English Prefixes and Suffixes Activity 2

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| Today we are learning:* To begin to understand what a suffix is.
* To use the suffix **less**
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| Success Criteria | Tick |
| I know what the suffix **less** means. |  |
| I know how to use the suffix **less**. |  |

**What are suffixes?**

A **suffix** is a letter or group of letters that goes on the end of a **root word** and **changes** the word’s meaning. Some suffixes have specific purposes. Adding **‘ing’** can change a **simple present tense** into a **continuous present tense**, for example ‘run’ to ‘running’. While **‘ed’** can change a **verb** to **past tense**, for example ‘jump’ become ‘jumped’.

**-ly**

lonely or hopefully

**-ing**

Running or jumping

**-ful**

useful or careful

**-ment**

enjoyment or agreement

**-less**

fearless or restless

**Examples of Suffixes**

The suffix -**less** is added to the end of a word without changing the spelling of the **root word**. By adding the suffix **-**less the word changes to become an adjective. For example, fear becomes fearless, rest becomes restless.

Can you change the following **root words** into **adjectives**?

1. hope \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. mind \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What other words can you think of?

Have a go at writing your own sentence that contains a word with the suffix **-less**

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