



Suffix Origins “-ment”



The suffix “-ment” can be added to a verb stem to show “the product” of the action. This suffix originates in French, from the Latin “mentum”. When “-ment” is added to a verb stem it forms a noun.

Write the action, add “-ment” to show the product and write the dictionary meaning :

Action	Product	Meaning
_____	punish _ _ _ _	The penalty inflicted for an offense.
_____	state _ _ _ _	_____
_____	equip _ _ _ _	_____
_____	pay _ _ _ _	_____
_____	develop _ _ _ _	_____
To be merry	merri _ _ _ _	_____
_____	amuse _ _ _ _	_____
_____	agree _ _ _ _	_____
_____	excite _ _ _ _	_____

Write the “-ment” words in alphabetical order. Write the number of syllables:

- 1) _____ () 2) _____ () 3) _____ ()
- 4) _____ () 5) _____ () 6) _____ ()
- 7) _____ () 8) _____ () 9) _____ ()

Finish these sentences :

The _____'s antics caused great amusement among the audience.

There was great excitement when _____

We listened to the _____ make a statement about _____

We are in agreement about _____

There was an interesting development _____

Ensure that you have all the necessary equipment for _____