

# HOMEWORK

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## Suffix or word ending 'ance'

The word endings 'ance' and 'ence' 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 5:5)</i>	<b>Practise 1</b> <i>(copy into space)</i>	<b>Practise 2</b> <i>(fold and hide)</i>	<b>Can spell word</b> <i>(check and correct)</i>
Spelling tip:	<i>If the suffix follows a hard 'c' or 'g' it is 'ance'. There are not many of these words.</i>		
<i>elegance</i>			
<i>significance</i>			
<i>insignificance</i>			
<i>arrogance</i>			
<i>extravagance</i>			

Spelling tip:	<i>Words derived from verbs ending 'y' use the suffix 'ance'. (Note the 'y' changes to 'i')</i>		
<i>alliance</i> <i>(ally)</i>			
<i>appliance</i> <i>(apply)</i>			
<i>defiance</i> <i>(defy)</i>			
<i>compliance</i> <i>(comply)</i>			
<i>reliance</i> <i>(rely)</i>			

Spelling tip:	<i>If there is a related word with a 'long a' in the same place use 'ance' ('ation' endings are often a clue).</i>		
<i>observance</i> <i>(observation)</i>			
<i>expectance</i> <i>(expectation)</i>			
<i>hesitance</i> <i>(hesitation)</i>			
<i>tolerance</i> <i>(toleration)</i>			
<i>dominance</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.

amateur

community

disastrous

especially

government