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Suffixes *-ful* and *-less*

Type the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. It is dangerous for Jim Hawkins to be in the coracle with _____ waves crashing around him.
(power, powerful, powerless)
2. Ben Gunn proves to be a _____ person to Jim Hawkins.
(helpful, helpless, help)
3. Before setting out on their voyage, Dr. Livesey tells Squire Trelawney that he must be _____ to keep the treasure map a secret.
(careless, care, careful)
4. Even though many crew members are disloyal, some remain _____ to Captain Smollett and Dr. Livesey.
(powerful, helpful, faithful)
5. Billy Bones is left weak and _____ after Black Dog hurts him at the inn.
(help, helpful, helpless)
6. When Ben Gunn was marooned on the island, he was _____ to leave.
(power, powerful, powerless)
7. There is a struggle for _____ between John Silver and his pirates and Captain Smollett and his crew.
(help, power, carelessness)

For each of the following words, type a complete sentence using the word. Be sure to use correct capitalization and punctuation.

1. *success*

2. *successful*

3. *sense*

4. *senseless*

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Challenge: Based on the following sentences from *Treasure Island* and your knowledge of the suffix *-ful*, what do you think *useful* means?

The captain and the others would be safe—and they would not need my help. I thought it might be more useful for me to go ashore.
