

HOMEWORK

Name: _____ Date: _____

Suffix or word ending 'ant'

The word endings 'ant' and 'ent' can sound the same and are often confused.

- **Vowels** (a, e, i, o, u) can make a **short sound** ('a' as in 'tap') or a **long sound** ('a' as in 'tape').
- A **suffix** is a letter or letters added to the end of a word to make another word.
- **Nouns** are naming words (boy, dog, chair). **Verbs** are doing or action words (run, jump, shout).
- **Adjectives** are describing words (tall, thin, old).
- The letter 'c' can be hard (cat) or soft (cell). The letter 'g' can be hard (get) or soft (gent).

<i>(list 5:3)</i>	Practise 1 <i>(copy into space)</i>	Practise 2 <i>(fold and hide)</i>	Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i>
Spelling tip:	<i>If the suffix follows a hard 'c' or 'g' it is 'ant'.</i>		
<i>vacant</i>			
<i>elegant</i>			
<i>significant</i>			
<i>arrogant</i>			
<i>lubricant</i>			

Spelling tip:	<i>Words derived from verbs ending 'y' use the suffix 'ant' (apply - applicant).</i>		
<i>applicant</i> <i>(root verb - apply)</i>			
<i>defiant</i> <i>(root verb - defy)</i>			
<i>compliant</i> <i>(root verb - comply)</i>			
<i>occupant</i> <i>(root verb - occupy)</i>			
<i>reliant</i> <i>(root verb - rely)</i>			

Spelling tip:	<i>If there is a related word with a 'long a' in the same place use 'ant' ('ation' endings are a clue).</i>		
<i>observant</i> <i>(observation)</i>			
<i>expectant</i> <i>(expectation)</i>			
<i>hesitant</i> <i>(hesitation)</i>			
<i>tolerant</i> <i>(toleration)</i>			
<i>dominant</i> <i>(domination)</i>			

Common Exception Words

These words have unusual or uncommon letter combinations. We must learn to recognise and spell each of them in their own right.

according

committee

develop

equipment

forty