



## ***Read Write Inc. Spelling 2B***

### **Unit 13: Adding the suffix -ment**

#### **President Alpha**

Welcome, Earthlings! You are about to enter the Spelling Zone.  
Our Star Speller for today is... Zeta!

#### **Zeta**

Hello again. I was almost late today because Gamma and Mu were having an argument about whose space buggy was the smartest. They wanted me to be the judge! I said I wouldn't make any judgement until they stopped being silly. It took quite a while...

Anyway, the word 'judgement' got me thinking about the suffix **-m-e-n-t**, *ment*, and how it changed the root word 'judge'. Like this:  
judge judgement  
Let's explore more!

When we add a suffix to a root word, we change its meaning.  
We can add the suffix **-ment** to a verb to make a noun:  
enjoy + **ment** = enjoyment

All of these root words are verbs:

treat	amaze
move	enjoy
attach	punish
judge	replace
measure	

Let's play My turn/Your turn to say the words. Repeat after me. After three: one, two, three... Go!

treat	amaze
move	enjoy
attach	punish
judge	replace
measure	

Well done!

Now watch me turn those verbs into nouns.

root word (verb)	root word + suffix <b>-ment</b>
measure	measurement
replace	replacement
treat	treatment
judge	judgement
punish	punishment
move	movement

When we say these words aloud we cannot really hear the **e** sound in **-ment**, **ment**. Saying **-ment**, **ment**, to rhyme with 'went' will help you to spell the words.

Turn to your partner and take turns to say each syllable in these words.  
Rhyme **-ment** with went each time:

en / joy / **ment**

enjoyment

a / maze / **ment**

amazement

re / place / **ment**

replacement

Did you notice that we didn't have to **swap**, **double** or **drop** any letters when we added the suffix **-ment**?

Oh! Hang on. A Weird Word Warning is coming through. Here it comes...

Weird Word Warning:

The word 'argue' doesn't obey the rules.

We have to **drop** the **e** before adding the suffix **-ment**.

argue **e** argument

Well that word takes us back to where I started today. I do hope Gamma and Mu are not still having an argument when I get back. Perhaps my judgement should be that *my* space buggy is the smartest! Goodbye.



**President Alpha**

You are about to leave the Spelling Zone. Take your new spelling knowledge with you. Goodbye, Earthlings...