

I can use the suffixes ment, ness, ful  
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All of these suffixes begin with consonant so we can add them directly to the root word.

However, if the root word ends in y and has more than one syllable, then you add an i first.

Play → playful

Merry → merriment

# ACTIVITY

If ful means 'full of' and less means 'without'. What do these words mean?

Painful means full of pain

Painless means without pain.

1. Beautiful means \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Hopeful means \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Careless means \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Sorrowful means \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Thoughtless means \_\_\_\_\_.