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e.g. hope → hope**less** (*without hope*)

1. Make new words by adding the suffix '-less' to the root words below. Write the new words in the boxes provided.

a. colour

f. help

b. spot

g. home

c. heart

h. power

d. harm

i. taste

e. care

j. fear



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2. Fill in the blanks by adding the suffix '-less' to the words in brackets.

- a. Brad cleaned the house until it was .
(spot)
- b. You can touch the rabbit. It is .
(harm)
- c. Kim lost marks on the test because she was .
(care)
- d. Water is a liquid.
(colour)
- e. I cannot do anything with these objects.
(use)
- f. The bandit robbed the elderly couple.
(heart)
- g. We did not enjoy the meal because it was .
(taste)



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ANSWER KEY

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a. colour **colourless**

f. help **helpless**

b. spot **spotless**

g. home **homeless**

c. heart **heartless**

h. power **powerless**

d. harm **harmless**

i. taste **tasteless**

e. care **careless**

j. fear **fearless**

2. Fill in the blanks by adding the suffix '-less' to the words in brackets.

- a. Brad cleaned the house until it was **spotless**.
(spot)
- b. You can touch the rabbit. It is **harmless**.
(harm)
- c. Kim lost marks on the test because she was **careless**.
(care)
- d. Water is a **colourless** liquid.
(colour)
- e. I cannot do anything with these **useless** objects.
(use)
- f. The **heartless** bandit robbed the elderly couple.
(heart)
- g. We did not enjoy the meal because it was **tasteless**.
(taste)