

Suffixes

A suffix goes at the end of a word and changes its meaning or its job.

THE RULE

- **-ful** means full of: careful
- **-less** means without: sleepless
- **-ly** means in a way: quickly
- **-er** means a person who: painter
- **-ness** means being: darkness

EXAMPLE **care** + **ful** = **careful**, full of care



① Write the word that matches each meaning. Use a suffix from the rule box. _____

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| 1. without fear → _____ | 2. full of play → _____ |
| 3. in a soft way → _____ | 4. a person who helps → _____ |
| 5. being kind → _____ | 6. full of hope → _____ |

② Split each word into its base word and its suffix. _____

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| 7. thankful = _____ + _____ | 8. sadness = _____ + _____ |
| 9. helpless = _____ + _____ | 10. brightly = _____ + _____ |
| 11. teacher = _____ + _____ | 12. cheerful = _____ + _____ |

③ Finish each sentence with a word you made in part 1. _____

13. The _____ puppy chased its own tail.

14. The kitten purred _____ in my arms.

④ Write two sentences about the animals in the picture. Use a suffix word in each. _____
