

Search for the Suffixes

A **suffix** is a word part that is added to the end of a root or base word. It changes the meaning of the word.

-less = without

-y = characterized by, like

-ful = full of

-ly = characteristic of

PART 1

Directions: In each sentence, circle the word with the suffix. Then write the meaning of the word.

-ly

-less

1. My neighbor's dog was very friendly, so I was not afraid when he came running over.

Meaning: nice

2. During the competition, the skateboarder was injured badly when he had an accident.

Meaning: very bad

5. We cleaned the house for hours on Saturday, and it was spotless by the time we finished.

Meaning: without spots

6. She made a careless mistake on her science test, and she lost points for it.

Meaning: without care

-ful

-y

3. The nurse was cheerful as she greeted me and invited me back to see the doctor.

Meaning: full of cheer

4. The painting in the hallway was colorful and bright.

Meaning: full of color

7. I had the most delicious juicy apple in my lunch today.

Meaning: lots of juice

8. Our day at the beach was ruined when it became cloudy.

Meaning: lots of clouds

PART 2

Directions: Write the meaning of each word.

painful full of pain

quickly fast

helpless without help

muddy lots of mud