

# SUFFIXES

## -MENT

We can add the suffix '-ment' to a verb to change it into a noun.

agree ⇒ agreement

punish ⇒ punishment

1 Add the suffix **-ment** to these verbs to make them nouns

a) achieve ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_

b) amaze ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_

c) enjoy ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_

d) punish ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_

e) engage ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_

f) manage ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_

2 Add the suffix **'-ment'** to the words in bold to complete the sentence.

a) **govern** The new \_\_\_\_\_ promised the people a better society.

b) **encourage** Diana thanked everyone for their \_\_\_\_\_

c) **manage** The company was under new \_\_\_\_\_

d) **improve** His spelling needs some \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Write a sentence for the verb and noun.**

a) **achieve**

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b) **achievement**

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c) **adjust**

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d) **adjustment**

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e) **advertise**

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f) **advertisement**

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g) **excite**

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h) **excitement**


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4 Use both words to complete the sentence.

a)  Mr West asked for his \_\_\_\_\_  
to be used to \_\_\_\_\_ for  
some new trees for the garden.

b)  Martin wanted to \_\_\_\_\_  
his spelling skills. This \_\_\_\_\_ was  
important for his grade.

c)  Your \_\_\_\_\_ to this team  
will make others want to \_\_\_\_\_  
as well.

5 Complete the table.

| VERB    | NOUN          |
|---------|---------------|
|         | entertainment |
| replace |               |
| equip   |               |
|         | appointment   |
| assess  |               |
| employ  |               |

## ANSWERS

## Page 1

Add the suffix **-ment** to these verbs to make them nouns

- a) achievement                      b) amazement                      c) enjoyment  
d) punishment                      e) engagement                      f) management

Add the suffix **'-ment'** to the words in bold to complete the sentence.

- a) government                      b) encouragement                      c) management                      d) improvement

## Page 2

Write a sentence for the verb and noun.

Answers will vary

- a) Jerome wanted to **achieve** his goals early in life.  
b) His **achievement** was praised by everyone.  
c) We need to **adjust** these seats so that they are more comfortable.  
d) The **adjustments** made to the rules of the game worked well.  
e) You will have to **advertise** the bicycle in the newspaper.  
f) The **advertisement** attracted a lot of customers.  
g) This new game will really **excite** everyone.  
h) The **excitement** of winning the game was felt by everyone.

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Use both words to complete the sentence.

- a) Mr West asked for his **payment** to be used to **pay** for some new trees for the garden.  
b) Martin wanted to **develop** his spelling skills. This **development** was important for his grade.  
c) Your **commitment** to this team will make others want to **commit** as well.

Complete the table.

| VERB      | NOUN          |
|-----------|---------------|
| entertain | entertainment |
| replace   | replacement   |
| equip     | equipment     |
| appoint   | appointment   |
| assess    | assessment    |
| employ    | employment    |