

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

"demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words with common orthographic patterns and rules, including spelling words with the suffixes ful, less, and ness"

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

We add ful to mean full of, less to mean without, and ness to make a naming word.

hopeful means full of hope, and fearless means without fear.

kindness names the quality of being kind.

THE SPELLING RULE**Suffixes ful, less, and ness**

hopeful kindness fearless useful careless

WHERE THEY APPEAR: "One hopeful word can travel through, until another dreams it too."

This deck teaches **Suffixes ful, less, and ness** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.**

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the suffix."

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Notice the suffix.

Find the suffix ful, less, or ness.

hopeful = hope + ful

I CAN I can notice the suffix ful, less, or ness.



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CHOOSE

"I can choose the word with the correct suffix."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which one means full of hope?

hopeful • hopefull • hopful

I CAN I can choose the word with the correct suffix.



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SHOW

"I can show the rule with a passage word."

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Show the rule.

Add a suffix to this word from the poem.

kind + ness = _ _ _ _ _

I CAN I can spell a poem word with a suffix.



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OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Add a suffix to this new word on your own.

fear + less = _ _ _ _ _

I CAN I can spell a new suffix word on my own.



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DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain why hopeful ends in ful, then spell one suffix word of your own.

"One hopeful word can travel through, until another dreams it too."

I CAN I can explain the suffix rule and use a suffix word in my own writing.



Your turn to spell.

On your tracking sheet, add the suffix to each word, then use one in a sentence about the poem.

help + ful → _____ sad + ness → _____ pain + less → _____ joy + ful → _____
_____ dark + ness → _____

I CAN I can build words with ful, less, and ness on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE hopeful = hope + ful. The suffix ful means full of.

CHOOSE hopeful is correct. ful means full of, with one l.

SHOW kind + ness = kindness.

OWN fear + less = fearless.

DEFEND hopeful ends in ful because it means full of hope; a correct student word might be helpful, joyful, or darkness.

YOUR TURN helpful, sadness, painless, joyful, darkness

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READ THIS SENTENCE.

One _____ word can travel from friend to friend.

Which word correctly completes the sentence?

A hopeful

B hopefull

C hopful

D hopefil

The Answer, and Why

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The answer is **A**.

A hopeful · Correct. hope plus ful means full of hope, with one l.

B hopefull · Doubles the l, but the suffix ful has just one l.

C hopful · Leaves out the e in hope.

D hopefil · Spells the suffix with il, but it is ful.