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Suffixes -ship, -ness, -ment, -hood

A **suffix** is a group of letters added to the end of a word.

A **suffix** changes the meaning of the word.

-ship means "state of being" or "the skill of something".

-ment means "action" or "result".

-ness means "state" or "quality".

-hood means "state", "condition" or "quality".

Directions: Add the correct suffix to these words.

ment

ship

ness

hood

1) kind _____

2) argue _____

3) false _____

4) partner _____

5) lively _____

6) invest _____

7) fellow _____

8) lovely _____

Directions: Add the correct suffix to the words in bold to complete the sentence.

- 1) A plant needs the correct _____ to grow.
(nourish)
- 2) He had to prove his _____. **(owner)**
- 3) She has a strong sense of justice and _____.
(fair)
- 4) Using a seatbelt will reduce the _____ of serious injury in a car accident. **(likely)**
- 5) A loud whistle disturbed the _____ of the church. **(quiet)**
- 6) You will find several shops in the _____.
(neighbour)
- 7) Playing in a team requires _____. **(commit)**
- 8) He did well in the tennis _____. **(champion)**
- 9) His experience as a teacher was good training for _____. **(parent)**
- 10) I have a _____ card for the supermarket.
(member)

11) The judge handed out a harsh _____ to the criminal. (**punish**)

12) _____ means that everything is in its proper place. (**tidy**)