

Application and Reasoning

Step 3: Adding '-ful' and '-less'

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (2G6.3) [Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as -ful, -less \(A fuller list of suffixes can be found in the year 2 spelling section in English Appendix 1\)](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (2G6.3) [suffix](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Identify and correct two mistakes with words using the suffixes -ful and -less. Includes words where no changes to the spelling are required.

Expected Identify and correct two mistakes with words using the suffixes -ful and -less. Includes some common exception words where the root word may/may not need to be changed.

Greater Depth Identify and correct two mistakes with words using the using the suffixes -ful and -less. Includes words where the meaning is less explicit and the root word may/may not need to be changed.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Add a suffix to a given root word and then include it in a sentence. Includes words where no changes to the spelling are required.

Expected Add a suffix to a given root word and then include it in a sentence. Includes some common exception words where the root word may/may not need to be changed.

Greater Depth Add a suffix to a given root word and then include it in a sentence. Includes words where the meaning is less explicit and the root word may/may not need to be changed.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain how a suffix can change the meaning of the root word. Includes words where no changes to the spelling are required.

Expected Explain how a suffix can change the meaning of the root word. Includes some common exception words where the root word may/may not need to be changed.

Greater Depth Explain how a suffix can change the meaning of the root word. Includes words where the meaning is less explicit and the root word may/may not need to be changed.

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1a. Sam has handed in his homework about adding suffixes. Spot the two mistakes he has made and correct them.

help + ful = helpful

end + ful = endful

pain + less = painles



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1b. Ali has handed in his homework about adding suffixes. Spot the two mistakes he has made and correct them.

cheer + ful = cheerfull

care + less = careless

home + ful = homeful



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2a. Add a suffix to the word below and then write a sentence using the new word.

play

ful

less



A

2b. Add a suffix to the word below and then write a sentence using the new word.

spoon

less

ful



A

3a. Explain how adding the suffix -less to the word 'hope' changes the meaning of the word.

hope

hopeless



R

3b. Explain how adding the suffix -less to the word 'help' changes the meaning of the word.

help

helpless



R

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4a. Ellie has handed in her homework about adding suffixes. Spot the two mistakes she has made and correct them.

plenty + ful = plentyful

hate + ful = hatefull

spoon + less = spoonless



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4b. Zain has handed in his homework about adding suffixes. Spot the two mistakes he has made and correct them.

life + less = lifeless

pity + ful = pityful

beauty + ful = beautiful



A

5a. Add a suffix to the word below and then write a sentence using the new word.

pain

ful

less



A

5b. Add a suffix to the word below and then write a sentence using the new word.

tune

less

ful



A

6a. Explain how adding the suffix -less to the word 'power' changes the meaning of the word.

power



powerless



R

6b. Explain how adding the suffix -less to the word 'harm' changes the meaning of the word.

harm



harmless



R

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7a. Jakub has handed in his homework about adding suffixes. Spot the two mistakes he has made and correct them.

forget + less = forgetless

wonder + ful = wonderful

penny + less = pennyles



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7b. Zara has handed in her homework about adding suffixes. Spot the two mistakes she has made and correct them.

peace + less = peaceless

duty + ful = dutyful

success + ful = successful



A

8a. Add a suffix to the word below and then write a sentence using the new word.

thought

ful

less



A

8b. Add a suffix to the word below and then write a sentence using the new word.

duty

less

ful



A

9a. Explain how adding the suffix -less to the word 'grace' changes the meaning of the word.

grace

graceless



R

9b. Explain how adding the suffix -less to the word 'colour' changes the meaning of the word.

colour

colourless



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Developing

- 1a. 'endful' should be 'endless' and 'painles' should be 'painless'.
2a. Example answer: The playful kitten was funny.
3a. 'Hopeless' means there is no hope, which is the opposite of having hope.

Expected

- 4a. 'plentyful' should be 'plentiful' and 'hatefull' should be 'hateful'.
5a. Example answers: It was painful when I cut my knee. The injection was painless.
6a. 'Powerless' means that you have no power, which is the opposite of having power.

Greater Depth

- 7a. 'forgetless' should be 'forgetful' and 'pennyless' should be 'penniless'.
8a. Example answers: My friend was thoughtful as he looked after me when I was upset. It was very thoughtless of me to forget to invite you to my party.
9a. 'Graceless' means to have no grace, it is clumsy, which is the opposite of having grace.

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Developing

- 1b. 'cheerfull' should be 'cheerful' and 'homeful' should be 'homeless'.
2b. Example answer: I had a spoonful of jam.
3b. 'Helpless' means you are not able to help, which is the opposite of being able to help.

Expected

- 4b. 'pityful' should be 'pitiful' and 'beautiful' should be 'beautiful'.
5b. Example answers: The tuneless singing sounded terrible. I enjoy tuneful music on the radio.
6b. 'Harmless' means that it can do no harm, which is the opposite of doing harm.

Greater Depth

- 7b. 'peaceless' should be 'peaceful' and 'dutyful' should be 'dutiful'.
8b. Example answer: The dutiful husband looked after the children while his wife went to the spa.
9b. 'Colourless' means to have no colour, which is the opposite of having colour.