Adjective suffixes

Adjective suffixex: -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

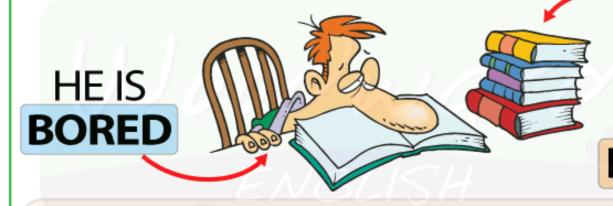
hopefull, usefull

helpless, harmless



ADJECTIVES Ending in -ED and -ING





THESE BOOKS ARE BORING

ADJECTIVES THAT END IN



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



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 w	vord into an	adjective.
	Write the adjective.			

wonder _____ peace _____
forget home _____
speech hate _____
spot wish

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.