

Consonant suffixes

What happens when you add consonant suffixes like **-ly** to words?

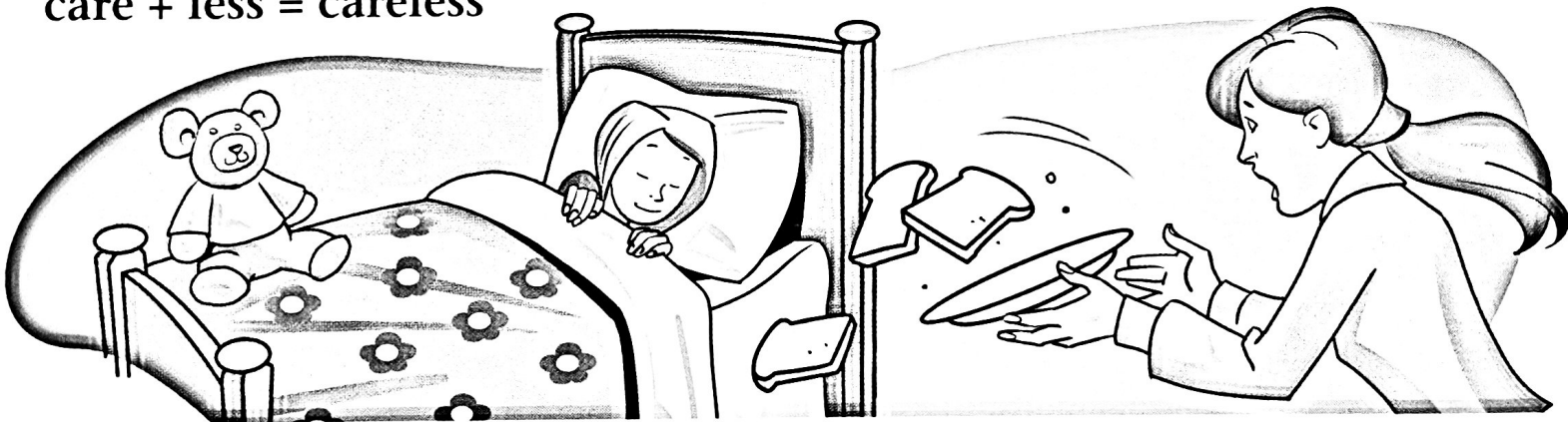
A consonant suffix is a suffix that starts with a consonant, like **-ly**, **-ful** and **-fully**.

When you add a consonant suffix to a word, *do not* double the last consonant of the root word.

rest + ful = restful

When the root word ends in **-e**, *do not* drop the **e** before you add the consonant suffix.

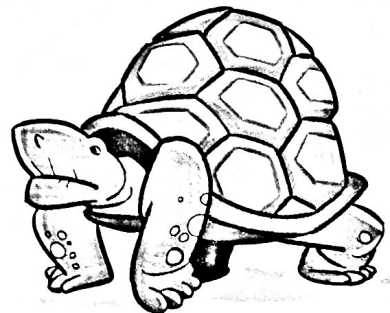
care + less = careless



Getting started

1. Add the suffix to each root word.

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| a) glad + ly = gladly | b) mad + ness |
| c) wish + ful | d) pay + ment |
| e) pain + less | f) child + hood |
| g) tear + ful | h) slow + ly |
| i) speech + less | j) good + ness |



2. Choose three words with different suffixes.

Use each word in a sentence.

More to think about

1. Add the suffix to each root word.

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| a) price + less = priceless | b) love + ly |
| c) life + less | d) close + ly |
| e) waste + ful | f) use + ful |
| g) move + ment | h) pave + ment |
| i) pale + ness | j) stale + ness |



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Now try these

Add the correct suffix to the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

The first one has been done to help you.

-ly -ness -ful -less

1. He spent his money wisely. (wise)
2. The family were _____ after the fire. (home)
3. Asif was _____ when he crossed the road. (care)
4. There was a feeling of _____ after the funeral. (sad)
5. He ran _____ to catch the bus. (quick)

