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| **Words ending with ment and less** Rule: Ment is added onto verbs. Less is added onto adjectives. Both suffixes turn the words into abstract nouns.  Spelling: If a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is added straight on to most root words  without any change to the last letter of those words.  **Exceptions**: root words ending in –**y** with a consonant before it but only if the root word has more than one syllable.  **Cut this top row off before you give the sort to pupils!** | | |
| ment | ness |  |
| foolish | idle | mean |
| pretty | shy | agree |
| state | treat | retire |
| tough | ugly | cheerful |
| careless | thankful | lazy |
| appoint | entertain | disagree |
| astonish | bewilder | wild |
| wakeful | short | dark |