Suffixes: -ful, -less, -some

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Grade Connections to THINKING

Read the spelling words and sentences.

1. successful	successful	She is a successful and skilled artist.
2. thoughtless	thoughtless	I apologized for being thoughtless.
3. wholesome	wholesome	Eat a wholesome breakfast daily.
4. wonderful	wonderful	We had a wonderful vacation.
5. worthless	worthless	Throw out this worthless item.
6. worrisome	worrisome	It is worrisome that he is so late.
7. delightful	delightful	The warm weather was delightful.
8. lonesome	lonesome	He was lonesome without his family.
9. priceless	priceless	Your friendship is priceless to me.
10. fanciful	fanciful	The child made fanciful drawings.
11. eventful	eventful	The weekend was busy and eventful.
12. fruitless	fruitless	Our search for the ring was fruitless.
13. forgetful	forgetful	Were you always so forgetful?
14. senseless	senseless	That joke was cruel and senseless.
15. doubtful	doubtful	It is doubtful that I will be there.
16. tiresome	tiresome	To recopy his work was tiresome.
17. tireless	tireless	She is a tireless worker.
18. dutiful	dutiful	He is a dutiful parent.
19. fearless	fearless	She performed a fearless rescue.
20. pitiful	pitiful	The injured bird was a pitiful sight.
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Think & Sort the spelling words.

1-9. Write the words that have the suffix -ful.

10-16. Write the words that have the suffix -less.

17-20. Write the words that have the suffix -some.

Remember

The suffixes **-ful** (meaning "full of"), **-less** (meaning "without"), and **-some** (meaning "tending to be") can be added to base words to make new words. If the base word ends in **y**, change the **y** to **i** and add the suffix.

Spelling Tutor



Word Clues

Use the clues to write spelling words by adding a suffix to the underlined words. You may have to change the spelling of the base word before adding the suffix.

- 1. full of pity
- 2. without worth
- 3. full of fancy
- 4. full of success
- 5. inclined to worry

- 6. full of delight
- 7. full of doubt
- 8. inclined to forget
- 9. full of duty

Use Synonyms

Write the spelling word that could best replace the underlined word or words. Circle the two words that are easily confused.

- 10. He prepared a delicious and healthy meal.
- 11. She thanked them for their never-ending efforts.
- 12. They showed their guests their invaluable art collection.
- 13. The day was filled with important happenings.
- 14. Several people fell asleep during the boring speech.
- 15. Our search for the missing papers was unsuccessful.



Write a spelling word that is a synonym for each series of words. Look in the **Writing Thesaurus** to check your answers and to familiarize yourself with other synonyms for the spelling words you find.

- 16. meaningless, pointless, foolish
- 17. spectacular, superb, fabulous
- 18. lonely, forlorn, desolate
- 19. courageous, brave, bold
- 20. tactless, unthinking, careless

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Connections to READING

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18. The lion ta	mer seemed	as he entered	the cage.
19. With every	one gone, she sp	ent the ev	ening reading.
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Proofread a Journal Entry

Proofread the journal entry below for ten misspelled words. Then rewrite the journal entry. Write the spelling words correctly and make the corrections indicated by the proofreading marks.

Summer days are a fancyful, wonderfull time. i become start forgettful, but not in a worrysome way. The deliteful heat makes bees seem to buzz in rhymeol'm senseles of trouble and let things fall where they may.

My days may seem fruitliss to people around me, But I keep Busy and dutifull in my own mind. I have tirless energy for daydreams and fancy. That may not seem eventfull, but to me it's sublime.

Proofreading Marks



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Informative/Explanatory Writing

Write a Journal Entry

Write a journal entry that tells about an experience or feeling you have had. Follow the form used in the proofreading example.

Use as many spelling words as you can.

- Use the writing process: prewrite, draft, revise, edit, and publish.
- Use figurative language such as simile and metaphor to help you "show" rather than "tell" about your experience.
- Make sure you use complete sentences with correct capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and spelling.
- Read your journal entry. Circle three words that may be misspelled. Use an electronic resource to check the spelling.

Transfer

Think of six more words that contain the suffixes -ful, -less, and -some. Write the words in your Spelling Journal and circle the suffixes.

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Use words from the spelling list above to complete these exercises.

Pattern Power

- **1–5.** Write the words whose base words changed spelling when the suffix **-ful** was added.
- **6–12.** Write the words with the suffix **-some**. Circle the word whose base word changed spelling when the suffix was added.

Word Building

Find a base word from the spelling list above that could be a synonym for each word below. Then add a suffix to it to make a spelling word. Make any spelling changes.

- 13. idea17. triumph14. terror18. trust
- 15. fee19. talking20. accuse

Math

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Wordflunt

Read the paragraphs below. Look for words with the suffixes **-ful, -less,** and **-some**.

The ancient Egyptians were awesome at math. We know this because in 1858 A.D. Alexander Henry Rhind of Scotland bought an old scroll in Egypt. It showed 87 masterful math problems. A very careful scribe named Ahmes had copied the scroll in about 1650 B.C. The original was 200 years older than that. It is doubtful that Rhind knew his scroll would someday be priceless.

Whether you feel that math is wonderful or awful, be grateful that the numbers you use are made for math. The number system of old Egypt looked like fanciful symbols. They stood for 1; 10; 100; 1,000; 10,000; 100,000; and 1,000,000. The symbols were easy to add. They were just repeated until they showed the sum. It must have been tiresome with big numbers, but it worked. However, this cumbersome way did not work with other kinds of math.

The folks of Egypt tried a new way. They were successful at doing math using addition only. Let's say they had to do 28×11 . They began with some multiples of 28 in a table. Then they found the numbers that add up to 11 (1, 2, and 8). They

	1	×	28	28
	2	×	28	56
Γ	8	×	28	224
	11	×	28	308

then added the multiples of those numbers (28 + 56 + 224 = 308). That was the product. It may not have been a mindless method, but it was a flawless one.



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WORD SORT

- 1-4. Write the three-syllable words with the suffix -ful.
- 5-7. Write the two-syllable words with the suffix -less.
- 8-10. Write the words with the suffix -some.