

Lesson 18: Noun Suffix *-ance/-ence*

Spelling Words

1. *importance* _____
2. *entrance* _____
3. *difference* _____
4. *independence* _____
5. *insurance* _____
6. *conference* _____
7. *ambulance* _____
8. *absence* _____
9. *instance* _____
10. *audience* _____
11. *allowance* _____
12. *intelligence* _____
13. *assurance* _____
14. *appearance* _____
15. *obedience* _____
16. *presence* _____

Your Own Words

Add other words with the suffixes *-ance* and *-ence* to the lists. You might notice the word *distance* or *circumference* in a math problem. Where might you see the word *performance* or *fragrance*?

17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Each Spelling Word ends with *-ance* or *-ence*. The suffix *-ance* or *-ence* can be added to many words or roots to form nouns.

Study each Spelling Word and note the suffix. Then sort the words into two groups according to the suffix.

-ANCE <i>fragrance</i>	-ENCE <i>excellence</i>
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The suffixes *-ance* and *-ence* mean “quality of” or “state of.” Words ending in these suffixes are usually nouns.

There is no rule that governs whether a word ends with *-ance* or *-ence*. Use a dictionary whenever you are not sure which spelling is correct.

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SPELLING CLUES: Words with Suffixes When you write, notice words that end with *-ance* or *-ence*. Make sure you have spelled the suffix correctly. Use a dictionary if you are unsure of the correct spelling.

Proofread these words. Write the word if it is spelled correctly. If the word is misspelled, write it correctly.

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| 1. presence | 4. assurance |
| 2. insurence | 5. allowence |
| 3. conferance | 6. impotence |

PROOFREADING 7–12. Proofread this advertisement. Circle the words that are misspelled. Then write each word correctly.

Do you think your dog has too much independance to be trained? Are you afraid it lacks the intellegence to learn simple commands? Just give the dog to us! You'll notice a huge differance after only ten hours of training in obedience. For instence, your dog will walk at your side, will come when you call, and will not misbehave in your presence or even in your absense!"

FUN WITH WORDS Write Spelling Words to complete items 13–16.

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