

Spellings: Consonant Suffixes

The rule:

Generally, if a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is added straight onto most root words, without any change to the last letter of the word.

Exceptions:

argument

2) Root words ending in *-y*, if the root has more than one syllable, e.g. *happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily*.

Activity 1: Suffix Detective

Your mission: Work out what happens when the suffix is added to each root word.

Complete the table:

Root word	Suffix	New word
enjoy	-ment	_____
care	-ful	_____
happy	-ness	_____
excite	-ment	_____
argue	-ment	_____
plenty	-ful	_____
help	-less	_____
angry	-ly	_____
fear	-less	_____

Activity 2: Suffix Detectives – “Catch the Mistake!”

These sentences have some correct and incorrect spellings. You need to work as spelling detectives and spot the mistakes, correct them and explain the rule.

1. The scientist made an **arguement** about the results.
2. She spoke **happily** to her friends.
3. The castle was **beautifuly** decorated.
4. He showed great **excitement** before the competition.
5. The boy was **penniless** after losing his money.
6. The teacher gave us plenty of **encouragment**.
7. The instructions were **carefully** written.
8. The garden was **beautifull** in spring.

Space for explanation:
