

SUFFIX: -ment

B2 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

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

development

the process of growing or becoming more advanced

employment

paid work

requirement

something that is necessary or required

arrangement

a plan or preparation

involvement

taking part in an activity or situation

replacement

a person or thing that takes another's place

management

the process of controlling or organising something

commitment

a promise to give time or effort to something

2 Complete the sentences

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

1. We made an _____ to meet at the station at eight.

2. Good time _____ can reduce stress at work.

3. The city's rapid _____ has created new jobs and housing.

4. Her _____ in the community project was very helpful.

5. Learning a language requires long-term _____.

6. A passport is a basic _____ for international travel.

7. The company is looking for a _____ for its retired director.

8. Finding stable _____ can be difficult for young adults.

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B2 | 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 kinds of development improve a city?

2. Why do people need commitment to learn a new skill?

3. What requirements should applicants meet for your ideal job?

4. How can good time management reduce stress?

5. When is community involvement valuable?

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B2 | 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

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