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Year 6 Spelling

Sequence 3

Adding suffixes
beginning with
consonants
-ment -ness
-ful -less -ly

The suffixes -ment and -ness generally turn an adjective into a verb or a noun. They mean 'full of'.
The suffixes -ful and -less are antonyms (opposites) of each other. They turn nouns into adjectives.
Adding -ly changes a word into an adverb (although not all adverbs end in -ly).
If the root word has more than one syllable and ends in y, change y to i (beautiful, penniless, merriment, happiness).

Task One

Complete each word by adding the correct suffix.

ment	ness	ful	less	ly
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speech_____	entertain_____	definite_____
forgive_____	furious_____	delight_____
motion_____	aware_____	adjust_____
desperate_____	forget_____	positive_____
embarrass_____	youth_____	success_____

Task Two

Add the given suffix to each root word. The first one has been done for you.

mercy + less	<i>merciless</i>
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elderly + ness	
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accompany + ment	
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ordinary + ly	
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stealthy + ly	
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greedy + ness	
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Star Challenge

What other suffixes can you find that require you to **change y to i** before adding them to a root word?