**Suffix –ment**

What is a suffix?

A suffix is a letter or group of letters that goes on the end of a word and changes the word's meaning.

What suffixes do you already know?

- es churches - ed played - ing shouting

- er longer - est shortest - ful thankful

- less useless

Can you think of any other words for the suffixes?

We are learning a new suffix today:

- ment

enjoyment

root word suffix

When you add -ment onto the end of a word it changes from an action (verb) to a noun. The root word has to be able to ‘stand-alone’ as a real word.

move = movement

Can you add the suffix –ment onto the end of these words?

pay = entertain = judge =

What do you notice about these words?

cement parliament

Explain that some words have the spelling ‘ment’ but they are not suffixes because, for example, ‘ce’ in ‘cement’ is not a word on its own. The same with ‘parlia’ in ‘parliament’ (you might need to explain what the word parliament means!)

**Task:**

Read the following sentences out loud to children one at a time and ask them to write them down. They need to be trying to spell each word correctly, especially the words ending in the suffix -ment.

The school children had to walk on the pavement.

Christmas is a time for enjoyment with family.

He had something in his eye and had to get treatment from the hospital.

**Challenge:**

Which word is the odd one out?

achievement segment embarrassment

Explain your reason.