

Suffixes -ment, -ful, -less, -ness and ly

A suffix is an 'ending' used at the end of a root word to turn it into another word. Sometimes, the root word has to be changed before a suffix is added.

Adding -ment can change a verb into a noun.

Adding -ful or -less can change verbs or nouns into adjectives.

Adding -ness can change an adjective into a noun.

Adding -ly can change an adjective into an adverb.

-ment		-ful/-less		
verb refresh enjoy pay disappoint employ manage govern punish treat agree	noun refresh <u>ment</u> enjoy <u>ment</u> pay <u>ment</u> disappoint <u>ment</u> employ <u>ment</u> manage <u>ment</u> govern <u>ment</u> punish <u>ment</u> treat <u>ment</u> agree <u>ment</u>	verb or noun use care thought mind doubt hope fear help colour	adjective -ful use <u>ful</u> care <u>ful</u> thought <u>ful</u> mind <u>ful</u> doubt <u>ful</u> hope <u>ful</u> fear <u>ful</u> help <u>ful</u> colour <u>ful</u>	adjective -less use <u>less</u> care <u>less</u> thought <u>less</u> mind <u>less</u> doubt <u>less</u> hope <u>less</u> fear <u>less</u> help <u>less</u> colour <u>less</u>
-ness		-ly		
adjective happy bright gloomy ill sad black ugly polite silly late	noun happi <u>ness</u> bright <u>ness</u> gloomi <u>ness</u> ill <u>ness</u> sadi <u>ness</u> black <u>ness</u> ugly <u>ness</u> polit <u>ness</u> sill <u>iness</u> lati <u>ness</u>		adjective grace <u>ful</u> proud bad quick lazy angry light gentle hope <u>less</u> narrow	adverb grace <u>fully</u> proud <u>ly</u> bad <u>ly</u> quick <u>ly</u> laz <u>ily</u> angry <u>ly</u> light <u>ly</u> gent <u>ly</u> hope <u>lessly</u> narrow <u>ly</u>