

Name _____

Suffixes *-ly*, *-ful*, *-ness*, *-less*

Directions Add the suffix *-ly*, *-ful*, *-ness*, or *-less* to each base word. Write the new word on the line.

1. grace + *-ful* = _____
2. bare + *-ly* = _____
3. worth + *-less* = _____
4. fair + *-ness* = _____
5. play + *-ful* = _____
6. wire + *-less* = _____
7. rare + *-ly* = _____
8. neat + *-ness* = _____

Directions Add *-ly*, *-ful*, *-ness*, or *-less* to the base word in () to best complete each sentence. Use the word box for help. Write the new word on the line.

careful careless illness quickly safely spotless thickness

- _____ 9. A (care) mistake can cause an oil spill at sea.
- _____ 10. This can (quick) cause problems for seabirds.
- _____ 11. In order to fly, birds need to keep themselves (spot).
- _____ 12. If the oil is not (safe) removed, the birds cannot fly.
- _____ 13. If a seabird swallows oil, it can develop an (ill).
- _____ 14. The (thick) of a bird's eggshell can also change.
- _____ 15. To protect the sea and its wildlife, ships' captains must be (care).



Home Activity Your child wrote words with the suffixes *-ly* (*safely*), *-ful* (*playful*), *-ness* (*illness*), and *-less* (*worthless*). Name some base words such as *slow*, *thank*, *harm*, *kind*, and *help*. Ask your child to make new words using the suffixes he or she practiced on this page.