

Spelling list: The suffix *-ment*

Sometimes you have to work out whether a word ends with *-ent* or *-ant* . A trick that might help is to check if the word ends with the suffix *-ment* .

Have you ever noticed that adding a small ending to a word can completely change its meaning? The suffix *-ment* changes a verb into a noun. For example, *enjoyment* is the result of *enjoying* something, *placement* is the result of *placing* something in a specific position, and *development* is the result of *developing* .

Words ending in the suffix *-ment* allow us to describe concepts and experiences with precision in English.

For words that end with the suffix *-ment* , always use the *-ent* spelling.

payment	Bob regretfully couldn't make the payment .
agreement	The whole family was in agreement .
investment	He made a large investment in the company.
engagement	The couple celebrated their engagement .
government	The government cuts will affect everyone.
achievement	The win was a great achievement .
adjustment	There was an adjustment in today's schedule.
advertisement	I saw an advertisement for a new drink.
amazement	To my amazement , he arrived on time.
amusement	To my amusement , my friend burst out laughing.
nourishment	A plant needs the correct nourishment to grow.
punishment	The judge handed out a harsh punishment to the criminal.
encouragement	Her family gave her encouragement to succeed.
development	Development of new business is vital to an economy.
replacement	The bicycle needed a replacement wheel.
entertainment	Reading, sports and games are all forms of entertainment .

management	The company was now under new management .
excitement	The football commentator yelled in excitement .
commitment	Playing in a team requires commitment .
improvement	I saw a noticeable improvement in the Year 6 spelling scores.