

Rules for adding suffixes -ment and -ly and the exceptions.

The general rule for adding -ment and -ly suffixes is that both suffixes can be added to the root words without the need to change any other letters.

For example: - slow becomes slowly
quiet becomes quietly

Exceptions for -ment suffix

- Words of more than 1 syllable and which end with a consonant followed by a 'y' such as merry need to have the y changed to an 'i' before the -ment suffix can be added. merry becomes merriment
- Argue is the other exception to the general rule. Argue needs the e to be removed before the -ment suffix can be added.
argue becomes argument

Exceptions for -ly suffix

- Words of more than 1 syllable and which end with a consonant followed by a 'y' such as merry need to have the y changed to an 'i' before the -ly suffix can be added.
angry becomes angrily
- When a root word ends in 'le'. In words ending in 'le', the l and e are completely removed before adding the 'ly' suffix.
crumble becomes crumbly
- For the words true, due and whole the 'e' must be removed before adding the -ly suffix.
true becomes truly
- When a word ends in 'ic' the -ly suffix cannot attach on its own, it needs additional letters. Where the -ly suffix needs to attach to words ending in 'ic' the -ly suffix becomes ally.
Music becomes musically

However, there is an exception to the exception in the word public. Public is completely different and is able to become **publicly** without the need for additional letters. It is the only 'ic' ending word that can be joined to the -ly suffix this way.

Watch this link to help you: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks2-wonderful-words-suffixes-part-2/zvjvrj6>

Add the -ment suffix to these root words

Add the -ly suffix to these root words

This link has some spelling activities to help you practice:-

https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/list-395.htm

argue	horrible
pay	cuddle
merry	due
nourish	quick
achieve	mischievous
excite	mysterious
punish	wriggle
advertise	curious
amaze	magic
punish	wrinkle
engage	tragic
amuse	basic
improve	true