

Read the spelling words and sentences.**-ant**

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| 1. abundant | <i>abundant</i> |
| 2. abundance | <i>abundance</i> |
| 3. observant | <i>observant</i> |
| 4. observance | <i>observance</i> |
| 5. significant | <i>significant</i> |
| 6. significance | <i>significance</i> |
| 7. relevant | <i>relevant</i> |
| 8. relevance | <i>relevance</i> |
| 9. evident | <i>evident</i> |
| 10. evidence | <i>evidence</i> |
| 11. confident | <i>confident</i> |
| 12. confidence | <i>confidence</i> |
| 13. permanent | <i>permanent</i> |
| 14. permanence | <i>permanence</i> |
| 15. intelligent | <i>intelligent</i> |
| 16. intelligence | <i>intelligence</i> |
| 17. competent | <i>competent</i> |
| 18. competence | <i>competence</i> |
| 19. inconvenient | <i>inconvenient</i> |
| 20. inconvenience | <i>inconvenience</i> |

We have an **abundant** food supply.
 What an **abundance** of food you have!
 An **observant** person will see the nest.
 Our **observance** of the holiday is today.
 You show **significant** improvement.
 What is the **significance** of this mark?
 Please provide **relevant** information.
 What is the **relevance** of these data?
 His joy was **evident** in his face.
 Jurors will study the **evidence** today.
 I am **confident** that I passed the test.
 My parents have **confidence** in my skill.
 Will the address change be **permanent**?
 Granite is valued for its **permanence**.
 You made a very **intelligent** choice.
 Scientists study animal **intelligence**.
 They both are **competent** mechanics.
 Are you sure of his **competence**?
 No, this is not an **inconvenient** time.
 A leg cast is a major **inconvenience**.

Think & Sort the spelling words.1–4. Write the adjectives with the suffix **-ant**.5–8. Write the nouns with the suffix **-ance**.9–14. Write the adjectives with the suffix **-ent**.15–20. Write the nouns with the suffix **-ence**.**Remember**

The suffixes **-ant** and **-ent** turn base words into adjectives.
 The suffixes **-ance** and **-ence** turn base words into nouns.

**Spelling
Tutor**

Word Meanings

Write the spelling word that could best replace each underlined word or phrase.

1. If this is an awkward time, we can meet later.
2. The jury should decide the case based on physical proof, not on rumors.
3. When the detective first saw the empty glass, she did not realize its real importance.
4. This state has an extraordinary amount of natural resources.
5. My birthday was yesterday, but the celebration will be on Friday.
6. We always have bouquets because wildflowers are plentiful in this area.

Word Definitions

Write a spelling word for each definition.

7. fixed and changeless
8. self-assured
9. quick to perceive
10. mentally acute
11. meaningful; noteworthy
12. capable
13. pertinent; appropriate
14. nuisance; something that is awkward or difficult

Use the Dictionary

Write the spelling word for each dictionary respelling. Use the **Spelling Dictionary** if you need help.

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| 15. /pûr' mə nəns/ | 18. /kõn' fĩ dəns/ |
| 16. /ěv' ĩ dənt/ | 19. /ĩn tẻl' ə jəns/ |
| 17. /kõm' pĩ təns/ | 20. /rẻl' ə vəns/ |

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Change the Parts of Speech

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Change the Parts of Speech

In each sentence, a spelling word is given in its noun or adjective form. First write the spelling word that appears. Then write the spelling word that is the correct part of speech for the sentence.

1–2. A good speller has confident at a spelling bee.

3–4. You made a significance contribution to the project.

5–6. Dolphins and whales are known for their high intelligent.

7–8. You have more than enough competent to complete this challenging assignment.

9–10. I hope my dropping in for dinner is not an inconvenient.

11–12. The most helpful remarks in this discussion are the ones that have the most relevant.

13–14. What gives you a feeling of permanent?

15–16. I hope your life has an abundant of joy and fulfillment.

Use Context Clues

Write the spelling words from the box to complete the paragraph.

If you are an 17. person, you can always spot wildlife when you go camping. The 18. is everywhere, but it takes practice to recognize small details. Clues like footprints, burrows, and fur make it 19. that animals are around. It goes without saying, of course, that 20. of the rules not to feed or harm wildlife is critical to the safety and enjoyment of both the observers and the observed.

evident
evidence
observant
observance

Proofread an Advertisement

Proofread the advertisement below for ten misspelled words. Then rewrite it. Write the spelling words correctly and make the corrections indicated by the proofreading marks.

Person wanted: We want someone who is observent, inteligent, and compettent. This person must have confidance and compettance to deal with poor ~~Weather~~ ~~Conditions~~. he or she must have a great tolerance of inconveniance, an evadent sense of humor, and very quick reflexes. If you are qualified and have relevent experience, ^{please} apply for the school-bus-driving position today. Evidence of significent driving experience is required!

Proofreading Marks

≡	Make Uppercase
/	Make Lowercase
^	Add
~	Delete
○	Add a Period
⌞	Indent

Informative/Explanatory Writing

Write an Advertisement

Write an advertisement for a position in your school, neighborhood, or community. Decide what skills and experience are needed for the position. Use humor and imagination to build up to the conclusion of your advertisement. Follow the form used in the proofreading sample. Use as many spelling words as you can.

- Use the writing process: prewrite, draft, revise, edit, and publish.
- Use descriptive words to explain the responsibilities of the position and the skills required for doing a good job. Remember to use humor and imagination.
- Use complete sentences with correct capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and spelling.
- Read your advertisement. Circle three words that may be misspelled. Use a print or online dictionary to check the spelling.

Transfer

Think of at least one more word that contains each suffix: **-ant**, **-ent**, **-ance**, and **-ence**. Write the words in your Spelling Journal. Circle the suffix in each word.

Word Study

Meaning Mastery

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effervescent
exuberant
eloquence

participant
abundance
evidence
competence
relevance
intelligence
postulant
extravagance
negligence

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observant
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proponent
prevalent
effervescence

Use words from the list above to complete these exercises.

Meaning Mastery

- 1–2. Write the words that contain the prefix **in-**, meaning “not.”
3. Write the word that can be a synonym for **significance**.
4. Write the word that can mean “secret information.”
- 5–6. Write the words that contain the Latin forms **per**, meaning “throughout,” and **manēre**, meaning “to remain.”

Word Building

Add **-ant** and **-ance** or **-ent** and **-ence** to each base word. Change the spelling when necessary.

- 7–8. attend
- 9–10. reside
- 11–12. signify
- 13–14. compete
- 15–16. observe
- 17–18. confide
- 19–20. abound

Science

Word Hunt

Read the passage below and look for words that contain the suffixes **-ant**, **-ent**, **-ance**, and **-ence**.

Red wolves were once prevalent throughout the southeastern United States. As more people took up residence in the wolves' habitat, the wolves were pushed out. By 1987, red wolves were declared extinct in the wild. The only red wolves still alive were in zoos or other wildlife park areas. Biologists knew they had to do something to restore the wolf population. They came up with a plan to breed the wolves in captivity and then release them into the wild. They hoped the released wolves would continue breeding.

When the first captive born wolves were ready to be released, biologists had a hard time finding a place to put them. Many people had negative ideas about wolves. Residents in family neighborhoods were afraid of them. Farmers thought they would kill their livestock. Finally, a permanent home was found. Alligator River National Wildlife Reserve in North Carolina was the perfect home for red wolves. It had an abundance of prey animals for the wolves to hunt. It was surrounded by water on three sides, making it inconvenient for wolves to wander off. Restoration began with four pairs of red wolves released in 1987.

Biologists didn't expect all the wolves to survive, but they were confident that some would. In the spring of 1988, the first wild pups were born. Biologists were jubilant. This was significant evidence that predators bred in captivity could thrive in the wild. More wolves were released later that year.

Today 100–120 red wolves call northeastern North Carolina home. This is the world's only wild population of red wolves.

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WORD SORT

1–2. Find and write the words with the suffix **-ant**.

3–7. Find and write the words with the suffix **-ent**.

8. Find and write the word with the suffix **-ance**.

9–10. Find and write the words with the suffix **-ence**.