

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

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

ambulance

residence

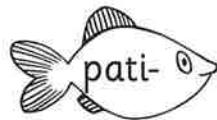
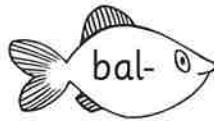
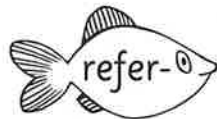
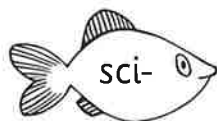
tenancy

agency

Both the '-ance' and '-ence' endings sound like 'unce'.

Both the '-ancy' and '-ency' endings sound like 'uncy'.

1 Draw lines from the word **beginnings** to the correct word **endings**.



Write the **completed** words in the box.

-ance

-ence

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

Will didn't even have the decancy / decency to tell me he wasn't coming.

Paul has a high resistance / resistence to coughs and colds.

There was no evidance / evidence that the man committed the crime.

TV can have a negative influance / influence on young viewers.

Navid completed the task with great efficiancy / efficiency.

There was great urgancy / urgency to repair the church roof.

The pupils' reliance / relience on spellcheckers worried the teacher.

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

independ- + →

intellig- + →

subst- + →

experi- + →

4 Complete the words in these sentences using **-ancy** or **-ency**.

Huckleberry High School has a vac..... for a new head teacher.

In an emerg....., leave by the nearest exit.

Dogs can detect high frequ..... sounds.

During her pregn....., Helen's baby kicked a lot.

Some people think women have a higher life expect..... than men.



5 Read the **clues**, then choose the **correctly** spelt word from the box.

guidance performance fragrance currency currancy
fragrance absorbancy guidance absorbency performance

a play or a concert →

money →

a nice smell →

how much water a sponge can soak up →

help →