

# 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

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mind → mindless

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

beauty → beautiful

plenty → plentiful

1. Complete the table below by adding -ful to these words to make an adjective.

Word	Adjective
help + ful	
beauty + ful	
delight + ful	
mercy + ful	

2. Complete the table below by adding -less to these words to make an adjective.

Word	Adjective
care + less	
thought + less	
penny + less	
fear + less	

3. Read the sentences below out loud and choose the correct adjective. Write the completed sentences in your best handwriting into your exercise book. 😊

1. The injection I had didn't hurt. It was \_\_\_\_\_. (painful/painless)

2. Miss Welby was frightened of the snakes. She was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(fearless/fearful)

3. I cooked breakfast for my mum when she was ill. She said I was very \_\_\_\_\_. (thoughtful/thoughtless)

4. Mr Cameron couldn't help the injured bird. He was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(helpless/helpful).

Challenge: Can you write a sentence with the adjective 'penniless'?

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