The Suffixes -ment, -ness and -ful



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Monday...

What is a suffix? Click on the right answer.

A race where two people's legs are tied together.

that adds detail to a noun.

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Well done!

There is an exception to this rule.



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

argue + **m**ent → argu~~e~~ment → **argument**

Tuesday...

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

+ment **+n**ess **+f**ul

Look at these spellings and decide if they follow this rule or not.
Let's check! Click on each word.

enjoy**m**ent	Yes! The suffix is added straight on to the root word: enjoy+**m**ent
sad**n**ess	Yes! The suffix is added straight on to the root word: sad+**n**ess
care**f**ul	Yes! The suffix is added straight on to the root word: care+**f**ul
play**f**ul	Yes! The suffix is added straight on to the root word: play+**f**ul
plain**n**ess	Yes! The suffix is added straight on to the root word: plain+**n**ess

Look carefully at these spellings. The root words all have more than one syllable and end in a –**y** with a consonant before it.

Root word		Suffix		
merr**y**	+	ment	=	merriment
happ**y**	+	ness	=	happiness
plent**y**	+	ful	=	plentiful

Can you and your friend think of a rule for adding a suffix to a word that has more than 2 syllables and ends in –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.



Wednesday...

Score points for your team by answering the questions behind each square. Click on a box and write your answer on a whiteboard.

enjoyment

sadness

careful

playful

plainness

argument

merriment

happiness

plentiful

cheerful

Which word is the opposite of careless? 4	Which words end in -ness? 5	Which word means happy? 2
Which words end in -ment? 5	Which words change before the suffix is added? 10	Which words contain a double letter string? 5
Which words have 2 syllables? 3	Which words end in –ful? 5	Which words have 3 syllables? 3

Thursday ...

Can you write each of these in a sentence.

enjoyment
sadness
careful
playful
plainness

argument
merriment
happiness
plentiful
cheerful



Work hard to learn them!

