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fu·tile  (fy t l, fy tĭl')

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adj.

Having no useful result; ineffectual: *a futile attempt to renegotiate the contract.*

[Latin *fūtilis*; see **gheu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

fu tile·ly *adv.*

fu tile·ness *n.*

Synonyms: futile, barren, bootless, fruitless, ineffectual, pointless, unavailing, useless, vain

These adjectives mean producing no result or effect: *a futile effort; barren research; bootless entreaties; fruitless labors; ineffectual treatments; pointless comments; an unavailing attempt; a useless discussion; vain regrets.*

Antonym: [useful](#)

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