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| **Adding Suffixes to root words: ment less ful ness**  Rule: 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. It is PLONKED on the end!  **Exceptions**: root words ending in –**y** with a consonant before it but only if the root word has more than one syllable/ the y has a consonant before it. In this case the y is CHANGED to an i.  **Cut this top row off before you give the sort to pupils!** | | |
| PLONKER  Plonk the suffix on the end | CHANGER  Change the y to an i before you add the suffix | Oddballs don’t fit the other patterns..  Can you say what is different? |
| agree **+ment** | punish **+ment** | develop **+ment** |
| happy **+ness** | end **+less** | beauty **+ful** |
| care **+ful** | move **+ment** | ill **+ness** |
| dark **+ness** | friendly **+ness** | end **+less** |
| fear **+less** | tune **+ful** | pity **+ful** |
| duty **+ful** | penny **+less** | great **+ness** |
| treat **+ment** | pain **+ful** | thick **+ness** |
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| selfish **+ness** | plenty **+ful** | price **+less** |
| sit **+ing** | roast **+ed** | big **+est** |