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.

ANSWER KEY

Full or Without

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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.