Word Endings — The 'shus' Sound



Starburst

When it comes at the end of words, the 'shus' sound can be spelt in different ways.

luscious infectious noxious

If the root word ends in '-ce', the 'shus' sound is usually spelt '-cious'.

grace → gracious

1 Fill in the missing letter to finish each word correctly.

deli.....ious overambi.....ious obno.....ious infec.....ious

ficti.....ious mali.....ious unconten.....ious viva.....ious

2 Draw lines from the word beginnings to the correct word endings.

an-
ungra-
cau-
conscien-
atro-
no-

-tious
-xious
-cious

Write the completed words in the box.

3 Write each of these words with the correct 'shus' ending.

cons- → .....

preten- → .....

scrump- → .....

ambi- → .....

spa- → .....

lus- → .....

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4 Fill in the gaps in the sentences below using the correct words from the box.

ambitious / ambicious	pretious / precious	gratious/gracious

Karen's teddy bear is very ..... to her.

Andy is very ..... — he wants to win.

Good ....., we almost ran over a cat!

Not all the words in the box are spelt correctly.

5 Complete the words in these sentences using -cious or -tious.

Lisa's dog likes to bite people — he's very fero.....

My mum never walks under ladders because she's supersti.....

Fruit is healthy and nutri.....

Not all diseases can spread to others — some are non-infec.....

A coconut hit Tarrick on the head and knocked him uncons.....

Mark's pasta bake is deli.....

The idea of abolishing school uniform is a conten..... issue.

6 Add the correct 'shus' ending to each of these word beginnings, then write the word in a sentence.



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Word Endings — The 'shul' Sound



mars

When it comes at the end of words, the 'shul' sound can be spelt in different ways.

Be careful — not all 'shul' words follow these rules.

special ← The '-cial' spelling is common after a vowel.

martial ← The '-tial' spelling is common after a consonant.

1 **Circle the correct spelling of each word to complete the sentences below.**

Flour is an essential / essencial ingredient for baking bread.

The teacher didn't give any pupil preferential / preferencial treatment.

Mobeen is going on a residencial / residential trip to the Lake District.

Karen is partial / parcial to pickle and cucumber sandwiches.

Giving her your toys was a sacrificial / sacrifitial gesture.

2 **Underline the words below that are spelt incorrectly. Then write the correct spellings on the dotted lines.**

spacial crutial .....

antisotial glacial fatial .....

official beneficial .....

presidencial .....

3 **Add the correct 'shul' ending to each of these word beginnings.**

confiden- ..... so- ..... influen- .....

artifi- ..... impar- ..... unsubstan- .....

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4 Complete the words in these sentences using -cial or -tial.

The cupcake sale made a substan..... loss.

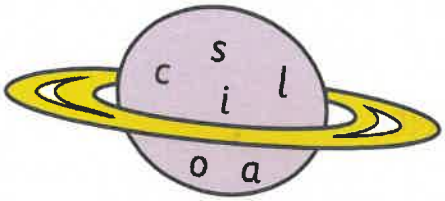
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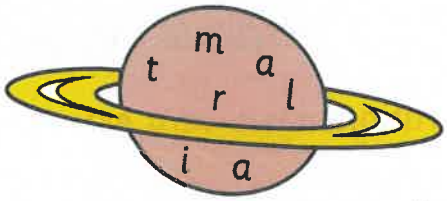
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Bank managers are experts in finan..... matters.

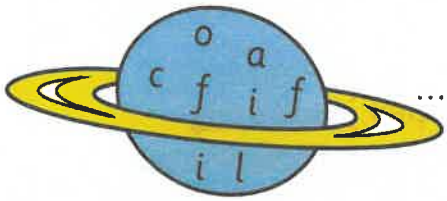
5 Sort the letters below into the right order to spell a word with a 'shul' ending.



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6 Add the correct 'shul' ending to each of these word beginnings, then write the word in a sentence.

Take a look at the advice on page 76 if you get stuck.

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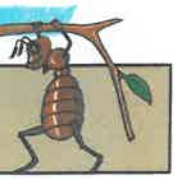
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starmix

Word Endings — 'ant' and 'ent'



Sometimes words ending in '-ant' or '-ent' sound similar, but are spelt differently.

assistant

apparent

Both the '-ant' and '-ent' endings sound like 'unt'.

1 **Circle the correct spelling of each word to complete the sentences below.**

Fern has bought a new apartment / apartmant in London.

Luis is a native inhabitant / inhabitent of Venezuela.

The celebrations were very extravagant / extravagent.

This pen is a permanant / permanent marker.

2 **Circle the words below that are spelt incorrectly. Then write the correct spellings on the dotted lines.**

comment hesitent .....

accidant distant instrument .....

vacent .....

decent relevent .....

innocent .....

3 **Write each of these words with the correct -ent or -ant ending.**

arrog- → ..... sil- → .....

pres- → ..... leni- → .....

evid- → ..... brilli- → .....

observ- → ..... toler- → .....

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4 Complete the words in these sentences using -ent or -ant.

The footballer had an argum..... with the referee.

The Prime Minister makes frequ..... trips abroad.

The expect..... crowd waited for the band to arrive.

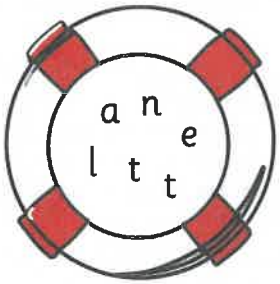
Julie wore an eleg..... dress to the ball last Thursday.

We saw an obedi..... eleph..... at the zoo.

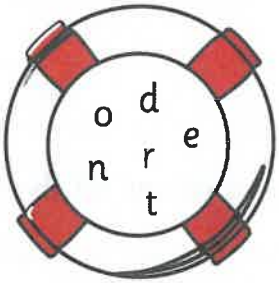
The team were confid..... they would win the match.

Charlie's hairstyle is very differ.....

5 Sort the letters below into the right order to spell a word ending in -ant or -ent.



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6 Circle the words that you can add -ent to the end of. Write one sentence that includes both words you've circled.

comm- vac- independ- account-

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Milky Way + Flying

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

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

observance innocence hesitancy decency

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.

patiance	☐	obedience	☐	tolerence	☐
balance	☐	substence	☐	resistence	☐

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.....



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

how clever you are → i n t

what you look like → a p p

proof → e v

a subject at school → s c

something that gets in the way → h i n

something that's annoying → n u i

gadget → a p p

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

dec.....

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confid.....

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inf.....

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abs.....

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Galaxy

Word Endings — 'able' and 'ible'



Sometimes words ending in '-able' and '-ible' sound similar, but are spelt differently. dependable incredible

The '-able' ending is usually used when a complete root word can be heard before it. reliable — In 'reliable', you can hear the complete root word 'rely'.

The '-ible' ending is usually used when a complete root word can't be heard before it. visible — In 'visible', 'vis' is not a complete root word.

1 **Circle the words that are spelt incorrectly. Write the correct spellings in the box.**

debatible	applicable	possable	noticeible
adjustable	justifiible	fashionible	questionable

2 **Circle the correct spelling of each of the words in the sentences below.**

My new sofa is really comfortable / comfortible.

I can't rely on Anette because she's irresponsable / irresponsible.

3 **Add -able or -ible to spell the words below correctly. Then write the words out in full.**

consider- + ... → .....

forc- + ... → .....

reason- + ... → .....

toler- + ... → .....

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4 **Some of the words in this passage are spelt incorrectly. Circle the incorrect words and write the correct versions in the box below.**

It was really noticeable that I'd burnt the cake because it turned black — I'm a terrable baker! I did try to follow the recipe, but the instructions weren't understandible. I find baking enjoyable, but it's no good if I can't make anything edable.

Tip: Jot down any words you find difficult in a vocabulary book and try to learn a few words a day.

5 **Read the clues below, then complete the words.**

All the words will end in -able or -ible.

Clue	Word
if you can't see something, it's...	in.....
if something doesn't stay the same, it's...	chan.....
if something is very cute, it's...	ad.....
if a story sounds like it's true, it's...	bel.....
if something is not very nice, it's...	hor.....
if something can't happen, it's...	imp.....
if something is likely to happen, it's...	pro.....
if something is worth a lot of money, it's...	val.....

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