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SPELLING RULES FOR 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. There are spelling rules to follow when adding the suffixes -less, -ful, -y, or -ly.

SUFFIX	MEANING	SPELLING RULES
-less	without	1. If the word ends in a consonant and -y , change it to i before adding the suffix. Example: bounty → bountiful 2. Keep the -e before -less, -ful, -ly . Drop the -e before -y . Example: use → useless Example: laze → lazy
-ful	full of	
-y	characterized by, like	
-ly	characteristic of	

PART 1 Directions: Add the suffix -less to each word. Write the new word on the line.

- power powerless
- home homeless
- end endless
- care careless
- hope hopeless
- taste tasteless

PART 2 Directions: Add the suffix -ful to each word. Write the new word on the line.

- help helpful
- beauty beautiful
- thought thoughtful
- forget forgetful
- force forceful
- success successful

PART 3 Directions: Add the suffix -y to each word. Write the new word on the line.

- cream creamy
- filth filthy
- noise noisy
- juice juicy
- touch touchy
- scare scary

PART 4 Directions: Add the suffix -ly to each word. Write the new word on the line.

- friend friendly
- quick quickly
- slow slowly
- loud loudly
- quiet quietly
- common commonly