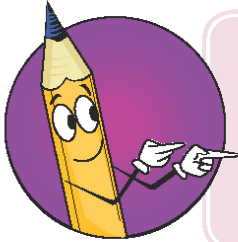


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3. funny \_\_\_\_\_
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6. scary \_\_\_\_\_
7. messy \_\_\_\_\_

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Add -ful to each of the following words.

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10. duty \_\_\_\_\_

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12. fancy \_\_\_\_\_

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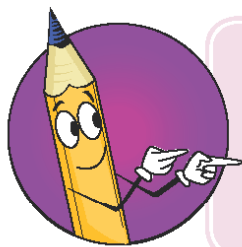
13. mercy \_\_\_\_\_
14. penny \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Add -ness to each of the following words.

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