

Full or Without

Sort words by the suffix that spells their meaning.

3.FFW.2.B "Use common affixes to encode (spell) words."

NAME _____

DATE _____

FULL OF

Words that mean full of something often end in -ful.
Spell this suffix with one l.

thankful

WITHOUT

Words that mean without something often end in -less.
Spell this suffix with two s letters.

homeless

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle FULL or WITHOUT for each word, then choose two words and explain which suffix and meaning helped you sort them.

1. hopeful FULL WITHOUT

2. harmless FULL WITHOUT

3. joyful FULL WITHOUT

4. endless FULL WITHOUT

5. painless FULL WITHOUT

6. playful FULL WITHOUT

7. colorful FULL WITHOUT

8. careful FULL WITHOUT

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new word that belongs in FULL and one new word that belongs in WITHOUT.

FULL _____

WITHOUT _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences, one with a -ful word and one with a -less word. Underline each suffix.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	hopeful	FULL	Hopeful means full of hope and ends in -ful.
2	harmless	WITHOUT	Harmless means without harm and ends in -less.
3	joyful	FULL	Joyful means full of joy and ends in -ful.
4	endless	WITHOUT	Endless means without an end and ends in -less.
5	painless	WITHOUT	Painless means without pain and ends in -less.
6	playful	FULL	Playful means full of play and ends in -ful.
7	colorful	FULL	Colorful means full of color and ends in -ful.
8	careful	FULL	Careful means full of care and ends in -ful.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **FULL:** wonderful
- **WITHOUT:** hopeless

Challenge: My sister is skill_ful_ at drawing. The empty tank is use_less_.

Accept student explanations that connect -ful to full of and -less to without. Check that student-created words use the suffix spellings correctly.