



Suffix -FUL Word List



The Suffix -ful Meaning

The suffix -ful is a common English suffix. A simple way to think of this suffix is that it comes from the adjective FULL which means: with no empty space/having a lot/as much as possible.

-ful suffix (in adjectives) full of; having the qualities of; tending to

careful - full of care

stressful - full of stress

In nouns, the suffix -ful means an amount that fills something

handful - an amount that fills your hand

spoonful - an amount that fills a spoon

[ful suffix - OxfordLearnersDictionaries.com](http://ful.suffix-OxfordLearnersDictionaries.com)

I have divided the examples into an Adjective list and a Noun list. Each word has a link to its definition from Oxford Learner's Dictionaries with an alternate definition. I hope this resource is helpful for you in your English study.

The SUFFIX

-FUL



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(Real Examples - Video - FREE PDF)

Adjectives With The Suffix -FUL

Beautiful - pleasing to the senses; attractive.

- "I saw the most **beautiful** woman on the train today."

Bountiful - abundant; plentiful.

- "The farmers were grateful for the **bountiful** harvest this year."

Careful - taking great care; attentive to potential hazards.

- "I asked the movers to be **careful** with that box. It's full of fragile dishes."

Cheerful - happy and optimistic.

- "She had a **cheerful** attitude despite the bad weather."

Colorful - having many colors; vivid.

- "The parrot was **colorful** with its bright red and green feathers. It was also very noisy!"

Deceitful - dishonest.

- "The company was accused of using **deceitful** tactics in their advertising campaign."

Doubtful - uncertain; skeptical.

- "It's **doubtful** that I will ever work for that company again. My experience was not good."

Dreadful - causing dread or fear; terrible.

- "The storm was **dreadful**, with strong winds and heavy rain. We decided to reschedule the picnic for next weekend."

Dutiful - performing one's duty; responsible.

- "He was a **dutiful** son who always looked out for his parents."

Fanciful - imaginative; not based in reality.

- "The story was **fanciful**, filled with talking animals and magic spells."

Fateful - having a significant and inevitable effect on the future.

- "The decision to leave the country was **fateful** and would change the course of their lives."

Fearful - causing fear or alarm.

- "The embassy closed temporarily until the country restored order. Embassy staff were **fearful** of an attack."

Flavorful - having a strong and distinct taste.

- "The dish was **flavorful** with a mix of spices that were new to me."

Forceful - powerful; strong.

- "Mike was a good manager but his **forceful** personality turned some people off."

Forgetful - prone to forgetfulness; absent-minded.

- "As I get older I get more **forgetful**."

Frightful - causing fear or alarm.

- "I heard a **frightful** noise coming from the basement so I ran downstairs to see if everything was okay."

Fruitful - producing good results; productive.

- "The meeting yesterday was **fruitful** and many good ideas were generated."

Gleeful - joyful and carefree.

- "Sharon's **gleeful** laugh could be heard all through the house."

Graceful - characterized by elegance and poise.

- "The ballerina was very **graceful** as she danced across the stage. The crowd *couldn't take their eyes off her.*"

Learn the Idiom **Can't Take My Eyes Off Someone** at my Eye Idioms Post here-

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Grateful - feeling or showing gratitude.

- "Benjamin was **grateful** for all the help he received during the difficult time."

Harmful - causing harm or injury.

- "The chemical was potentially **harmful** and needed to be stored correctly."

Hateful - full of hate; very unkind.

- "John was a **hateful** old man who lived beside me. I made several attempts to befriend him but he's just too negative."

Helpful - providing assistance; useful.

- "My dad gave me some **helpful** advice after I got married."

Hopeful - having hope; optimistic.

- "She was **hopeful** that the medicine the doctor gave her would work."

Hurtful - causing emotional pain.

- "His words were **hurtful** and she felt tears well up in her eyes."

Joyful - full of joy; happy.

- "The reporter called the paintings bright and **joyful.**"

Lawful - in accordance with the law.

- "The protest was peaceful and **lawful**. None of the protesters were arrested."

The opposite of lawful is **unlawful** - not in accordance with the law.

- "The act was **unlawful** and would be punished with imprisonment."

Masterful - displaying great skill and mastery.

- "The musician's **masterful** performance on the piano received a standing ovation."

Painful - causing physical or emotional pain.

- "The injury to my ankle will heal with time, but it's too **painful** to walk on now."

Peaceful - calm and tranquil.

- "The forest is very **peaceful**, I love to spend time here by myself, getting lost in nature.."

Pitiful - inspiring pity or sadness.

- "The homeless man on the street looked **pitiful**. Rather than give him money I bought him a sandwich and a bottle of water."

Playful - playful; full of fun and mischief.

- "The **playful** puppy wagged its tail as it chased the children in the backyard."

Plentiful - abundant; in great supply.

- "The orchard was **plentiful** with big red apples."

Powerful - having great strength or influence.

- "The CEO is a rich and **powerful** man with many friends in the government."

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Resentful - feeling or showing resentment.

- "Dan was **resentful** at not being chosen for the team."

Respectful - showing respect; polite.

- "The students were **respectful** during the assembly."

Restful - that makes you feel relaxed and peaceful.

- "The deluxe hotel room was beautiful and had a very **restful** atmosphere."

Shameful - causing shame or embarrassment.

- "Edgar's behavior was **shameful** and he was kicked out of the party."

Skillful - displaying great skill and expertise.

- "The cruise ship hired a **skillful** head chef to make sure that all the food on the ship was top level."

Soulful - expressing deep emotion or sentiment.

- "The singer's **soulful** performance brought tears to the audience's eyes."

Stressful - causing stress or anxiety.

- "Nicholas' job is very **stressful**, it is time to make a change."

Tearful - causing tears or filled with tears.

- "After graduation, I shared some **tearful** goodbyes with the close friends that I had made over the past 4 years."

Thankful - feeling or showing gratitude.

- "Benjamin was **thankful** for all the help he received during the difficult time."

Thoughtful - showing consideration for others.

- "Daniel was **thoughtful** enough to bring a nice bottle of wine for his host."

Truthful - telling the truth; honest.

- "He was **truthful** in his testimony and didn't lie to the court."

Useful - serving a useful purpose; practical.

- "My tablet computer is very **useful**. It's light and easy to with me."

Wasteful - not using resources efficiently.

- "The company's practices were **wasteful** and they were losing money."

Watchful - careful and vigilant.

- "The security guard kept a **watchful** eye on the front gate."

Willful - stubborn; done deliberately.

- "It was a **willful** act of damage. Vandalism will not be tolerated on school grounds."

The noun *vandalism* is made with the suffix -ISM. Do a deep dive into this English suffix here >> [55 Common Suffix -ISM Examples \(Video + PDF Download\)](#)

Wishful - filled with longing or desire.

- "I hope the company increases our bonuses this year, but I'm afraid it's just **wishful** thinking."

Wonderful - inspiring delight or admiration; excellent.

- "The concert was **wonderful**, the orchestra played all my favorite songs."

Youthful - having the qualities of youth.

- "I enjoyed it teaching English at a high school, the place was filled with a **youthful** energy and dreams of the future."

Nouns With The Suffix -FUL

[Fistful](#) - the amount that can be held in a clenched fist.

- "He picked up a **fistful** of sand and let it run through his fingers."

[Handful](#) - the amount that can be held in the hand.

- "Chris picked up a **handful** of small stones and threw them in the lake."

[Mouthful](#) - the amount that can be held in the mouth.

- "I love playing beach volleyball, but after I dove to return that serve I got a **mouthful** of sand."

[Spoonful](#) - the amount that a spoon can hold

- "I like to add a **spoonful** of honey to my coffee as a sweetener."



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