

# Varied Fluency

## Step 2: Adding '-ment', '-er' and '-ness'

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (2G6.3) [Formation of nouns using suffixes such as -ness, -er and by compounding \[for example, whiteboard, superman\]](#)

English Year 2: (2G6.3) [Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as -ful, -less \(A fuller list of suffixes can be found in the year 2 spelling section in English Appendix 1\)](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support adding the suffixes '-ment', '-er' and '-ness' where no changes to the spelling is required.

**Expected** Questions to support adding the suffixes '-ment', '-er' and '-ness' where the spelling may need to change or letters are omitted before the suffix is added.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support adding the suffixes '-ment', '-er' and '-ness' where the spelling may need to change, and letters may be added or omitted before the suffix is added. Some vocabulary may be less familiar.

[More resources](#) from our Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling scheme of work.

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## Adding '-ment', '-er' and '-ness'

1a. Match the words to the correct suffix.

sad

-ment

treat

-ness



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## Adding '-ment', '-er' and '-ness'

1b. Match the words to the correct suffix.

pay

-ness

ill

-ment



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2a. Select the correct suffix to complete the sentence.

The sing \_\_\_\_\_ practised all day and all night.

-er

-ness



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2b. Select the correct suffix to complete the sentence.

The print \_\_\_\_\_ needs more paper and ink.

-ment

-er



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3a. Add the suffixes to the words below to create new words.

pay — -ment →

prison — -er →

ill — -ness →



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3b. Add the suffixes to the words below to create new words.

enjoy — -ment →

read — -er →

sad — -ness →



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4a. Tick the box to show which suffix can be used with the words below to create a new word.

word	-ment	-er	-ness
fit			
farm			
teach			

Write the new words.



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4b. Tick the box to show which suffix can be used with the words below to create a new word.

word	-ment	-er	-ness
treat			
kind			
work			

Write the new words.



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5a. Match the word to the correct spelling.

happy

happyness

happiness



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5b. Match the word to the correct spelling.

argue

argument

arguement



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6a. Select the correct suffix to complete the sentence.

They ran into the dark \_\_\_\_\_ and were never seen again.

-ment

-er

-ness



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6b. Select the correct suffix to complete the sentence.

Her biggest weak \_\_\_\_\_ was chocolate.

-ment

-er

-ness



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7a. Add the suffixes to the words below to create new words. You may need to remove, add or change letters!

argue

-ment

build

-er

bold

-ness



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7b. Add the suffixes to the words below to create new words. You may need to remove, add or change letters!

amaze

-ment

dance

-er

silly

-ness



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8a. Tick the box to show which suffix can be used with the words below to create a new word.

word	-ment	-er	-ness
excite			
hungry			
paint			

Write the new words.



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8b. Tick the box to show which suffix can be used with the words below to create a new word.

word	-ment	-er	-ness
greedy			
bake			
move			

Write the new words.



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## Adding '-ment', '-er' and '-ness'

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9a. Match the word to the correct spelling.

crafty

craftiness

craftyness



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9b. Match the word to the correct spelling.

equip

equipment

equippment



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10a. Write the correct suffix to complete the sentence.

You could hear the disappoint \_\_\_\_\_ in her voice.



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10b. Write the correct suffix to complete the sentence.

The tin contained an assort \_\_\_\_\_ of biscuits and cakes.



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11a. Add the suffixes to the words below to create new words. You may need to remove, add or change letters!

merry — -ment →

drum — -er →

lonely — -ness →



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11b. Add the suffixes to the words below to create new words. You may need to remove, add or change letters!

advertise — -ment →

marine — -er →

numb — -ness →



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12a. Tick the box to show which suffix can be used with the words below to create a new word.

word	-ment	-er	-ness
wavy			
refresh			
voyage			

Write the new words.



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12b. Tick the box to show which suffix can be used with the words below to create a new word.

word	-ment	-er	-ness
rob			
govern			
greasy			

Write the new words.



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**Developing**

- 1a. **sadness; treatment**
- 2a. **singer**
- 3a. **payment; prisoner; illness**
- 4a. **fitness (or fitment); farmer; teacher**

**Expected**

- 5a. **happiness**
- 6a. **darkness**
- 7a. **argument; builder; boldness**
- 8a. **excitement; hungriness (or hungrier); painter**

**Greater Depth**

- 9a. **craftiness**
- 10a. **disappointment**
- 11a. **merriment; drummer; loneliness**
- 12a. **waviness; refreshment; voyager**

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**Developing**

- 1b. **payment; illness**
- 2b. **printer**
- 3b. **enjoyment; reader; sadness**
- 4b. **treatment; kindness (or kinder); worker**

**Expected**

- 5b. **argument**
- 6b. **weakness**
- 7b. **amazement; dancer; silliness**
- 8b. **greediness (or greedier); baker; movement**

**Greater Depth**

- 9b. **equipment**
- 10b. **assortment**
- 11b. **advertisement; mariner; numbness**
- 12b. **robber; government; greasiness**