Spelling Test on Tuesday 8th December

Suffixes: -ness and -ment

These suffixes begin with a consonant so they are added straight onto the root word,

e.g. sad… sadness

The only exception is when the root word ends in 'y' and has more than one syllable – then you drop the 'y' and add an 'i' before the suffix.

e.g. lazy… laziness

Note: The root words needing a 'ness' suffix are all adjectives, e.g. dark – darkness, whereas the root words requiring a 'ment' suffix are nearly always verbs, e.g. punish – punishment.

-ness	-ment
kindness	achievement
darkness	punishment
witness	entertainment
loneliness	statement
happiness	excitement
naughtiness	enjoyment
business	*merriment*