

Word Endings — 'ably' and 'ibly'

Sometimes words ending in '-ably' and '-ibly' sound similar, but are spelt differently.

admirably

feasibly

Both the '-ably' and '-ibly' endings sound like 'ubly'.

1 Fill in the missing letter to finish each word correctly.

forgiv.....bly

respons.....bly

incred.....bly

favour.....bly

justifi.....bly

toler.....bly

regrett....bly

irresist.....bly

2 Draw lines from the word beginnings to the correct word endings.

accept-

vis-

miser-

terr-

applic-

-ably

-ibly

Write the completed words in the box.

3 Add the correct -ably or -ibly ending to each of these word beginnings.

reason- →

sens- →

horr- →

believ- →

ador- →

remark- →

4 Fill in the gaps in the sentences below using the correct words from the box.

comfortably / comfortibly understandably / understandably
legibly / legably

Not all the words in the box are spelt correctly.

Salman was sat on the sofa.

Richard was told to write more

After the car accident, Harriet was late for work.

5 Complete the words in these sentences using -ably or -ibly.

Fran is consider..... better at golf than Dwayne.

Calvin is imposs..... good at lying.

I was reli..... informed that Moscow is exceedingly cold in winter.

6 Add the correct -ably or -ibly ending to each of these word beginnings, then write the word in a sentence.

notice.....

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respect.....

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poss.....

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recognis.....

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