SUFFIX: -ment

C1 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

The suffix -ment changes many verbs into nouns that name an action, process, or result.

enforcement
the act of making sure rules are obeyed

endorsement
public support or approval

impairment
a condition that limits ability or function

displacement
the forcing of people from their homes

postponement
the act of delaying something until later

refinement
a small improvement that makes something better

replenishment
the act of filling something again

underachievement
performing less well than expected

2 Complete the sentences

Choose a word from the vocabulary box. Use each word once.

1. The event's _____ was announced because of severe weather.
2. The candidate received the public _____ of several respected experts.
3. The school introduced support programmes to address _____.
4. The _____ of the new policy will begin next month.
5. The final design needed one more _____ before production.
6. The building was adapted for people with visual _____.
7. Regular _____ of water supplies is essential during a long journey.
8. The conflict caused the _____ of thousands of families.

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C1 | Discussion questions

1 Talk about the vocabulary

Discuss each question with a partner, then write short notes or your own answer.

Try to use at least one word ending in -ment in every answer.

2 Conversation questions

1. **Why can enforcement be harder than making rules?**

2. **How can an endorsement influence public opinion?**

3. **What can schools do to reduce underachievement?**

4. **Why might a project need several refinements?**

5. **How can communities support people affected by displacement?**

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C1 | Teacher answer key

1 Suggested answers

Suggested answers for the gap-fill activity are shown below.

Discussion answers will vary. The target word is highlighted in bold.

2 Gap-fill answers

1. The event's **postponement** was announced because of severe weather.
2. The candidate received the public **endorsement** of several respected experts.
3. The school introduced support programmes to address **underachievement**.
4. The **enforcement** of the new policy will begin next month.
5. The final design needed one more **refinement** before production.
6. The building was adapted for people with visual **impairment**.
7. Regular **replenishment** of water supplies is essential during a long journey.
8. The conflict caused the **displacement** of thousands of families.

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