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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 |  |
| payment | agreement | achievement |
| amusement | punishment | replacement |
| amazement | encouragement | development |
| entertainment | improvement | excitement |
| argument | movement | treatment |
| equipment | judgement | retirement |
| illness | darkness | happiness |
| sickness | fitness | madness |
| sadness | kindness | loneliness |
| thickness | selfishness | softness |
| greatness | wickedness | friendliness |
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