Name

Suffix Split Practice Answer Key

(Base words are underlined. Suffixes are in parentheses.)

1. **play**(ful)

6. **bright**(ness)

2. **kind**(ness)

7. **joy**(ful)

3. **fear**(less)

8. **help**(less)

4. **hope**(ful)

9. **thank**(fulness)

5. care(less)

10. spot(less)

Reflection answers may vary.

Most common suffix: -ful or -less or -ness depending on student count.

Meaning change explanation will vary.

Teacher's Guide

- This worksheet helps students identify **base words** and **suffixes** to build strong structural analysis skills important in Grades 2 to 3.
- Support learners by modeling one example together and reminding them that a suffix often sits at the end and changes the meaning of the base word.
- Encourage on-level students to explain how the suffix changes the meaning using the phrases **full of**, **without**, or **state of**.
- For extension, have students create a short paragraph using three of the words or challenge them to generate new base words that can take the same suffixes.

