

UNIT 17

PENNILESS AND HELPLESS



Right now I'm penniless and helpless. I need to find a job.

life + -LESS = lifeless
noun suffix adjective

- A. Fill in the blank in the second sentence using -LESS to form an adjective related to the first noun in the first sentence.**

Example: Life doesn't exist on the moon.

The first astronauts on the moon found that it was **lifeless** satellite.

1. You'd better learn the use of these new tools.
Those old tools are _____.
2. There was no moon on the night of the murder.
It was a dark, _____ night.
3. The large black clouds disappeared immediately after the storm.
We weren't expecting a _____ sky so soon after the storm.
4. The noise coming from the washing machine bothers me a lot.
I would buy a _____ one if I could.
5. He had all of his teeth pulled out.
Now he is _____.

B. Change the following nouns into adjectives by adding -LESS. Then form phrases with these adjectives and the nouns in parentheses. Use articles when necessary. Finally, use these phrases in sentences.

Example: life (body) a lifeless body
What he saw in front of the car was a lifeless body.

1. care (boy) _____
2. shape (figure) _____
3. fear (soldier) _____
4. hope (illness) _____
5. taste (food) _____
6. worth (drills) _____
7. leaf (trees) _____
8. harm (dog) _____
9. end (story) _____
10. heart (king) _____

C. Fill in each blank with one of the words given in the box.

endless	hopeless	helpless
tasteless	careless	shapeless
harmless	useless	heartless

Jim is a _____ and _____ case. There is no way to help him. We cannot hope anything better either. There is no way to improve him. First of all he is very _____ about the money. He spends all his salary within the first week. Secondly, he has no taste in the choice of his clothes. For instance, he wears _____ suits with awkward colors. Since he is very fat, his clothes do not fit his _____ body. Thirdly, he goes into _____ arguments without giving any sensible solutions. He is at the same time very _____. Finally, he is cruel to people but _____ to animals. His friends feel that it is _____ trying to change him.

D. Match the words in LIST A with the ones in LIST B. Use an article if necessary. Then use each pair in a sentence.

LIST A

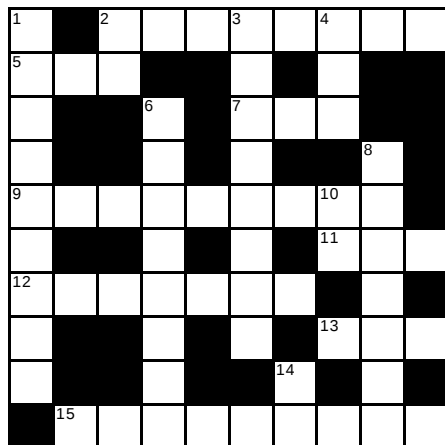
1. moonless
2. cloudless
3. hopeless
4. careless
5. endless
6. fearless
7. leafless
8. harmless
9. useless
10. toothless

LIST B

- __ effort
- __ driver
- __ animals
- __ case
- __ universe
- __ sky
- __ soldiers
- __ night
- __ baby
- __ trees

E. Write a paragraph about an event that you have witnessed using at least six words ending in LESS.

F. Puzzle to solve



Across

- 2 Most trees becomes _ in winter. (8)
- 5 Five minus four is _____. (3)
- 7 Do you visit the __ galleries. (3)
- 9 A ___ king rules the country badly. (9)
- 11 The root of the word "beggar." (3)
- 12 having no end (7)
- 13 There is a boat on the _____. (3)
- 15 having no taste (9)

Down

- 1 having no teeth (9)
- 2 the last two words of "able" (2)
- 3 _____ people are courageous. (8)
- 4 __ your food before your ice cream. (3)
- 6 not careful (8)
- 8 not useful (7)
- 10 initials for Susan Bay (2)
- 14 a negative forming prefix (2)