

Suffixes: -ment, -ness, -tion, -sion

Name: _____

These endings turn a verb or adjective into a noun — a thing rather than an action. Watch the spelling changes.

govern + ment → _____

kind + ness → _____

act + ion → _____

decide + sion → _____

enjoy + ment → _____

dark + ness → _____

celebrate + ion → _____

permit + sion → _____

treat + ment → _____

happy + ness → _____

invent + ion → _____

divide + sion → _____

agree + ment → _____

weak + ness → _____

attract + ion → _____

confuse + sion → _____

equip + ment → _____

ill + ness → _____

protect + ion → _____

discuss + sion → _____

improve + ment → _____

bright + ness → _____

select + ion → _____

explode + sion → _____

measure + ment → _____

sad + ness → _____

collect + ion → _____

expand + sion → _____

punish + ment → _____

fit + ness → _____

Suffixes: -ment, -ness, -tion, -sion — Answer Key

govern+ment = **government** kind+ness = **kindness** act+ion = **action**

decide+sion = **decision** enjoy+ment = **enjoyment** dark+ness = **darkness**

celebrate+ion = **celebration** permit+sion = **permission** treat+ment = **treatment**

happy+ness = **happiness** invent+ion = **invention** divide+sion = **division**

agree+ment = **agreement** weak+ness = **weakness** attract+ion = **attraction**

confuse+sion = **confusion** equip+ment = **equipment** ill+ness = **illness**

protect+ion = **protection** discuss+sion = **discussion** improve+ment = **improvement**

bright+ness = **brightness** select+ion = **selection** explode+sion = **explosion**

measure+ment = **measurement** sad+ness = **sadness** collect+ion = **collection**

expand+sion = **expansion** punish+ment = **punishment** fit+ness = **fitness**

Decide drops the **de** and takes **-sion**; celebrate drops the final **e**; permit doubles nothing but changes **t** to **ss**. These have to be learned rather than worked out.