

## 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 <b>payment</b> .
agreement	The whole family was in <b>agreement</b> .
investment	He made a large <b>investment</b> in the company.
engagement	The couple celebrated their <b>engagement</b> .
government	The <b>government</b> cuts will affect everyone.
achievement	The win was a great <b>achievement</b> .
adjustment	There was an <b>adjustment</b> in today's schedule.
advertisement	I saw an <b>advertisement</b> for a new drink.
amazement	To my <b>amazement</b> , he arrived on time.
amusement	To my <b>amusement</b> , my friend burst out laughing.
nourishment	A plant needs the correct <b>nourishment</b> to grow.
punishment	The judge handed out a harsh <b>punishment</b> to the criminal.
encouragement	Her family gave her <b>encouragement</b> to succeed.
development	<b>Development</b> of new business is vital to an economy.
replacement	The bicycle needed a <b>replacement</b> wheel.
entertainment	Reading, sports and games are all forms of <b>entertainment</b> .

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