

Adjective suffixes

Adjective suffixes: -ed vs -ing, ful vs less

SUFFIXES

-ing

-ed

-full

-less

MEANING

Characteristics, active

Feeling, passive

Having, full of

Lacking, without

EXAMPLES

Interesting, boring

excited, tired

hopeful, useful

helpless, harmless

ADJECTIVES

Ending in -ED and -ING

HE IS
BORED



THESE
BOOKS
ARE
BORING

ADJECTIVES
THAT END IN

-ING

Describe the **characteristic** of a person, a thing or a situation. It **CAUSES** a feeling.

The books are boring. We are describing a characteristic of these books. What do these books cause? They make people feel bored.

ADJECTIVES
THAT END IN

-ED

Describe **a feeling** or an emotion. It is how we **FEEL** about something.

He is bored. This is his feeling right now. This feeling was caused by the books. He is not going to be bored for eternity. He feels bored for now. (It is temporary)

Example Sentences (compare the difference)

*I am **tired** right now. My flight was **tiring** (because it was a twelve-hour flight).*

*Public toilets are sometimes **disgusting**. I am **disgusted** by the smell of them.*

*Your speech was **inspiring**. I'm now **inspired** to do great things with my life.*

Adjectives with suffixes -ful, -less

Remember

Some **adjectives** are made by adding the suffixes **-ful** or **-less** to a word.

careful Prince Herman was a **careful** man.

careless Prince Edgar was a **careless** man.

Try it

- 1 Use the suffix **-ful** or **-less** to make each word into an **adjective**. Write the adjective.

wonder _____ peace _____

forget _____ home _____

speech _____ hate _____

spot _____ wish _____

- 2 Complete each sentence by making an **adjective** ending with **-ful** or **-less**.

The doctor said a broken arm can be pain_____.

A moth is a harm_____ insect.

The small boy was power_____ against the mighty dragon.



The flowers in the garden were bright and colour_____.

The book about plants was very help_____ and interesting.

Sentence practice

Add the suffixes **-ful** and **-less** to the word 'use'. Write two sentences, one for each of the **adjectives** you make.
