

**EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)**

*“determine the meaning of and use words with affixes such as mis-, sub-, -ment, and -ity/ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter”*

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?**

Big words are built from smaller parts. Each part carries meaning.

When I find a prefix, suffix, or root, I can use it to figure out a word I do not know.

I check my meaning in the sentence to be sure it makes sense.

**THIS WEEK’S FOCUS**

## SUFFIX –MENT

The suffix **-ment** means “the act or result of”. A suffix is a word part added to the end of a base word. It changes what the word means or how the word is used.

from “**Making it Happen**”

This week we move across five thinking levels: **NOTICE** → **CHOOSE** → **SHOW** → **OWN** → **DEFEND**.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

## NOTICE

I can notice word parts.

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### Notice the suffix.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the word with the suffix -ment.

**“He had the skills, but he needed equipment first.”**

**I CAN** I can find a word with the suffix -ment in our reading.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

## CHOOSE

I can choose the meaning of a word part.

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*“determine the meaning of and use words with affixes such as mis-, sub-, -ment, and -ity/ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter”*

### Choose what -ment means.

The word equipment has the suffix -ment. What does -ment mean?

equipment = equip + ment

A. the act or result of    B. a person who    C. full of

**I CAN** I can choose the meaning of the suffix -ment.

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## SHOW

I can break a word into parts.

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### Show how the parts build the word.

Break the word accomplishment into parts. What does it mean in this sentence?

“But every accomplishment begins somewhere.”

accomplishment = \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

**I CAN** I can break a word into parts and build its meaning.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

## OWN

I can build and use new words.

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### Own it. Build and use your own word.

Build a word with the suffix -ment. Use your new word in a sentence.

state + ment = ? • enjoy + ment = ? • excite + ment = ?

Build one word. Use it in a sentence.

**I CAN** I can build new words with the suffix -ment and use them correctly.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

## DEFEND

I can defend a word's meaning.

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### Defend the meaning.

How do the suffix and the sentence prove what equipment means?

“He had the skills, but he needed equipment first.”

Use the word part **AND** the sentence to explain.

**I CAN** I can use a word part and the sentence to prove what a word means.

## **Your turn. Find more word parts.**

Go back to the passage. Find another word with the suffix -ment or another word part you know. Break it apart and explain it.

**Go back to the reading.**

**Find one more word with a word part.**

**Write the word, break it into parts, and tell what it means.**

**I CAN** I can break a new word into parts and explain its meaning.

**Answers across the five thinking levels.**

**NOTICE** Equipment. It has the suffix -ment: equip + ment.

**CHOOSE** A. the act or result of. Equipment means the tools and supplies needed for a job.

**SHOW** Accomplish + ment. In this sentence, accomplishment means something done well; the result of accomplishing.

**OWN** statement, enjoyment, excitement. Answers vary. Example: The excitement in the gym grew before the big game.

**DEFEND** The suffix -ment means the result of, so equipment is what you use to equip, or get ready. He had skills but needed tools first, so equipment means the tools.

**YOUR TURN** Answers vary. One example: accomplishment (accomplish + ment), which means something done well.

READ THIS SENTENCE FROM THE PASSAGE.

**But every accomplishment begins somewhere.**

**The suffix -ment helps the reader understand that an accomplishment is what?**

- A** a person who does something well
- B** the result of doing something well
- C** doing something well once again
- D** doing something without any help at all

**The answer is B.**

- A** **a person who does something well**  
The suffix -ment does not name a person. The suffix -er and -or name people.
- B** **the result of doing something well**  
Correct. The suffix -ment means the result of. An accomplishment is something you finish well.
- C** **doing something well once again**  
Once again is the meaning of re-, not -ment.
- D** **doing something without any help at all**  
Nothing in the word means without help.