

SUFFIXES: -ful and -less

B2 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

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

successful

achieving what you wanted

respectful

showing respect for people or rules

thoughtful

showing care for other people

meaningful

having an important purpose or value

careless

not giving enough attention

restless

unable to relax or stay still

powerless

unable to control or change a situation

worthless

having no value or use

2 Complete the sentences

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

- Volunteering can be a _____ way to spend your time.
- The accident happened because of a _____ mistake.
- The campaign was _____ because it reached its goal.
- The residents felt _____ when the company ignored their complaints.
- It is important to be _____ when discussing other cultures.
- The old ticket was _____ because it had expired.
- She gave me a _____ gift that showed she knew my interests.
- I felt _____ while waiting for the hospital to call.

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B2 | 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 makes a project or experience meaningful to you?

2. How can people show respectful behaviour when they disagree?

3. What is an example of a thoughtful gift or action?

4. When can people feel powerless, and what support might help?

5. Why can careless mistakes have serious consequences?

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B2 | 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. Volunteering can be a **meaningful** way to spend your time.
2. The accident happened because of a **careless** mistake.
3. The campaign was **successful** because it reached its goal.
4. The residents felt **powerless** when the company ignored their complaints.
5. It is important to be **respectful** when discussing other cultures.
6. The old ticket was **worthless** because it had expired.
7. She gave me a **thoughtful** gift that showed she knew my interests.
8. I felt **restless** while waiting for the hospital to call.