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Suffixes: -ful, -less, -ness, -ment



A suffix is a group of letters added to the end of a word.
Suffixes change the meaning of the word.

-ful

means full of
or having



color + **ful** =
colorful

-less

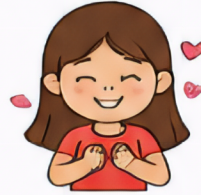
means without



hope + **less** =
hopeless

-ness

means the state or
quality of



kind + **ness** =
kindness

-ment

means an act
or result



improve + **ment** =
improvement

1. Add the correct suffix (-ful, -less, -ness, -ment) to each word.

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| 1. care _____ | 5. color _____ |
| 2. joy _____ | 6. home _____ |
| 3. thank _____ | 7. move _____ |
| 4. help _____ | 8. fear _____ |

2. Write the meaning of each word using the suffix.

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| 1. careless | _____ |
| 2. happiness | _____ |
| 3. helpful | _____ |
| 4. movement | _____ |

3. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- The little boy showed great _____ when he lost his toy, but he kept looking.
a. happiness b. movement c. helpfulness d. hopelessness
- The artist painted a _____ picture with bright colors.
a. careful b. colorless c. colorful d. carelessness
- The _____ of the new rules made the game much better.
a. movement b. improvement c. kindness d. hopeless
- She gave a _____ smile to everyone she met.
a. joyless b. joyful c. joyfulness d. movement



4. Write your own sentence for each suffix. Underline the word with the suffix.

- ful: _____
- less: _____
- ness: _____
- ment: _____

