Suffixes

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **suffix** is added to the **end** of a word. **-ful** has only **one l**: help**ful**, care**ful**.

Remember: the word *full* has two l's, but the suffix *-ful* has just one.

1. This week's words

Read each word aloud. Then cover it, write it on scrap paper and check.



helpful **careful** **hopeless** **careless** **kindness** **darkness**
teacher **painter** **quickly** **slowly** **payment** **enjoyment**

2. Circle the correct spelling

One word in each row is spelled correctly. Circle it.

1. (a) helpful (b) helpfull (c) helpfol
2. (a) carless (b) careless (c) carelss
3. (a) kindnes (b) kindniss (c) kindness
4. (a) teacher (b) teecher (c) techer
5. (a) enjoymint (b) enjoyment (c) enjoyement
6. (a) carefull (b) carful (c) careful
7. (a) darkness (b) darknes (c) darkniss
8. (a) slowley (b) slowly (c) slowy

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3. Use the words

Circle the spelling word that completes each sentence.

1. Thank you for being so _____! helpful hopeless payment
2. The _____ hung her picture in the museum. painter darkness quickly
3. Be _____ with the hot soup. careless careful kindness
4. The cheetah ran _____ across the plain. slowly quickly teacher

4. Write it right

Write a sentence using each word.

1. kindness

_____

2. hopeless

_____

3. payment

_____

Answer Key

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3. Use the words

1. Thank you for being so **helpful**! — helpful / hopeless / payment
2. The **painter** hung her picture in the museum. — painter / darkness / quickly
3. Be **careful** with the hot soup. — careless / careful / kindness
4. The cheetah ran **quickly** across the plain. — slowly / quickly / teacher

4. Write it right

Sentences will vary. These are examples.

1. kindness
   Her kindness made everyone smile.
2. hopeless
   The muddy shoes looked hopeless to clean.
3. payment
   Mom made a payment for my piano lessons.