

The Suffixes -less and -ly



The Suffix -less

The suffix -less usually means there is less of something.

These words all end in the suffix -less and the spelling of the root word has not changed...



hopeless



joyless



careless



fearless

Can you air write the suffix '-less' with your finger?

Using your finger, can you write the suffix '-less' on the back of your hand?

The Suffix -ly

The suffix -ly usually describes how something is done or how something happens.

These words all end in the suffix -ly and the spelling of the root word has not changed...



badly



lovely



slowly



quickly

Can you air write the suffix '-ly' with your finger?

Can you write the suffix '-ly' with your finger on your table or the carpet?

Watch Out!

The root word doesn't always stay the same. To add a suffix to a word of more than one syllable ending in **-y** with a consonant before it, you change the '**y**' to '**i**' and add the suffix.

This happens in these words...

happily

penniless

happy + **ly** → ~~happy~~ → happily

penny + **less** → ~~penny~~less → penniless

Using your finger, can you write the suffix '**-less**' or '**-ly**' on a partner's back.
Can they guess which suffix you have written?

Here are this week's spellings to practise.

badly

joyless

slowly

careless

quickly

fearless

hopeless

penniless

lovely

happily

