a suffix. Re-write the sentence underneath, adding the suffix **-ful** or **-less** to the underlined root word.

1. Cleaning your bedroom is help.

Cleaning your bedroom is helpful.

2. The toy was broken and now it was use.

The toy was broken and now it was useless.

3. She was hope there would be pizza for lunch.

She was hopeful there would be pizza for lunch.

Challenge:

Choose a word from the box below to write a sentence about each picture. Don't forget to add the **-less** or **-ful** suffix to the word you have chosen!

help	thought	use	hand
care	spot	pain	thank



My Mum says I am very helpful because I help her look after my baby brother.



My bedroom is spotless because I spent the day tidying it.
