

Lesson 22: Unstressed Ending *-ant/-ent*

Spelling Words

1. *absent* _____
2. *important* _____
3. *current* _____
4. *president* _____
5. *elephant* _____
6. *confident* _____
7. *instant* _____
8. *element* _____
9. *servant* _____
10. *excellent* _____
11. *opponent* _____
12. *permanent* _____
13. *assistant* _____
14. *innocent* _____
15. *significant* _____
16. *sufficient* _____

Your Own Words

Look for other words ending in *-ant* or *-ent* to add to the lists. You might use *elegant* or *magnificent* to describe a place. Where might you find the words *immigrant* and *descendant*?

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

Unstressed vowels often occur in word endings such as *-ant* and *-ent*. These two word endings sound alike. Study the Spelling Words to see how each word ends.

Sort the words into two groups. Use the word endings as a guide.

-ANT

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

-ENT

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

There is no rule that tells whether *-ant* or *-ent* is correct.

Knowing the spelling of another form of the word is often helpful.

► **Examples: *instance/instant, absence/absent***

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SPELLING CLUES: Mnemonics A mnemonic device is a trick or strategy to help you remember something. You might, for example, remember that *immigrant* ends in *-ant* by making up a sentence such as "The immigrant came to this country." The *a* in *came* will remind you that *immigrant* ends in *-ant*.

Write the correctly spelled word in each pair. Then make up a sentence or a phrase to help you remember the spelling of any three of the words.

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| 1. elephant elephant | 4. permanent permanant |
| 2. apsent absent | 5. servant servent |
| 3. presedent president | 6. opponant opponent |

PROOFREADING 7–12. Proofread the following newspaper headlines. Circle the misspelled word in each, and write it correctly.



FUN WITH WORDS Complete this limerick by writing the missing Spelling Words.

The scientist looked very 13 .
His background looked better than 14 .
His job was 15 ,
But he did what he oughtn't,
Once again, looks just were not 16 .

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

13. _____

14. _____

15. _____

16. _____