

SUFFIX: -ment

B1 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

The suffix -ment changes many verbs into nouns that name an action, process, or result.

achievement

something you succeed in doing

agreement

a decision made by two or more people

improvement

a change that makes something better

movement

the act of moving

payment

money that you pay

enjoyment

the feeling of enjoying something

excitement

the feeling of being very interested or happy

punishment

something given to someone for doing something wrong

2 Complete the sentences

Choose a word from the vocabulary box. Use each word once.

1. Reading is a source of _____ for many people.

2. Winning the competition was a great _____.

3. The school decided that extra homework was not an appropriate _____.

4. The new bus service is a big _____ for people in this area.

5. The children shouted with _____ when they saw the snow.

6. Please make your _____ by the end of the month.

7. After talking for an hour, they reached an _____.

8. The doctor asked him to avoid sudden _____.

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B1 | Discussion questions

1 Talk about the vocabulary

Discuss each question with a partner, then write short notes or your own answer.

Try to use at least one word ending in -ment in every answer.

2 Conversation questions

1. What achievement are you proud of?

2. What improvements would you like to see in your town?

3. What gives you enjoyment in your free time?

4. Why is it important to reach an agreement sometimes?

5. What events create excitement for people?

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B1 | Teacher answer key

1 Suggested answers

Suggested answers for the gap-fill activity are shown below.

Discussion answers will vary. The target word is highlighted in bold.

2 Gap-fill answers

1. Reading is a source of **enjoyment** for many people.

2. Winning the competition was a great **achievement**.

3. The school decided that extra homework was not an appropriate **punishment**.

4. The new bus service is a big **improvement** for people in this area.

5. The children shouted with **excitement** when they saw the snow.

6. Please make your **payment** by the end of the month.

7. After talking for an hour, they reached an **agreement**.

8. The doctor asked him to avoid sudden **movement**.