

SUFFIXES: -ful and -less

B1 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

-ful often means "having" or "full of"; -less often means "without".

helpful

giving help

hopeful

believing that something good is possible

useful

helping you achieve a result

careful

giving attention to avoid mistakes or danger

careless

not giving enough attention

helpless

unable to help yourself

hopeless

without hope of success

useless

not helpful or useful

2 Complete the sentences

Choose a word from the vocabulary box. Use each word once.

1. Taking notes is _____ when you study for an exam.
2. After they got lost in bad weather, they felt _____.
3. Please be _____ with the glass because it breaks easily.
4. The guide was _____ and answered all our questions.
5. Even after losing the first match, the team remained _____.
6. Leaving rubbish on the beach is _____ and can harm wildlife.
7. Without any money or support, the plan seemed _____.
8. This broken remote control is _____; it does not work at all.

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B1 | Discussion questions

1 Talk about the vocabulary

Discuss each question with a partner, then write short notes or your own answer.

Try to use at least one word ending in -ful or -less in every answer.

2 Conversation questions

1. What is the most useful thing you have learned recently?

2. When have you received helpful advice from someone?

3. What should people be careful about when they use the internet?

4. What can make people feel helpless, and how can others help?

5. When is it important to remain hopeful?

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B1 | Teacher answer key

1 Suggested answers

Suggested answers for the gap-fill activity are shown below.

Discussion answers will vary. The target word is highlighted in bold.

2 Gap-fill answers

1. Taking notes is **useful** when you study for an exam.

2. After they got lost in bad weather, they felt **helpless**.

3. Please be **careful** with the glass because it breaks easily.

4. The guide was **helpful** and answered all our questions.

5. Even after losing the first match, the team remained **hopeful**.

6. Leaving rubbish on the beach is **careless** and can harm wildlife.

7. Without any money or support, the plan seemed **hopeless**.

8. This broken remote control is **useless**; it does not work at all.