

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

Complete the table by adding the root word with the correct suffix(es) (-ly, -ness, -less, -ful -ment) in the correct column(s).

Remember some root words can use more than one suffix.

Mark you own work using the answer sheet provided and do not forget to write in your corrections using a different coloured pen.

fear	sudden
sad	argue
bad	plain
hope	penny
enjoy	merry

Root Word	-ness	-less	-ful	-ly	-ment
care	-	careless	careful	carelessly	-
happy	happiness	-	-	happily	-
fear					
sad					
bad					
hope					
enjoy					
sudden					
argue					
plain					
penny					
merry					

ANSWERS

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care	-	careless	careful	carelessly	-
happy	happiness	-	-	happily	-
fear	-	fearless	fearful	-	-
sad	sadness	-	-	sadly	-
bad	badness	-	-	badly	-
hope	-	hopeless	hopeful	-	-
enjoy	-	-	-	-	enjoyment
sudden	suddenness	-	-	suddenly	-
argue	-	-	-	-	argument
plain	plainness	-	-	plainly	-
penny	-	penniless	-	-	-
merry	merriness	-	-	merrily	merriment