

Lesson 19: Unstressed Endings

Each Spelling Word ends with an unstressed syllable. Study the words in the list, and notice how the final syllable of each word is spelled.

Sort the Spelling Words into four groups, according to their endings. Categories have been given for three groups. Fill in the category head for the fourth group as you are sorting.

-ANT	-ENT

-ANCE	

Some words have similar unstressed endings. These endings may be spelled *-ant* or *-ent*; *-ance* or *-ence*.

Spelling Words

1. *attendance*
2. *constant*
3. *brilliant*
4. *substance*
5. *existence*
6. *incident*
7. *frequent*
8. *endurance*
9. *balance*
10. *intelligent*
11. *influence*
12. *reluctant*
13. *magnificent*
14. *experience*
15. *confidence*
16. *elegant*

Your Own Words

Look for other words with unstressed endings to add to the lists. You might read *incident* and *confidence* in a business letter. You might write *tolerance* and *defiant* in a short story of your own.

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

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Spelling Clues: Comparing Possible Spellings When you are unsure of a word’s spelling, write down your best spelling guesses. Compare the possible spellings, and see whether one looks right to you. If you are still not sure, use a dictionary or a glossary to find the correct spelling.

Look at the two possible spellings. Write the correct spelling of each Spelling Word.

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| 1. attendance | attendence | 4. substance | substence |
| 2. elegant | elegent | 5. existence | existance |
| 3. brilliant | brilliant | 6. incidant | incident |

Proofreading 7–12. Proofread the letter below. Circle the misspelled words. Then write the words correctly on the lines.

Hi, Theo!

What a terrific trip we’re having! We make frequent stops, and we’ve been lucky to meet some fascinating people. Yesterday we chatted with a dogsled racer who told us some amazing things about the sport. The dogs—and the sledder—must have incredible endurance. This racer works very hard to balence the dogs on each team. The dogs have to be very intellegent and motivated, since a single dog with a “bad attitude” can infulence the entire team. The man was reluctant to discuss his own races, but we heard later that he is a local champion.

*See you in a few more weeks,
Brad*

Fun with Words Write Spelling Words to replace 13–16.



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