## Rules for Adding the —less Suffix

1. If the base words ends in a consonant, just add the suffix –less

Example: mind  $\rightarrow$  mindless

2. If the base word ends in a consonant + y, change the y to an i and add −less Example: penny → penniless

3. If the base word ends in a vowel + y, keep the y and add -less

Example: joy  $\rightarrow$  joyless

4. If the base word ends in a silent e, keep the e and add –less

Example: care  $\rightarrow$  care<u>less</u>

## **Marking Examples:**

• Mark suffixes by circling them

Marking example with only suffix: mindles

Word with full marking: mindless