

Word Endings — 'ance', 'ancy' and 'ence', 'ency'

Sometimes words ending in '-ance', '-ancy', '-ence' and '-ency' sound **similar**, but are spelt **differently**.

observ**ance**

innoc**ence**

hesit**ancy**

dec**ency**

Both the '-ance' and '-ence' endings sound like 'unce'.

Both the '-ancy' and '-ency' endings sound like 'uncy'.

1 Put a tick in the boxes next to the words that are spelt correctly. Put a cross in the boxes next to the words that are spelt incorrectly.

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balance	<input type="checkbox"/>	substence	<input type="checkbox"/>	resistence	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write the correct spellings of the words you put a cross next to in the box below.

2 Complete the words in these sentences using -ance, -ancy, -ence and ency.

There is a big differ..... between winning and losing.

Visiting Africa and going on safari was a great experi.....

The frequ..... of car accidents has increased this year.

If you go on holiday you need to take out insur.....

Kalli ate a lot of gherkins during her pregn.....

Pounds, euros and dollars are all types of curr.....



3 Use the clues to work out each word ending in -ance or -ence.

how clever you are →

i	n	t													
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what you look like →

a	p	p									
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proof →

e	v							
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a subject at school →

s	c						
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something that gets in the way →

h	i	n							
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something that's annoying →

n	u	i						
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gadget →

a	p	p							
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4 Add a correct -ance, -ancy, -ence or -ency ending to each of these word beginnings, then write the word in a sentence.

dec.....

confid.....

inf.....

abs.....