

Step 1: Word Families

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|-----------|------|-----|
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| supply | | |
| duty | | |
| happy | | |

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| supply | | ✓ |
| duty | ✓ | |
| happy | | ✓ |

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'Worthy' is an adjective which means having the qualities that deserve regard.

'Worthless' is adjective which means of no value.

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Philippa and Joel are talking about the word 'hope'.

Philippa says,



You can add the suffixes '-ment' and '-ly' to this root word.

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Joel is correct because '-less' and '-ful' can be added to the 'hope' family to form hopeless and hopeful.

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manage – management, manager and managing

cheer – cheerful, cheery, cheerless, cheering