



Suffix -MENT



Suffix -ment (Meaning)

The suffix **-ment** is added to verbs to make nouns that mean THE ACTION or THE RESULT OF.

For example, the verb **manage** becomes the noun **management** - the activity of running and controlling a business or similar organization.

The verb **adjust** becomes the noun **adjustment** - a small change made to something in order to correct or improve it. [The result of that small change is the adjustment.]

ment suffix - OxfordLearnersDictionaries.com

argue	argument - a conversation or discussion in which two or more people disagree, often angrily
develop	development - the steady growth of something so that it becomes more advanced, stronger, etc.
move	movement - an act of moving from one place to another or of moving something from one place to another
ship	shipment - the process of sending goods from one place to another
treat	treatment - something that is done to cure an illness or injury, or to make somebody look and feel good

The Suffix -ment (Spelling guide)

In most cases the suffix **-ment** is added to root words with no change in spelling, with one exception.

According to wiktionary.org -

Generally attached to stem without changes, except when the stem ends in **-dge**, where the **-e** is sometimes dropped, as in abridgment, acknowledgment, judgment, and lodgment;

*The **verb argue** also drops the **-e** when we make the **noun argument**.

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The Suffix -ment (Real Examples)

Not every word on this list comes from a proper root **verb** that changes to a **noun** once you add the suffix -ment. As you read the list see if you can spot which words do not have a proper verb root. You can see a list of these words in the FAQ section below.

Every word on this list has a link to its definition and one or 2 example sentences to help you use these words in your own English conversations.

[Abandonment](#): When a parent or caregiver does not give their child enough caring or attention it can lead to **abandonment** issues.

- After the abandonment of the project, the team had to start over from scratch.

[Accomplishment](#): Winning the national championship was a huge **accomplishment** for the team.

- Miles Davis' **accomplishments** were so significant that calling him just a talented musician is an understatement.

[Adjustment](#): The mechanic made several **adjustments** to the engine and it started working perfectly again.

- The crew made several **adjustments** to the pipeline to prevent future leaks.

[Advancement](#) • Computer technology has seen major **advancement** in the last 10 years.

[Advertisement](#) • The billboard displayed an **advertisement** for a big travel company. It makes me want to travel somewhere warm, away from the cold Canadian winter.

[Agreement](#) • After a long negotiation, the two parties finally came to an **agreement** on the terms of the contract.

[Alignment](#) • I have the local repair shop check the **alignment** of my tires every year.

[Amusement](#) • The carnival comes to the town every summer and provides a lot of **amusement** for the local children.

[Announcement](#) • The principal made an **announcement** over the intercom.

[Appointment](#) • Leon called his dentist to make an **appointment** for a checkup this Friday.

[Argument](#) • The couple had a heated **argument** about money over dinner. Finances are often a hot topic between a husband and wife.

[Assessment](#) • Standardized tests can help us make a proper **assessment** of the student's needs.

[Assignment](#) • The professor gave us a big **assignment** just before summer vacation. No one was happy in my class.

[Attachment](#) • The email had an **attachment** with the report and the sales numbers from the last quarter.

- I included this graph as an **attachment** to the email everyone received this morning.

[Basement](#) • You can find some more storage boxes in the **basement**.

[Befuddlement](#) • If you grew up in a rural part of Canada and suddenly found yourself in the center of Tokyo, you'll be **befuddlement** would be understandable.

[Bereavement](#) • The family went through a long period of **bereavement** after the loss.

[Bewilderment](#) • The unexpected news left him in a state of **bewilderment**.

• She stared at her computer screen in complete **bewilderment**. It has frozen for the third time today.

[Bombardment](#) • The city underwent a heavy **bombardment** during the war. It took many years to repair all the damage.

[Comment](#) • I appreciate the thoughtful **comments** left on my blog posts. It helps guide me when I write new content.

[Commitment](#) • Alex showed great **commitment** to his training regimen. We fully expect him to make the Olympic team next year.

[Compliment](#) • Brian was very happy with the meal and gave a **compliment** to the chef on his way out of the restaurant.

[Confinement](#) • The suspect was subject to **confinement** while awaiting trial.

Confinement can be found in the compound nouns

-Home confinement - confined to your home

-Solitary confinement - confined in a space completely alone

[Consignment](#) • The paintings were held on **consignment** until they were sold at auction.

[Containment](#) • The fire department's first priority was the **containment** of the wildfire. After they stopped it from spreading they could focus on putting it out.

[Contentment](#) • Jeremy became a monk and found **contentment** in living a simple life, with no possessions or worries.

[Deployment](#) • The government announced the **deployment** of the military to assist the local police during the protests.

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[Development](#) • My hometown has seen rapid **development** in the last decade.

[Disagreement](#) • Matthew and Allen had a **disagreement** over the project. Those two never agree on anything.

[Document](#) • Our company HR manager drafted a **document** outlining how the merger will affect our current staff.

[Employment](#) • The factory provides **employment** to over 60% of the town's residents. When the economy is doing well it means that **employment** rates are also high.

[Endorsement](#) • The celebrity's **endorsement** of the product helped boost sales.

[Entertainment](#) • Disneyland always provides great **entertainment**. It has fun rides, exciting shows, and a happy atmosphere.

[Establishment](#) • The hotel is one of the city's finest **establishments**.

[Experiment](#) • The scientist conducted an **experiment** to test the theory.

[Government](#) • The **government's** new policy on healthcare has been met with mixed reactions.

• The citizens have a right to hold their **government** accountable.

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[Imprisonment](#) • Violations of the country's laws may result in fines or **imprisonment**. Please be careful when traveling.

• Long **imprisonment** has a negative impact on people's mental health.

[Improvement](#) • The patients showed signs of **improvement**. This made the doctor optimistic about his recovery.

• I've seen great **improvement** in my students' ability to communicate in English.

[Investment](#) • Nicholas took a chance and made a large **investment** in a startup company. He can make a lot of money but there's also the risk of losing everything.

[Involvement](#) • Sarah was questioned by the police about her **involvement** in the crime.

[Judgment](#): Success is the result of good **judgment**. Good **judgment** is the result of experience. Experience is often the result of bad **judgment**.

[Management](#) • Karen wasn't happy with the service she received and asked to speak to someone from the **management**.

[Mistreatment](#) • An international animal rights group protested against the **mistreatment** of animals in the circus.

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[Movement](#) • The peace **movement** led a protest against the country's involvement in the war.

[Nourishment](#) • The child was weak and in poor health when he was found. With a safe place to sleep and proper **nourishment**, he is expected to fully recover.

• Plants need sufficient **nourishment** from the soil to grow.

[Payment](#) • **Payments** for the car loan are deducted from my bank account automatically every month.

• The company offers various methods of **payment** to its staff, but most people choose direct deposit in their bank accounts.

[Pigment](#) • The artist mixed different **pigments** to create the perfect shade of blue for the sky in his painting.

[Postponement](#) • Large protests and demonstrations caused the **postponement** of the state's election.

• The severe storm caused the **postponement** of several events around the city.

[Pronouncement](#) • The president's **pronouncements** have been met with distrust from the public.

[Punishment](#) • My fourth-grade teacher was very strict. We received harsh **punishment** for misbehaving in class.

• The **punishment** should fit the crime.

[Readjustment](#) • The company had to make some **readjustments** to its marketing strategy after a decline in sales.

• After moving to a new city, it took some time for the family to make the necessary **readjustments**.

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Reassessment • A **reassessment** of the company's finances showed that it was spending too much on storage fees for its products.

Recruitment • Most branches of the military have **recruitment** offices near shopping malls.

Reenactment • A local historical society organizes a **reenactment** of a famous Civil War battle every autumn.

Refinement • I took a look at my summer wardrobe and thought that it was too basic. It needs some **refinement**.

• Johnny liked the recipe but thought that it needed some **refinement** to make it extra special.

Refreshment • A cold drink of lemonade provided much-needed **refreshment** on a hot summer day.

• The hotel offers complimentary **refreshments** in the lobby.

Regiment • When my grandfather served in the army he was part of the parachute **regiment**. Those guys are fearless.

Reimbursement • Justine received a **reimbursement** for the defective product he had purchased.

Reinforcement • **Reinforcement** of the door made it more secure and less likely to be kicked in during a break-in attempt.

• The teacher used positive **reinforcement** to encourage good behavior in the classroom.

Reinstatement • All the staff thought the firing of Rob was unfair and they demanded his **reinstatement** under threat of a walkout.

• The athlete's **reinstatement** was approved after his drug tests came back clean.

Repayment • Most banks will offer flexible **repayment** terms.

• The creditor demanded immediate **repayment** of the debt. Peter was shocked. He needs more time.

Replacement • After the accident, I couldn't drive my car. Thankfully, the insurance company rented me a **replacement** to use while mine was being repaired.

• We need a **replacement** to take over your responsibilities during your summer holiday.

Requirement • A bachelor's degree is a common **requirement** for many professional jobs.

• The school had strict **requirements** for admission.

Resentment • The siblings felt **resentment** towards each other after a dispute over their inheritance.

• Despite the apology, there was still a strong sense of **resentment** between the two coworkers.

Retirement • After many years of hard work, my grandfather was looking forward to **retirement**.

• The company offered an early **retirement** package to employees as part of their cost-cutting measures.

Segment • All I had to eat today was a piece of toast, a cup of coffee, and three **segments** of an orange.

• The television show is divided into several **segments**, including news, sports, and entertainment.

Sentiment • That is a **sentiment** that I totally agree with.

• The political leader's remarks were met with mixed **sentiments** from the audience.

Settlement • The two countries' leaders sat down to negotiate a peace **settlement** that would end the war.

• Both parties involved in the lawsuit reached a **settlement** out of court.

Shipment • The **shipment** of goods was delayed due to customs inspections.

Statement • His lawyer issued a **statement** denying any wrongdoing.

• Our company's financial **statement** showed a profit for the quarter.

Supplement • A multivitamin **supplement** can provide additional nutrients that are missing from a person's diet.

• The company provided a **supplement** to the employee handbook with updated policies.

Temperament • Natalie's **temperament** is calm and easygoing. You can talk to her about anything.

• Her sister's fiery **temperament** on the other hand often got her in trouble with authority figures.

Torment • The victim of bullying suffered mental **torment** for many years.

• The victim had been subjected to years of **torment** by her abuser.

Treatment • The doctor prescribed an experimental new **treatment** for her patient. So far, all traditional **treatments** have not been effective.

• The spa offered a variety of **treatments**, including massages and facials.

Understatement • Saying that the storm was just a little bit of rain is an **understatement**.

• Miles Davis' accomplishments were so significant that calling him just a talented musician was an **understatement**.

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Unemployment • The high rate of **unemployment** is a major concern for the government.

• Helen was worried about facing **unemployment** after her company announced layoffs.

You can do a deeper study into negative prefixes like **UN-** at my blog post - [9 Common Negative Prefixes \(200 examples, Free PDF, Video\)](#)

The Suffix -ment FAQ (Frequently asked questions)

Can any word be made into a noun with the suffix -ment?

While many words can be made into nouns by adding the suffix -ment, not every word can be turned into a noun using this suffix.

Some verbs simply do not lend themselves to being transformed into nouns with this suffix. Additionally, some words may already have noun forms, and adding -ment may not create a meaningful or useful new noun.

Are all Words ending in -ment nouns?

Not all words ending in -ment are necessarily nouns. I mentioned above there are some words on this list with an identical verb form. Did you find them? I listed the words below.

- Comment
- Compliment
- Document
- Experiment
- Segment
- Supplement
- Torment

Many nouns can also be used as adjectives.

“This is a water **treatment** plant.”

In the sentence the noun is *plant*, the compound ‘water **treatment**’ is acting as an adjective. It is telling us what kind of plant it is. It’s a place where water is treated.

What's the difference between -ment and meant?

Ment and meant are not the same. They have different meanings and slightly different pronunciations.

Ment is a suffix that is added to the end of a word to form a noun. For example, "**enjoyment**" means the state or quality of experiencing pleasure, "**judgment**" means the act of judging, and "**treatment**" means the act or manner of treating someone or something.

Meant, on the other hand, is the past tense and past participle of the verb "mean." Like most past participles **meant** is often used as an adjective that means "intended" or "purposed." For example, "I meant to call you yesterday, but I was busy at work." - This means "I intended to call you yesterday, but I did not."

Are there any other suffixes that have a similar meaning to -ment?

Yes, there are other suffixes in English that have similar meanings to -ment and can be used to form nouns from other words. Here are a few examples:

-ation: This suffix is commonly added to verbs to form nouns that denote the process or act of the verb. For example, "investigate" becomes "investigation," "educate" becomes "education," and "communicate" becomes "communication."

-age: This suffix is added to verbs to form nouns that denote a collection, act, or process. For example, "pack" becomes "package" and "marry" becomes "marriage."

-ness: This suffix is added to adjectives to form nouns that denote a state or quality. For example, "dark" becomes "darkness," "kind" becomes "kindness," and "happy" becomes "happiness."

What is the origin of the suffix -ment?

- The suffix -ment comes from French, or from Latin -mentum.
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