

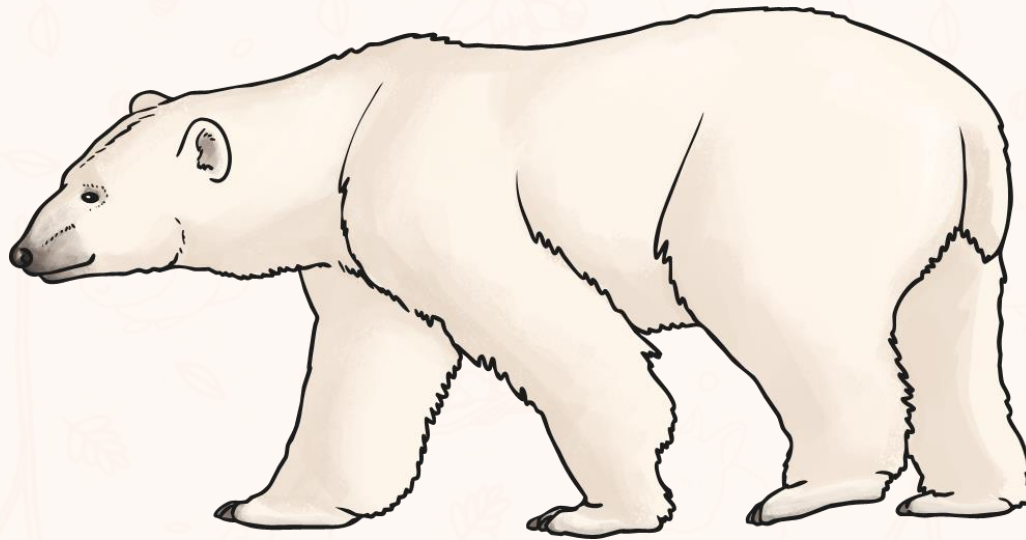
Adding the Suffix -ness



For this week's spellings, we are looking at words that are created by adding the suffix -ness.

Can you spot the -ness suffix word in this sentence?

Because of its fierceness, the new polar bear had to be kept in its own separate enclosure at the zoo.



Can you spot the -ness suffix word in this sentence?

Due to his carelessness behind the wheel, Charles caused a traffic accident.



What kind of words have we created when the -ness suffix has been added?

fierceness

carelessness



They are both **nouns** that have been created by adding -ness to an adjective.

Many words (but not all) that end in the suffix **-ness** are a special type of noun called an 'abstract noun'.

fierceness

carelessness



Abstract nouns describe a state of mind, a feeling, a quality or a characteristic that you cannot physically see.

Most root words remain unchanged when they are turned into nouns using the suffix -ness, e.g.

willing + ness = willingness

However, root words that end in 'y' usually change it to 'i' when the -ness suffix is added, e.g.

nasty + ness = nastiness



Can you think of anymore -ness suffix words where this would happen?

Here are your spelling words for this week.

Week 2 **Creating** **nouns using** **-ness suffix**

happiness

hardness

madness

nastiness

silliness

tidiness

childishness

willingness

carelessness

foolishness

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Don't forget if the root adjective ends in a 'y', it usually needs changing to an 'i' before the suffix -ness is added.

