

4 Words ending in ant, ance and ancy

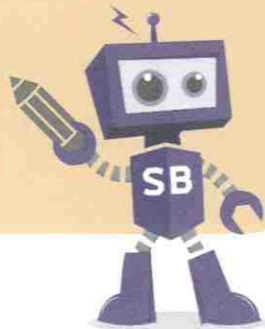
A word with the suffix **ant** will also take the suffixes **ance** and **ancy** if these forms of the word exist.

important = importance

The **ant**, **ance** and **ancy** suffixes are used after root words that can also have the **ation** ending.

expect = expectation = expectant

tolerate = tolerance



Activity 1

Look at the verbs and nouns. Copy the table into your book and write the **ant** adjectives.

Verb	Noun	Adjective
hesitate	hesitation	
dominate	domination	
jubilate	jubilation	
stagnate	stagnation	
observe	observation	
tolerate	tolerance	
ignore	ignorance	
abound	abundance	
resound	resonance	

Activity 2

Put each of the words below into a sentence.

truancy	fragrance
blatant	tolerant
hesitant	relevant
infancy	tyrant

Activity 3

These sentences all have two gaps. Choose the correct word from each pair to fill each gap. Use each word only once.

- My _____ is completely _____ on me.
(dependent/dependant)
- We need an _____ to be in _____. (attendance/attendant)
- We've had _____ with the _____.
(correspondence/respondent)
- My best friend is _____ that I can keep a secret; she tells me everything in _____. (confidence/confident)
- The _____ in the case is speaking in his own _____.
(defendant/defence)

Activity 4

Use the correct word from the list to complete each of the sentences below.

hesitant inhabitant assistant

deodorant defendant accountant occupant

- I have an _____ to do my tax forms.
- The shop _____ was unhelpful and rude.
- The _____ pleaded not guilty.
- _____ keeps you smelling fresh!
- His response to the teacher's question was very _____.
- The next-door house has a new _____.
- The island only had one _____.

Investigate!

How many words can you find that end in **ant**, **ancy**, **ance**. Use these words to create a wordsearch for a friend to complete.

5 Words ending in ent, ence and ency

A word with the suffix **ent** will also take the suffixes **ence** and **ency** if these forms of word exist.

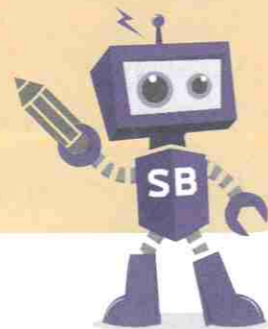
evident = evidence

The **ent**, **ence** and **ency** suffixes are used with words that have the following sounds:

soft **c** **decency**

soft **g** **urgent**

qu **frequency**



Activity 1

Copy the table into your book and write the **ent** adjectives.

Verb	Noun	Adjective
obey	obedience	
confide	confidence	
adhere	adherence	
cohere	coherence	
converge	convergence	
diverge	divergence	
emerge	emergence	

Activity 2

Add **ance** or **ence** to complete the words below.

reluct _____

insol _____

innoc _____

eleg _____

fragr _____

recurr _____

differ _____

pres _____

arrog _____

const _____

attend _____

prud _____

pati _____

dilig _____

assist _____

reli _____

repugn _____

excell _____

Activity 3

Use the words from the list to complete the sentences below.

agency **complacency** **decency** **fluency**
frequency **consistency** **efficiency** **absorbency**

- The sponge had a high level of _____.
- She worked for a government _____.
- You shouldn't approach anything with _____.
- John mixed the ingredients into a creamy _____.
- Saying sorry is a matter of _____.
- The factory improved its _____.
- She spoke French with great _____.
- Radio waves have a lower _____ than visible light.



Activity 4

Write the definition for each of these words. Use a dictionary to help you.

- innocent _____
- dependent _____
- obedient _____
- confident _____
- independent _____
- frequent _____
- impudent _____
- decent _____

Investigate!

Look at the words you have created in Activity 4. Can you find the definition for ten of these words using a dictionary?