

AchieveMENT Words

Google slides for teaching multi-syllable words with the suffix -ment
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What are Suffixes?

- Suffixes are small parts (or chunks) added to the ends of words.
- Adding suffixes often changes word meaning or usage and may change word spelling or pronunciation.
- Learning suffixes will help you read and spell longer words.
- Learning suffixes will help you recognize longer words you may have heard or already know!

Most Common Suffixes

There are many suffixes in the English language. The eight slide sets focus on the most common (besides -s/es, -ed, -ing, -er/est) one at a time:

-ly	-er/-or	-ion
-able/-ible	-al/-ial	-y
-ment	-ful	

Suffix -ment

- -ment can sound like /mĕnt/ or /mŭnt/ and always forms nouns
- -ment most often means “act of, state of, or result of an action” (agreement=act of agreeing)
- If the base word ends in silent e, it is mostly NOT dropped (base+ment=basement)
- A few exceptions include: argue+ment=argument and judge+ment= judgment

Two-Syllable, Familiar -ment Words

base+ment	lowest state or place
move+ment	act or result of moving
pay+ment	act or result of paying
place+ment	act or result of placing
ship+ment	act or result of shipping
state+ment	act of stating aloud or in writing

Three-Syllable, Academic -ment Words 1

Note sentence examples for all academic words

achieve+ment	result of achieving: <i>Completing your GED is a major achievement.</i>
agree+ment	act of agreeing: <i>We read and signed the purchase agreement.</i>
amaze+ment	state of being amazed: <i>The sunset filled me with amazement and joy.</i>
amend+ment	act of amending: <i>The amendment to the law was up for a vote by the public.</i>
announce+ment	act of announcing or telling: <i>The teacher made an important announcement.</i>

Three-Syllable, Academic -ment Words 2

Note sentence examples for all academic words

apart+ment	set of rooms for living: <i>The family leased a three-bedroom apartment.</i>
appoint+ment	act of appointing a person or time: <i>My appointment is on Monday at 10 am.</i>
command+ment	result of commanding: <i>The Bible includes the Ten Commandments or God's rules.</i>
commit+ment	act of committing to do something: <i>I made a commitment to my best friend.</i>
compart+ment	result of separating into parts: <i>The large suitcase had many useful compartments.</i>

Three-Syllable, Academic -ment Words 3

Note sentence examples for all academic words

compliment	act of admiring: <i>The diners gave many compliments to the chef and wait staff.</i>
confinement	state of being confined or kept: <i>The dog slept during its night-time confinement.</i>
department	a part or section: <i>Each large Target department has two or three managers.</i>
deployment	act of deploying or moving: <i>There will be a large deployment of troops in January.</i>
derailment	result of upset: <i>The snowstorm caused a sudden derailment of our travel plans.</i>

Three-Syllable, Academic -ment Words 4

Note sentence examples for all academic words

detach+ment	act of detaching or separating: <i>There was a dangerous train car detachment.</i>
employ+ment	result of being employed: <i>She felt very relieved about her new employment!</i>
encamp+men t	act of encamping: <i>There are several homeless encampments in the city.</i>
enchant+ment	result of something special: <i>We felt enchantment over the ocean view.</i>
enforce+ment	act of enforcing: <i>Law enforcement keeps us safe on the roads and highways.</i>

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Note sentence examples for all academic words

engage+ment	act of engaging: <i>Teacher and student engagement is necessary for learning.</i>
enjoy+ment	result of enjoying: <i>The holidays are filled with enjoyment for many people.</i>
enlist+ment	act of enlisting or joining: <i>The Army's enlistment office is close to the airport.</i>
excite+ment	state of being excited: <i>The fans' excitement grew as the game went on.</i>
fulfill+ment	act of fulfilling: <i>A large Amazon fulfillment center is located in Shakopee, MN.</i>

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Note sentence examples for all academic words

govern+ment	result of governing: <i>Our state government makes laws and decisions for Minnesota.</i>
impeach+ment	act of charging with a crime: <i>Seeking impeachment is a very serious matter.</i>
instru+ment	something that makes music: <i>The musicians tuned their instruments before the concert.</i>
manage+ment	result of managing: <i>Management has decided to increase hiring in early 2021.</i>
nourish+ment	act of nourishing or feeding: <i>All humans need nourishment throughout the day.</i>

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Where do you chunk these words? How do you pronounce them?

ornament	result of adding something beautiful: We <i>placed ornaments on the holiday tree.</i>
postponement	act of putting off: <i>Due to illness, there was a postponement of the meeting.</i>
punishment	act of punishing: <i>Do you believe the punishment should always fit the crime?</i>
recruitment	result of recruiting or adding: We <i>hopefully attended a job recruitment fair.</i>
refinement	act of refining or improving: <i>Vaccines undergo refinement before larger use.</i>

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Where do you chunk these words? How do you pronounce them?

replacement	result of replacing: <i>They had to get a replacement for the broken window.</i>
resentment	act of resenting a wrong: <i>He felt strong resentment toward his former boss.</i>
retirement	act of retiring or stopping work: <i>Many people look forward to a quiet retirement.</i>
settlement	result of settling in place: <i>Pioneers created many settlements across the country.</i>
testament	result of truth: <i>Her long life was a testament to healthy eating and frequent exercise.</i>



**Can you think of other -ment words?
Speak up or put them in the chat box.**

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MATCHING ACTIVITY 1

movement	A act or result of paying
achievement	B act of announcing or telling
commitment	C act of achieving or doing well
payment	D act or result of moving
announcement	E act of committing to do something

MATCHING ACTIVITY2

compartment	F part or section (like in a store)
deployment	G act of encamping
encampment	H result of separating into parts
department	I result of something special
enchantment	J act of deploying or moving

MATCHING ACTIVITY 3

fulfillment	K result of governing or making laws
ornament	L act of nourishing or feeding
government	M act of adding or something special
refinement	N result of refining or improving
nourishment	O act of fulfilling

MATCHING ACTIVITY 4

punishment	P result of postponing or putting off
replacement	Q act of retiring or stopping work
retirement	R result of replacing
postponement	S result of settling in place
settlement	T act of punishing for a wrong

WRITE TO READ ACTIVITY

Work with your teacher or a breakout group to write a text about one of the topics below. Use as many of the 12 -ment words as you can (plus others!). Read the text aloud when you are done.

1. **Military Service in the USA:** agreement, appointment, commitment, deployment, encampment, enforcement, enlistment, engagement, government, placement, recruitment, retirement
2. **Smart Banking:** movement, payment, statement, agreement, appointment, employment, engagement, enforcement, management, retirement, commitment, achievement