

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

Generalization When adding *-ly*, *-ful*, *-ness*, or *-less*, most base words stay the same: **safely**. When the base word ends in **y**, change **y** to **i**: **beautiful**.

Word Sort Sort the list words by the suffixes *-ly*, *-ful*, *-ness*, and *-less*.

-ly

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

-ful

9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

-ness

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

-less

13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

Challenge Words

-ly

16. _____
17. _____
18. _____

-ness

19. _____
20. _____

-less

Spelling Words

1. beautiful
2. safely
3. kindness
4. finally
5. spotless
6. worthless
7. illness
8. helpful
9. daily
10. suddenly
11. wireless
12. quietly
13. fairness
14. cheerful
15. painful

Challenge Words

16. anxiously
17. thoughtfully
18. cautiously
19. tardiness
20. breathless



Home Activity Your child is learning to spell words with the suffixes *-ly*, *-ful*, *-ness*, and *-less*. Reread the generalization together. Have your child identify the words in which *y* changed to *i* when a suffix was added.