

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

A suffix is a word part added to the end of a word.

The suffixes ful, less, and ness change a base word into a new word.

Watch for base word changes like dropping e or changing y to i.

THE SPELLING RULE**Suffix ful, less, ness review**

thoughtful careless kindness helpful hopeless
fearless happiness useful painless darkness

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WHERE THEY APPEAR: “Her thoughtful kindness made the hard day painless.”

This deck teaches **Suffix ful, less, ness review** 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 inside the word.

thoughtful = thought + ful

I CAN I can notice the suffix in a word.

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CHOOSE

"I can choose the correct spelling."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling is correct?

careless • carless • careles

I CAN I can choose the correctly spelled word.

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SHOW

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

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Show the rule.

Build or spell the word.

help + ful = _____

I CAN I can build the word correctly.

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OWN

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

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Own the rule.

Build a new word on your own.

kind + ness = _____

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

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DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain the suffix, then spell one word of your own.

"His helpful and thoughtful plan gave us happiness," she said.

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

Your turn to spell.

Build each word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

thought + ful → _____ care + less → _____ kind + ness → _____ hope + less
→ _____ help + ful → _____

I CAN I can spell words with the suffix on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

thoughtful = thought + ful.

CHOOSE

careless is correct.

SHOW

help + ful = helpful.

OWN

kind + ness = kindness.

DEFEND

The suffix keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be careless, kindness, or helpful.

YOUR TURN

thoughtful, careless, kindness, hopeless, helpful

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Each choice is one way to spell the same word.

Which word is spelled correctly?

A kindness

B kindnes

C kindniss

D kineness

The answer is **A**.

A kindness · Correct. kind + ness keeps the d and double s.

B kindnes · Uses one s.

C kindniss · Spells the suffix with i.

D kineness · Drops the d.