

The suffixes -ant, -ance and -ancy

The suffixes, **-ant**, **-ance** or **-ancy** can often be added to the same root.

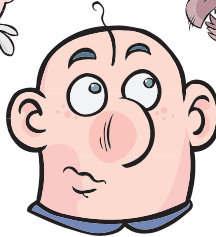
Examples:



The man was hesit**ant**.



His hesit**ance** cost him vital seconds,



He hesitates for a moment.

His hesit**ancy** was costly.

Warm up

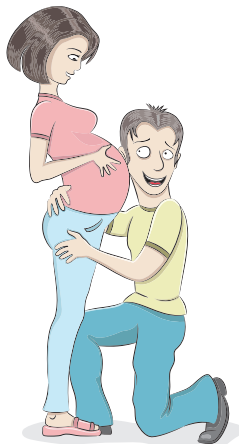


1 Write out and match the word families. An example has been done for you.

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| a) observant | hesitate | observance |
| b) expectant | expectation | hesitation |
| c) hesitant | observation | tolerance |
| d) tolerant | substantial | expectancy |
| e) substance | tolerate | substantially |

2 Rewrite this list of words in alphabetical order.

expectant
hesitant
substance
hesitance
expectance



Test yourself



- 3 Copy and complete the table below, and replace the **-ant** endings with **-ancy** endings. An example has been done for you.

-ant ending	-ancy ending
expectant	expectancy
hesitant	
flamboyant	
reluctant	

- 4 Copy and complete the table with the correct **-ance** endings. An example has been done for you.

-ancy ending	-ance ending
hesitancy	hesitance
reluctancy	
relevancy	
expectancy	

Challenge yourself



- 5 Read the sentences below and choose the best word to add. Each word will need changing to its correct form.

Use a dictionary to help you.

flamboyancy expect hesitate observe

- a) The _____ mother was preparing for her new baby.
- b) They were very _____ to spot that the painting was a fake.
- c) He was _____ because he did not know what lay beyond.
- d) The band wore very _____ clothes.

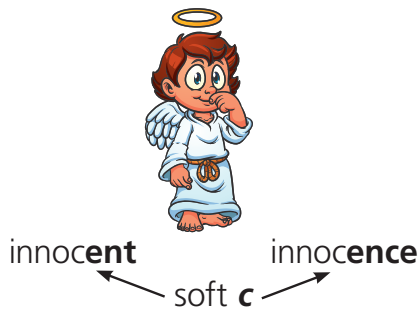
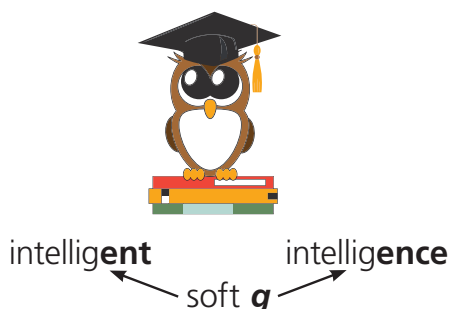
How did you do?



-ent and -ence endings

The **-ent** or **-ence** ending is often used if a word has a soft **c**, a soft **g** or a **qu** sound, or when a related word has a clear **e** sound near the end.

Examples:



Unfortunately this is not a rule. There are many words which use **-ent** or **-ence**, but do not follow the above rule. You just have to learn them.

Warm up



- 1 Write out and match the word families.

An example has been done for you.

- | | | |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| a) innocent | decency | confidential |
| b) decent | frequency | decently |
| c) frequent | confidence | obediently |
| d) confident | innocence | frequently |
| e) obedient | obedience | innocently |

- 2 Write the definition of each of these words.

Use a dictionary to help you.

- a) confident
- b) obedient
- c) innocent



Test yourself



- 3 Copy and complete the table with the correct **-ent** endings.

An example has been done for you.

-ence ending	-ent ending
innocence	innocent
frequency	
difference	
confidence	
independence	



Challenge yourself



- 4 Write a sentence containing each given word.

- a) difference
- b) independent
- c) frequent
- d) confidence
- e) innocence
- f) obedient



How did you do?



Progress test 5

Choose the correct spelling and write it down.

- 1 innocense / innocence
- 2 brightern / brighten
- 3 December / Desember
- 4 hesitant / hesitant
- 5 desency / decency

Write the correct spelling for each word.

- 6 Augast
- 7 obydiently
- 8 intelligance
- 9 observont
- 10 confidenterly

Write the correct spelling for each underlined word.

- 11 Their independance helped them become confident and strong.
- 12 The dentist used a special paste to whitern teeth.
- 13 Milk is safe to drink if it is pastarised.
- 14 They went to the stationary shop to buy paper and pens.
- 15 Logs burned slowly in the fire great.
- 16 – 20 Read the passage below. Find the **five** incorrect spellings and then write the correct spelling of each word.

Despite his freedom to do what he liked, he was a frequent worryer. Each Thursday he would check how much prophet the shop was making.

Progress test 6

Choose the correct spelling and write it down.

- 1 quickan / quicken
- 2 Nowvember / November
- 3 woollen / woolen
- 4 relevence / relevance
- 5 reluctant / reluctent

Write the correct spelling for each word.

- 6 confidance
- 7 Janruary
- 8 kingdum
- 9 innocantly
- 10 toleront

Write the correct spelling for each underlined word.

- 11 Chemicals can be used to softern materials.
- 12 The lorry used lots of deisel on its journey across Europe.
- 13 Cars were stationery for several hours in the traffic jam.
- 14 They lived on a small, windswept aisle off the Scottish coast.
- 15 As a chef he loved to cook foods that would compliment each other.

- 16 – 20 Read the passage below. Find the **five** incorrect spellings and then write the correct spelling of each word.

At the funeral of the grate playwright, there was a short paws before the morners paid their complements in a number of speeches.