

Word Endings

Complete the tables.

singular	plural	singular	plural
castle		dormitory	
engine		life	
box		watch	
dress		brush	
country		lady	

The most common way that we can make a word plural is by adding **-s**.

stripes visitors carriages

If the word ends in 's', 'ss', 'ch', 'sh', 'x' or 'z', add **-es**.

churches dishes foxes

If the word ends in 'f' or 'ff', change the 'f' or 'ff' to 'v' and add **-es**.

leaves knives calves

If the word ends in a consonant then the letter 'y', change the 'y' to 'i' and add **-es**.

bodies cities families

Explanation and Examples: Plurals

Word Search

Find 5 plural words in the grid and write them below.

b v k w b b m s s i
 f e v w p c e k w h
 e b a o i m b s k
 s i s u t r o a i q
 x a p r t c r b z w
 i i a p y i i a w
 j p m l f a e e e q
 d b z j s l s s v s
 p w x a u e w m y v
 x u x z s e o g s p

What rule do all these spellings follow?

opportunities

foundations

structures

materials

extremities

Look at the spelling word, cover it up and then try to write it yourself.

Look, Cover and Write

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dress	dresses	brush	brushes
country	countries	lady	ladies

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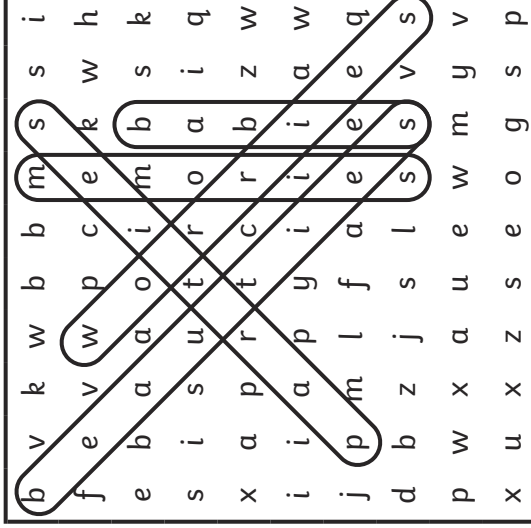
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worries
memories
parties
beauties

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root word	+ -ing	root word	+ -ing
build		raise	
interest		extinguish	
begin		rehearse	
hop		excite	
hope		gleam	

-ing is a suffix that can be added to a variety of nouns and verbs.

Most words can be modified by simply adding **-ing** and making no other changes.

fighting **sailing** **vanishing**

If the word ends in a short vowel sound and then a consonant, we need to double the last consonant before adding **-ing**.

skipping **swimming** **topping**

If the word ends in 'e', remove the 'e' before adding **-ing**.

moving **joking** **escaping**

Explanation and Examples

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Find 5 -ing words in the grid and write them below.

t o s d c n s r t w m
 a f l a h a u z t m a
 f b o f a v u f f k n
 x w p q n w l w d o a
 r f i k g k o r t r g
 n s v d i v i m k i
 y q y r n v i t h z n
 l r v l g m n i k b g
 p z h p x t g n d m e
 c h a l l e n g i n g

What rule do all these spellings follow?

climbing _____

spreading _____

sprawling _____

including _____

according _____

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a	h	a	u	z	t	t	m	a		
f	a	v	u	f	w	r	k	o	r	g
x	w	k	l	o	v	r	i	t	m	h
r	f	i	k	d	v	v	i	n	i	k
n	q	d	r	l	v	m	n	i	n	g
y	v	r	l	g	x	t	g	i	n	g
l	r	v	l	g	p	x	t	g	i	n
p	z	h	a	l	l	e	n	g		
c	h	a	l	e	n	g				

challenging
writing
managing
changing
loving

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Complete the tables.

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develop		echo	
occur		slip	
involve		require	
stop		finish	
disappear		carry	

-ed is a suffix that can be added to the end of verbs to make past tense verbs.

Many verbs can be put into the past tense by simply adding **-ed** and not changing anything else.

absorbed delivered designed

When the word ends in 'e', drop the 'e' and add **-ed**.

arrived injured replaced

When the word ends in a short vowel sound and one consonant, double the consonant before adding **-ed**.

grabbed stopped trapped

When the word ends in 'y' with a consonant before it, change the 'y' to an 'i' and add **-ed**.

occupied spied justified

Explanation and Examples

Word Search

Find 5 -ed words in the grid and write them below.

i l l u m i n a t e d
 w x u b r s x t j a e
 x o s t y d v d h f x
 p o b y j u d g e d c
 i t l r j k s h o r i
 r e l e a s e d c k t
 c e n t r e d u d r e
 y i c b o h p z r d
 k c x t c l p w h h o
 x e x b w x r h n h j

What rule do all these spellings follow?

remained _____

disguised _____

transformed _____

qualified _____

satisfied _____

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occur	occurred
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x	o	s	t	y	d	v	d	h	f	x
p	o	b	y	j	u	d	g	e	d	c
i	t	l	r	j	k	s	h	o	r	i
r	e	l	e	a	s	e	d	c	k	t
c	e	n	t	r	e	d	u	d	r	e
y	i	c	b	o	h	p	z	z	r	e
k	c	x	t	c	l	p	w	h	h	o
x	e	x	b	w	x	r	h	n	h	j

centred
excited
illuminated
judged
released

What rule do all these spellings follow?

The root word ended in e, so they all drop the 'e' and add -ed.

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Word Colours

Circle the /ss/ sound made by the letter c in these words.

Use the following colours:

c before e **c before i** **c before y**

notice	cyclist	emergency	excellence
licence	icing	silence	
acidic	civic	replace	

The letter c can make the sound /ss/ in certain words (such as certain!).

The letter **c** can make the sound /ss/ when it appears before the letter e.

racer certain excel

The letter **c** can make the sound /ss/ when it appears before the letter i.

citizen circle exciting

The letter **c** can make the sound /ss/ when it appears before the letter y.

bicycle fancy cyclone

Explanation and Examples

Word Search

Find 5 words where c makes the sound /ss/ in the grid and write them below.

c	l	e	h	h	w	j	o	h
d	e	c	i	d	e	h	c	d
h	s	h	n	g	v	d	i	n
o	c	f	u	p	d	d	n	y
a	p	f	o	m	t	d	e	g
v	c	i	r	c	l	e	m	s
o	t	m	b	c	m	a	p	c
n	o	e	x	c	i	t	e	c
k	e	b	i	n	c	i	t	e

What rule do all these spellings follow?

produce

necessary

centre

recycle

century

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a	p	f	o	m	t	d	e	g
v	c	i	r	c	l	e	m	s
o	t	m	b	m	c	m	a	p
n	o	e	x	c	i	t	e	c
k	e	b	i	n	c	i	t	e

- circle
- excite
- incite
- decide
- cinema

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The c is before the letter i and makes a /ss/ sound.

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Complete the tables.

root word	+ -ly	root word	+ -ly
general		cheery	
steady		ginger	
romantic		physical	
particular		magic	
high		gentle	

The suffix **-ly** is added to an adjective to form an adverb.

The suffix **-ly** starts with a consonant letter, so it is added straight on to most root words without any other changes.

actually frequently carefully

If the root word ends in **-y** with a consonant letter before it, the **y** is changed to **i**, but only if the root word has more than one syllable.

luckily merrily easily

If the root word ends with **-le**, the **-le** is changed to **-ly**.

simply humbly nobly

If the root word ends with **-ic**, **-ally** is added rather than just **-ly**, except in the word publicly.

basically dramatically frantically

Explanation and Examples

Word Search

Find 5 words with the suffix **-ly** in the grid, then write them below.

e s m o o t h l y u j
 o q b n d c v i m c t
 z a e q u a l l y g b
 i n t i o p q v t w
 f d c a i h g m w l u
 j v e x t r e m e l l y
 b e a u t i f u l l y
 p w p e r f e c t l y
 j o e u y l x u w v h
 r o t t d v l e n g w

What rule do all these spellings follow?

thoroughly

cautiously

approximately

daintily

poetically

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 b e a u t i f u l l y
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beautifully
 perfectly
 equally
 extremely
 smoothly

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Missing Letters

Add the letters **ei** or **ia** to these words.

l__r	rec__ve	carr__ges
n__ghbour	rad__tor	mater__l
d__meter	h__r	

The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to words where the sound spelt by **ei** is /ee/.

deceive receipt ceiling

Beware: there are many exceptions to this rule! Many words include the **ei** grapheme after letters other than **c**.

protein weird seize

The letters **ia** can be used to represent many different sounds.

special reliable piano

Explanation and Examples

Word Meanings

Unscramble these words and match them to their meanings.

DRAGMIA	a stimulant that helps you to feel alert
ACEFEINF	a place where people live
CAULPERI	another word for a pilot
NURIGHEHOODBO	a drawing or sketch to boost understanding
RATIOVA	a synonym for strange

deceived	ceiling	reliable
material	protein	

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Add the letters **-dge** or **kn-** to these words.

smu__d

__ight

__ock

ba__r

__owle__

__uckle

The letter **j** is never used for the /j/ sound at the end of English words.

At the end of a word, the /j/ sound is spelt **-dge** straight after a short vowel sound.

badge **bridge** **porridge**

The /j/ sound in the middle of a word is also sometimes spelt **-dge**.

judgement **dodgem** **trudged**

The /n/ sound is often represented by the letters **kn** at the beginning of a word.

know **kneel** **knit**

Explanation and Examples

Word Search

Find 5 **-dge** and **kn-** words in the grid, then write them down below.

t	s	j	g	t	c	e	h	y	l	h
t	s	y	w	o	g	o	z	t	t	i
x	j	b	p	d	x	q	j	o	w	t
c	z	k	u	q	j	o	h	j	e	g
p	z	f	n	j	e	c	q	g	b	m
p	m	r	n	e	v	k	d	f	k	f
u	t	f	x	g	e	u	n	u	n	p
e	o	k	p	o	b	c	y	d	o	z
s	o	k	n	o	w	n	a	d	t	l
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c	z	u	q	j	o	h	j	e	g	
p	z	n	j	e	c	q	g	b	m	
p	m	r	n	e	v	k	d	f	f	k
u	t	f	x	g	e	u	n	u	p	p
e	o	k	p	o	b	c	y	d	o	z
s	o	k	n	o	w	n	a	d	d	l
k	j	b	f	v	b	u	b	p	p	o

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known
kneecap
budget

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root word	-able	-ably
adore		
comfort		
consider		
reason		
enjoy		
depend		
agree		

Many words end in the suffix **-able/-ably** or **-ible/-ibly**. The **-able/-ably** endings are far more common than the **-ible/-ibly** endings. The **-able/-ably** ending is used if there is a related word ending in **-ation**.

If the **-able** ending is added to a word ending in **-ce** or **-ge**, the **e** after the **b** or **g** must be kept as those letters would otherwise have their 'hard' sounds (as in cap and gap) before the **a** of the **-able** ending.

changeable noticeable replaceable

If the **-able** ending is being added to a root word that ends in **y**, the **y** will need to be dropped and an **i** put in its place before **-able** is added.

reliable undeniable certifiable

The **-ible** ending is common if a complete root word can't be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word can be heard (e.g. sensible).

possible legible terrible

Explanation and Examples

Word Search

Find 5 adjectives using **-ible** in the grid, then write them down below.

t c a g v p b i s p
 g h d w i o j n e g
 s z s i s i c g x
 v e h l i s e r g f
 g d v w b i a e t e
 b i q n l b j d p m
 z q t q e l j i r e
 w b v k w e l b x v
 e h o r r i b l e q
 s e n s i b l e d r

Change the adjectives you found to adverbs, using the ending **-ibly**.

capable

irreplaceable

vegetable

undeniable

noticeable

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reason	reasonable	reasonably
enjoy	enjoyable	enjoyably
depend	dependable	dependably
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s	z	s	i	s	i	s	e	r	e	a	j	j	i	b	l	e	d	r	
v	e	h	l	i	s	e	r	e	t	e	p	r	e	x	v	q			
g	d	v	w	i	b	a	e	t	e										
b	i	q	n	l	b	j	d	p	m										
z	q	t	q	e	l	j	i	r	e										
w	b	v	k	w	e	l	b	x	v										
e	h	o	r	r	i	b	l	e	q										
s	e	n	s	i	b	l	e	d	r										

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- visible
- possible
- horrible
- incredible
- sensible
- visibly
- possibly
- horribly
- incredibly
- sensibly

capable _____

irreplaceable _____

vegetable _____

undeniable _____

noticeable _____

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Related Words

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word	related words	word	related words
abundant		tolerate	
expect		indulge	
decent		extravagant	
confide		signify	
endure		frequent	

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For example, hesitate has a long 'a' sound and is related to the word hesitation so it can become hesitant, hesitance or hesitancy.

dominate -> domination -> dominant -> dominance
important -> importance

Use **-ent, -ence** or **-ency** after the soft 'c', soft 'g' and 'qu'. Additionally, use these if there is an /e/ (like the 'e' in bed) in the right position in a related word. However, there are many words that don't follow this rule and have to be learnt individually.

innocent -> innocence
potent -> potency

Explanation and Examples

Word Search

Some words don't follow the rules and simply have to be learnt by memory. Find 3 in the grid and write them down.

c z g y n r l w q d o k
 f w b n q m h x z q b q
 o z v r f z y u i i e f
 m h n s h d n o r v d e
 f q e w k x y p w s i n
 k a z b z d r c b w e r
 l w x r i z p l r c n l
 a s s i s t a n c e t k
 i n d e p e n d e n c e

Can you think of a related word for each word that you found?

substance _____

frequency _____

intelligence _____

magnificence _____

admittance _____

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m	h	n	s	h	d	n	o	r	v	d	e
f	q	e	w	k	x	y	p	w	s	i	n
k	a	z	b	z	d	r	c	b	w	e	r
l	w	x	r	i	z	p	l	r	c	n	l
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i	n	d	e	p	e	n	d	e	n	c	e

independence
obedient
assistance

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_____	_____	_____

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Word Endings

Complete the table.

root word	+ -ion/-ian	root word	+ -ion/-ian
complete		intervene	
discuss		apprehend	
extend		hesitate	
electric		mathematics	
confuse		express	

The suffixes -ion and -ian can be used at the ends of some words to create nouns. Usually, -ion and -ian need other letters placed in front of them too. Clues about which letter to place before these suffixes often come from the last letter or letters of the root word.

We use the suffix **-tion** when the word ends in 't' or 'te'. Drop those and add **-tion**.

invention action protection
transmission confession admission

If the root word ends in 'd' or 'se', drop these and add **-sion**. There are some exceptions to this rule, including attention and intention.

expansion tension comprehension

If the root word ends in 'c' or 'cs', drop these and add **-cian**.

musician magician politician

Explanation and Examples

Word Search

Find 5 **-ion/-ian** words in the grid and write them down.

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o p t i c i a n w m l
g g q a a o e o a m b e
m y l c f q z e w r j
s o t a c t i c i a n x
d l h q x z d e s w m c
b q i y i s x k q e k u
s t a t i s t i c i a n
n s x i q x y w t r c
k r p m a g i c i a n i

Which rule do these words follow?

generation

destination

caution

collection

foundation

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b q i y i s x k q e k u
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k r p m a g i c i a n

magician
physician
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Complete the table by writing a related word to the root word which includes **-cious/-cial** or **-tious/-tial**.

root word	related words	root word	related words
space		influence	
confidence		substance	
resident		infection	
nutrition		malice	
benefit		essence	

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Often, if the root word ends in 'ce', the 'ce' is dropped and the suffix **-cious** is added. However, this is not always the case.

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Otherwise, **-tious** can be added. It is common for these words to be related to words ending in **-tion**.

ambitious **cautious** **fictitious**

The **-cial** ending is common after a vowel letter.

official **special** **artificial**

The **-tial** ending is common after a consonant letter.

partial **confidential** **essential**

Explanation and Examples

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 c o n t r o v e r s i a l
 f e r o c i o u s k j n y
 c f o h g d i n i t i a l
 r u m c f i n a n c i a l
 o t z g u t d j f d k l a
 q v v j w j v k f j l h l
 u e i w t u c h g l f p q
 i q w l x l x m p a d g g

precious _____

sequential _____

special _____

circumstantial _____

confidential _____

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 q v v j w j v k f j l h l
 u e i w t u c h g l f p q
 i q w l x l x m p a d g g

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financial

commercial

controversial

ferocious

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Sound Searcher

Write down the sound that -ough represents in each word.

word	sound	word	sound
nought		hiccough	
doughnut		furlough	
through		trough	
borough		thoughtful	
cough		wrought	

The **-ough** letter string can make lots of different sounds. Here are a few examples.

The **-ough** string makes the **/aw/** sound in words such as:

bought **thought** **brought**

It makes the **/ou/** sound in:

plough **bough** **drought**

It makes the **/oh/** sound in:

dough **though** **although**

It makes the **/uff/** sound in:

rough **tough** **enough**

And that's not all. It can also make sounds such as **/oo/**, **/uh/**, **/off/** and even **/up/**!

Explanation and Examples

Word Scramble

Unscramble these words and match them to their meanings.

- GOTH HOUR
- AKEBURGH THOR
- GOURTHW RION
- ALPOHUGNIM
- HACSUBROGER

- a type of metal that can be beaten into shape
- a person who uses a plough
- a town in north-east England
- a sudden and important development
- to do something completely and with care

borough

thoroughfare

thoughtless

ploughing

afterthought

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