

The Suffixes -ment, -ness and -ful



What is a suffix? Click on the right answer.

A race where two people's legs are tied together.

that adds detail to a noun.

sticky stuff on an e

Well done!

A re d to the end of a word to
meaning.



Click on the sacks to sort the words on the potatoes. If you have chosen the right suffix, click on your character to jump them along the track.

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You got it right!

Now click on your character to jump them along the track.

X



Finish



If a suffix **starts with** a consonant letter, it is usually added straight on without changing the root word.

+ment

+ness

+ful

Look at these spellings and decide if they follow this rule or not.
Let's check! Click on each word.

enjoy**ment** Yes! The suffix is added straight on to the root word: enjoy+**ment**

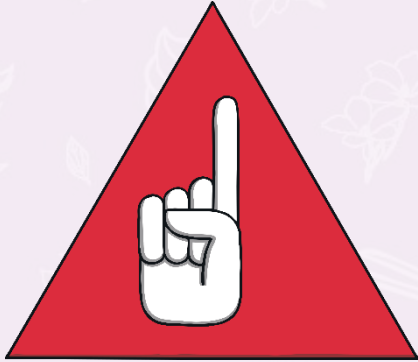
sad**ness** Yes! The suffix is added straight on to the root word: sad+**ness**

care**ful** Yes! The suffix is added straight on to the root word: care+**ful**

play**ful** Yes! The suffix is added straight on to the root word: play+**ful**

plain**ness** Yes! The suffix is added straight on to the root word: plain+**ness**

There is an exception to this rule.



To add **-ment** to the word
'**argue**', you must remove the '**e**'
before adding the suffix.

argue + **ment** → ~~arguement~~ → **argument**

Look carefully at these spellings. The root words all have more than one syllable and end in a **-y** with a consonant before it.

Root word

Suffix

merry**y** + ment = merriment

happy**y** + ness = happiness

plenty**y** + ful = plentiful

Can you and your friend think of a rule for adding a suffix to a word that has more than 2 syllables and ends in -y with a consonant before it?



If a word has **more than 2 syllables** and ends in **-y** . . .

. . . change the **-y** to '**i**' and add the suffix.



Score points for your team by answering the questions behind each square. Click on a box and write your answer on a whiteboard.

enjoyment

sadness

careful

playful

plainness

argument

merriment

happiness

plentiful

cheerful

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POINTS

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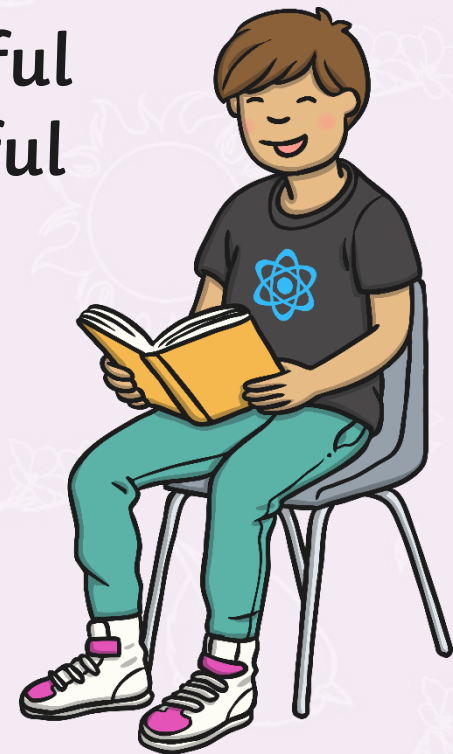
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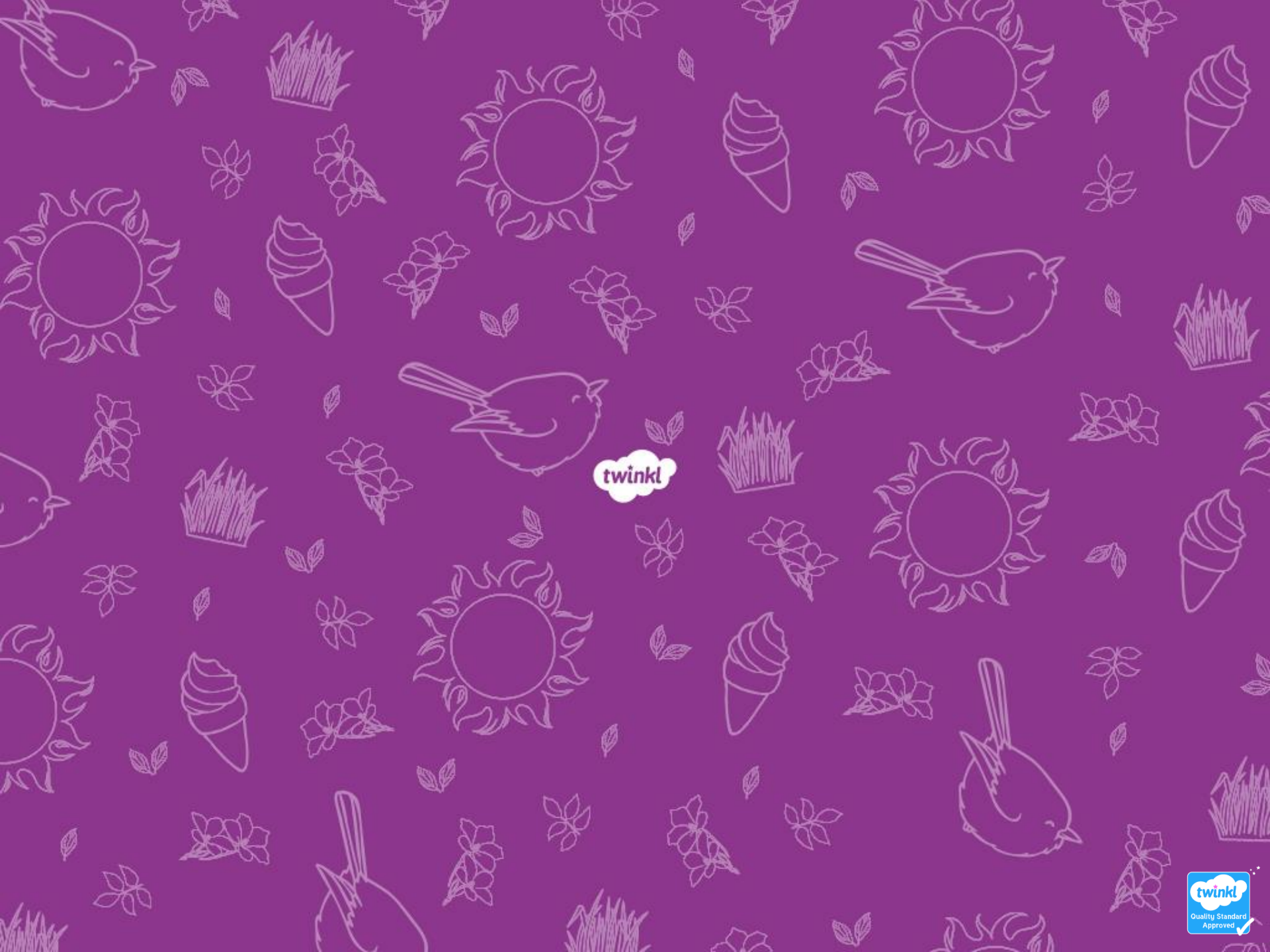
Here are this week's spellings to practise.

enjoyment
sadness
careful
playful
plainness

argument
merriment
happiness
plentiful
cheerful

Work hard to
learn them!





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