

The Suffixes -ment, -ness and -ful

Suffixes Starting with a Consonant

A suffix is a group of letters that are added to the end of a word to change its meaning.

If a suffix **starts with** a consonant letter, it is usually added straight on without changing the root word.

+ment

+ness

+ful

Suffixes Starting with a Consonant

In these words, the suffix is added straight on to the root word...



enjoyment



sadness



careful



playful



plainness

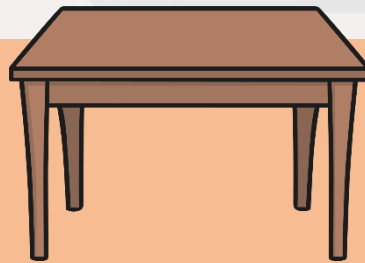


cheerful

Suffixes Starting with a Consonant



Can you air write the suffix '-ment' with your finger?



Can you write the suffix '-ful' with your finger on your table or the carpet?

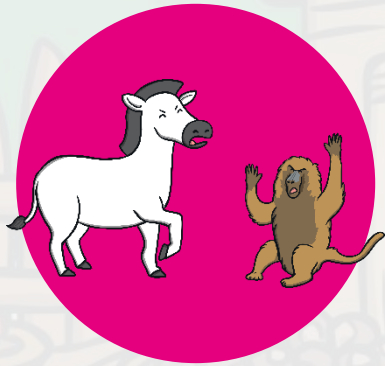


Using your finger, can you write the suffix '-ness' on the back of your hand?

Watch out!

There is an exception to this rule!

To add **-ment** to the word '**argue**', you must remove the '**e**' before adding the suffix.



argue

argue + **ment** → ~~argue~~ment → **argument**

Can you write the word 'argue' with your finger on your arm?

Suffixes with More Than One Syllable

The rule is different for root words that have more than one syllable and end in a **-y** with a consonant before it.

If a word has **more than 2 syllables** and ends in **-y** change the **-y** to **'i'** and add the suffix.



merriment



happiness



plentiful

Root Word

merry

+

Suffix

ment

=

merriment

happy

+

ness

=

happiness

plenty

+

ful

=

plentiful

The background of the slide is a colorful, cartoonish illustration of a village scene. In the center, there is a large, light-colored house with a chimney. To the left, there are green trees and a wooden fence. In the foreground, there is a table covered with a white cloth, set with various dishes of food, including bowls of fruit and a plate of fish. The overall style is bright and cheerful.

Here are this week's spellings to practise.

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