Adjective Formation

CEFR A1 · Common endings and opposites with un-
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Worksheet 1: Noun + -y

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: Making Adjectives with -y

An **adjective** describes a noun (a *happy* child, a *sunny* day). We can make many adjectives from nouns by adding **-y**. Sometimes the spelling changes a little: *sun* → *sunny* (double the consonant), *ice* → *icy* (drop the e).

Noun	Adjective	Rule
sun	sunny	double the n
rain	rainy	just add -y
cloud	cloudy	just add -y
ice	icy	drop the e
fog	foggy	double the g

Part A – Make the Adjective

1. wind → _____
2. snow → _____
3. dirt → _____
4. sun → _____
5. health → _____

Part B – Complete the Sentence

1. It is a beautiful _____ day. (sun)
2. Be careful — the road is _____. (ice)
3. My hands are _____. (dirt)
4. It was a very _____ night. (cloud)

Score: ____ / 20

Worksheet 2: Opposites with un-

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: Add un- for the Opposite

To make the **opposite** of many adjectives, add **un-** at the start: *happy* → *unhappy*. The rest of the word does not change. *un-* means "not".

Adjective	Opposite	Meaning
happy	unhappy	not happy
kind	unkind	not kind
friendly	unfriendly	not friendly
tidy	untidy	not tidy
safe	unsafe	not safe

> **un- + adjective = "not". ✗ nothappy → ✓ unhappy.**

Part A – Write the Opposite

1. happy → _____
2. kind → _____
3. lucky → _____
4. friendly → _____
5. healthy → _____

Part B – Complete with an un- Adjective

1. She felt _____ when her friend moved away. (not happy)
2. The dog is _____ to strangers. (not friendly)
3. Your room is very _____. (not tidy)
4. That old bridge looks _____. (not safe)

Part C – Choose the Right Word

1. He is a very (kind / unkind) person — everyone loves him.
2. It was (lucky / unlucky) that we missed the train.
3. The weather was (happy / unhappy)... no, sunny!
4. She is never (friendly / unfriendly); she always smiles.

Score: _____ / 25

Worksheet 3: -ful and -y

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Reference: -ful = "full of"

The ending **-ful** means "full of" or "having": *care* → *careful* (full of care). Note the spelling: only one **l** in *-ful*. Some nouns can take **-y** or **-ful**, so learn each word.

Noun	Adjective (-ful)	Meaning
care	careful	taking care
help	helpful	giving help
colour	colourful	full of colour
use	useful	having a use
beauty	beautiful	full of beauty

Part A – Make the Adjective with -ful

1. help → _____
2. use → _____
3. care → _____
4. colour → _____

Part B – -y or -ful?

Complete each with the correct ending.

1. a _____ day (sun)
2. a _____ teacher (help)
3. a _____ sky (cloud)
4. a _____ tool (use)
5. a _____ garden (colour)

Part C – Complete the Sentence

1. Please be _____ with the glasses. (care)
2. The painting is very _____. (beauty)
3. This map is really _____. (use)
4. Thank you — you were so _____! (help)

Score: _____ / 30

Worksheet 4: Writing

Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: A1 (CEFR)

Part A – Fix the Mistakes

#	Wrong word	Correction
1	It is a suny day.	
2	He is very helpfull.	
3	She is nothappy today.	
4	The road is very ice.	
5	This book is very use.	

Part B – Complete the Text

Make an adjective from the word in brackets.

Today is a _____ (sun) day, so we are going to the park. My friend Ana is very _____ (help) — she always carries the bags. The park is _____ (colour) with many flowers. Be _____ (care) near the lake! Yesterday it was _____ (rain), so we were a bit _____ (happy = opposite).

Part C – Writing

Write 5–6 sentences about the weather and people you know. Use adjectives with **-y**, **-ful**, and **un-**. Underline each adjective.

#	Your sentence
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

Score: _____ / 35

Answer Key & Teacher Notes

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Worksheet 1 – Part A

1 windy · 2 snowy · 3 dirty · 4 sunny · 5 healthy

Worksheet 1 – Part B

1 sunny · 2 icy · 3 dirty · 4 cloudy

Drill the three spellings: add -y; double the consonant (sun→sunny); drop -e (ice→icy).

Worksheet 2 – Part A

1 unhappy · 2 unkind · 3 unlucky · 4 unfriendly · 5 unhealthy

Worksheet 2 – Part B

1 unhappy · 2 unfriendly · 3 untidy · 4 unsafe

Worksheet 2 – Part C

1 kind · 2 unlucky · 3 sunny · 4 unfriendly

Worksheet 3 – Part A

1 helpful · 2 useful · 3 careful · 4 colourful

Worksheet 3 – Part B

1 sunny · 2 helpful · 3 cloudy · 4 useful · 5 colourful

Worksheet 3 – Part C

1 careful · 2 beautiful · 3 useful · 4 helpful

Remind students -ful has only one l (careful, not carefull).

Worksheet 4 – Part A

1 sunny · 2 helpful · 3 unhappy · 4 icy · 5 useful

Worksheet 4 – Part B

sunny · helpful · colourful · careful · rainy · unhappy

Worksheet 4 – Part C: Marking Guide

Criterion	Descriptor	Marks
-y adjectives	Formed and spelled correctly	0–4
-ful adjectives	Formed correctly (one l)	0–3
un- opposites	Used correctly for 'not'	0–4
Task & length	5–6 sentences; clear	0–4