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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 <b>-y</b> , change it to <b>i</b> before adding the suffix. <b>Example:</b> bounty → bountiful 2. Keep the <b>-e</b> before <b>-less, -ful, -ly</b> . Drop the <b>-e</b> before <b>-y</b> . <b>Example:</b> use → useless <b>Example:</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- home \_\_\_\_\_
- end \_\_\_\_\_
- care \_\_\_\_\_
- hope \_\_\_\_\_
- taste \_\_\_\_\_

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

- help \_\_\_\_\_
- beauty \_\_\_\_\_
- thought \_\_\_\_\_
- forget \_\_\_\_\_
- force \_\_\_\_\_
- success \_\_\_\_\_

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

- cream \_\_\_\_\_
- filth \_\_\_\_\_
- noise \_\_\_\_\_
- juice \_\_\_\_\_
- touch \_\_\_\_\_
- scare \_\_\_\_\_

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

- friend \_\_\_\_\_
- quick \_\_\_\_\_
- slow \_\_\_\_\_
- loud \_\_\_\_\_
- quiet \_\_\_\_\_
- common \_\_\_\_\_