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## 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* = graceful
2. bare + *-ly* = barely
3. worth + *-less* = worthless
4. fair + *-ness* = fairness
5. play + *-ful* = playful
6. wire + *-less* = wireless
7. rare + *-ly* = rarely
8. neat + *-ness* = neatness

**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.

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- careless 9. A (care) mistake can cause an oil spill at sea.
- quickly 10. This can (quick) cause problems for seabirds.
- spotless 11. In order to fly, birds need to keep themselves (spot).
- safely 12. If the oil is not (safe) removed, the birds cannot fly.
- illness 13. If a seabird swallows oil, it can develop an (ill).
- thickness 14. The (thick) of a bird's eggshell can also change.
- careful 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.