



# Suffix Origins “-ness”

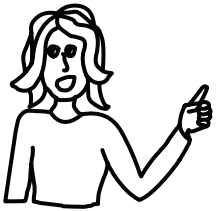


Adding the suffix “-ness” creates a noun that shows a state of being, a quality or an action. This suffix has its origins in Old English “-nes(s)”.



Add the suffix “-ness” then write the words:

Remember the rule for words that end in “y”...  
Change “y” to “i” before adding a suffix.



- mad + \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_
- blind + \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_
- fit + \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_
- close + \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_
- selfish + \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_
- carsick + \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_
- forgive + \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_
- happy + \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_
- ill + \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_
- empty + \_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_

Happiness is...  
a hug  
from my  
best friend!



Create a saying of  
your own.

Happiness is...

Write the “-ness” words in alphabetical order and write the number of syllables:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    2) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    3) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    5) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    6) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    8) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )    9) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Write five of the above “-ness” words in sentences :

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Write words using the letters in this word :

**FORGIVENESS**