

Words with the Suffix -ful

Part A

When we add the suffix -ful to a root word, we can make an adjective.

The new word that is made means that something has the qualities of the root word or it is full of that thing.

Example: thank+ful (full of thanks)

1. Can you select the correct -ful word from the word bank to fill the gaps?

Word Bank

thankful	truthful	spiteful	colourful	harmful
forgetful	cheerful	fearful	painful	

Example: Mrs. Rabbit knew that her children would be **thankful** for the currant buns.

- a. The rabbits felt very _____ as they walked out into the sunshine
- b. They looked a _____ sight in their red and blue jackets.
- c. Mrs. Rabbit had taught the children which berries were _____.
- d. The rabbits usually got on well but now and then, they could be a little bit _____ to one another.
- e. Mrs. Rabbit was a little _____ that Peter might get up to mischief while she was out.
- f. Mrs. Rabbit thought that the children were being _____ when they said that they would not go into Mr. McGregor's garden.

g. Mopsy sometimes struggled to remember things. She could be a little _____.

h. The rabbits picked blackberries carefully as they knew it could be _____ if a thorn caught their paw.

2. Can you write a sentence which is linked to the story and contains the word 'wonderful'?

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Part B

When we add the suffix -ful to a root word, we can make an adjective.

The new word that is made means that something has the qualities of the root word or it is full of that thing.

Example: thank+ful (full of thanks)

Can you write a sentence for each of the words with the suffix -ful below? Try to link your sentences to 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit'.

Example: Mrs. Rabbit knew that her children would be **thankful** for the currant buns.

1. delightful _____

2. helpful _____

3. peaceful _____

4. stressful _____

5. successful _____

6. hopeful _____

7. joyful _____

8. thoughtful _____

Challenge Task

Can you explain how the root word changes when -ful is added to 'beauty'?
Can you think of any other words where this happens when -ful is added?

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Answers

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1.
 - a. The rabbits felt very **cheerful** as they walked out into the sunshine.
 - b. They looked a **colourful** sight in their red and blue jackets.
 - c. Mrs. Rabbit had taught the children which berries were **harmful**.
 - d. The rabbits usually got on well but now and then, they could be a little bit **spiteful** to one another.
 - e. Mrs. Rabbit was a little **fearful** that Peter might get up to mischief while she was out.
 - f. Mrs. Rabbit thought that the children were being **truthful** when they said that they would not go into Mr. McGregor's garden.
 - g. Mopsy sometimes struggled to remember things. She could be a little **forgetful**.
 - h. The rabbits picked blackberries **carefully** as they knew it could be painful if a thorn caught their paw.
2. Example answer: The rabbits had a **wonderful** time picking berries in the lane.

Part B

Example answers:

1. *Flopsy was a delightful rabbit because she was always polite and friendly to others.*
2. *Mrs. Rabbit asked the rabbits to be helpful by doing jobs around their home.*
3. *It was quiet and peaceful as Mrs. Rabbit walked to the shops.*
4. *Mrs. Rabbit sometimes found it stressful leaving her children as she worried about what they might get up to.*
5. *Peter Rabbit had been successful in the past at finding delicious snacks to eat.*
6. *Mrs. Rabbit was hopeful that her children would stay out of mischief.*
7. *Mrs. Rabbit thought that the children would be joyful when they saw that she had bought them a tasty treat to eat.*
8. *Cotton-tail always asked how others were feeling and was generally a very thoughtful young rabbit.*

Challenge Task

Example answer:

When -ful is added to 'beauty', you get 'beautiful'. You need to change the 'y' to an 'i' and add -ful. Other words like this are 'plentiful', 'pitiful' and 'merciful'.