

Week 4 focus: -ment and -ness suffixes

LESSON 1 - TEACH -ment and -ness

Look at the grid below.

fair sad kind tidy lovely silly nasty happy willing fit foolish	ness	enjoy employ docu oint state move	ment
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Ask children what they think needs to happen when we add the -ness suffix to a word that ends with y?

Remind the children what happens when you add other suffixes the words ending in y e.g. copy -> copier, happy -> happier/happiest/happily.

RULE - When adding a suffix to a word ending in a y, you usually change the y to an i.

Have a go at writing out the words in the table, adding the suffixes and making any changes you need to the root word.

There are some unusual words here so encourage discussion about the meaning of these or practise dictionary skills to find some meanings with independence.

LESSON 2 - PRACTISE -ment and -ness

Using the table below can your child work out the missing words - they may need to add one of this weeks suffixes, or decipher the root word from one that already has a suffix attached.

-ment		-ness	
state	statement	fair	fairness
oint	ointment	sad	
move			silliness
	document	happy	
employ			foolishness

Can they now think of some to challenge their adult? Have a go using the blank table below.

-ment		-ness	

LESSON 3 - APPLY -ment and -ness

Recap the spelling rule we have learned this week when adding -ment and -ness. Can the children remember some of the words we have looked at?

Read the dictation passage below to the children encouraging them to write these sentences in their books (bold words are focus words for this week):

There was plenty of **joyfulness** and **merriment** at the wedding party. There was lots of **movement** and dancing. There was even some **silliness** from the uncles! The bride smiled with **amusement**. The room was ringing with **happiness** and **enjoyment**.

Go back and check the bold words together.

LESSONS 4 & 5 - see additional pages on school website

These links have some free games and activities linked to this week's learning (please do check the safety of all links before displaying to children):

https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/games-646731.htm

https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/games-129264.htm

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/spelling-rule/101/24-The-suffixes%20%93ment%20%93ness%20%93ful%20%93less-and%20%93ly>