

Varied Fluency

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:

Developing Questions to support adding the suffixes -ful, -less. Includes words where no changes to the spelling are required. For example: play + ful = playful, help + ful = helpful, care + less = careless.

Expected Questions to support adding the suffixes -ful, -less. Includes some common exception words where the root word may/may not need changing. (For example: plenty + ful = plentiful, joy + ful = joyful, penny + less = penniless).

Greater Depth Questions to support adding the suffixes -ful, -less. Includes words where the meaning is less explicit, and the root word may/may not need to change. (For example: pity + ful = pitiful, spite + ful = spiteful).

[More resources](#) from our Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling scheme of work.

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1a. Tick all the words that make a new word when you add the suffix -less.

care harm

cross

skip home



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1b. Tick all the words that make a new word when you add the suffix -ful.

clap play

help

cheer look



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2a. Underline the word with a suffix in the sentence below.

I am hopeful that my team will win the cup.



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2b. Underline the word with a suffix in the sentence below.

My dog is fearless when he jumps into deep water.



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3a. Sort the words below into the Venn diagram by which suffix can be added.

-less both -ful

hope end

use wonder



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3b. Sort the words below into the Venn diagram by which suffix can be added.

-less both -ful

joy need

pain tune



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4a. Complete the words below by adding the correct suffix.

delight → **-ful or -less** →

life → **-ful or -less** →

spot → **-ful or -less** →



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4b. Complete the words below by adding the correct suffix.

roof → **-ful or -less** →

hate → **-ful or -less** →

age → **-ful or -less** →



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5a. Tick all the words that make a new word when you add the suffix -less.

speech happy

care

upset power



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5b. Tick all the words that make a new word when you add the suffix -ful.

blue thank

check

cheer colour



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6a. Underline the words with a suffix in the sentence below.

Our classroom is spotless and the cleaners are always pleased with our thoughtful work.



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6b. Underline the words with a suffix in the sentence below.

Our school trip was delightful and I was speechless when we saw the animals.



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7a. Sort the words below into the Venn diagram by which suffix can be added.

-less both -ful

worth limit

bowl thank



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7b. Sort the words below into the Venn diagram by which suffix can be added.

-less both -ful

fear wonder

help spot



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8a. Complete the words below by adding the correct suffix.

beauty → **-ful or -less** →

mouth → **-ful or -less** →

cloud → **-ful or -less** →



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8b. Complete the words below by adding the correct suffix.

time → **-ful or -less** →

forget → **-ful or -less** →

penny → **-ful or -less** →



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9a. Tick all the words that make a new word when you add the suffix -less.

sing speech
 thought
 flight angry



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9b. Tick all the words that make a new word when you add the suffix -ful.

cry force
 laugh
 wonder grace



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10a. Underline the words with a suffix in the sentence below.

I had such an eventful day yesterday that by bedtime I was worn out and breathless.



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10b. Underline the words with a suffix in the sentence below.

How heartless it was to tease the puppy with a bowlful of food and then not let it eat any.



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11a. Sort the words below into the Venn diagram by which suffix can be added.

-less both -ful

power end
 tune hate



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11b. Sort the words below into the Venn diagram by which suffix can be added.

-less both -ful

rest thought
 worth spite



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12a. Complete the words below by adding the correct suffix.

→ →
 → →
 → →



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12b. Complete the words below by adding the correct suffix.

→ →
 → →
 → →



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Developing

- 1a. **care, harm, home**
- 2a. **hopeful**
- 3a. **Both: hope, use**
-less: end
-ful: wonder
- 4a. **delightful, lifeless, spotless**

Expected

- 5a. **speech, care, power**
- 6a. **spotless, thoughtful**
- 7a. **Both: thank**
-less: worth, limit
-ful: bowl
- 8a. **beautiful, mouthful, cloudless**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **speech, thought, flight**
- 10a. **eventful, breathless**
- 11a. **Both: power, tune**
-less: end
-ful: hate
- 12a. **pitiful/pitiless, effortless, beautiful**

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Developing

- 1b. **play, help, cheer**
- 2b. **fearless**
- 3b. **Both: joy, pain, tune**
-less: need
- 4b. **roofless, hateful, ageless**

Expected

- 5b. **thank, cheer, colour**
- 6b. **delightful, speechless**
- 7b. **Both: fear, help**
-less: spot
-ful: wonder
- 8b. **timeless, forgetful, penniless**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **force, wonder, grace**
- 10b. **heartless, bowlful**
- 11b. **Both: rest, thought**
-less: worth
-ful: spite
- 12b. **successful, awful, penniless**