


Spelling Activities


The suffixes, **-ant**, **-ance** or **-ancy** can often be added to the same root.

Examples:




The man was **hesitant**.

He **hesitates** for a moment.



His **hesitance** cost him vital seconds,

His **hesitancy** was costly.



1.

Write out and match the word families. An example has been done for you.

a) observant	hesitate	observance
b) expectant	expectation	hesitation
c) hesitant	observation	tolerance
d) tolerant	substantial	expectancy
e) substance	tolerate	substantially

2. Copy and complete the table below, and replace the **-ant** endings with **-ancy** endings.

-ant ending	-ancy ending
expectant	
hesitant	
flamboyant	
reluctant	

3. Copy and complete the table with the correct **-ance** endings.

-ancy ending	-ance ending
hesitancy	
relevancy	
expectancy	
flamboyancy	

4. Read the sentences below and choose the best word to add. Each word will need changing to its correct form. Use a dictionary to help you.

flamboyancy

expect

hesitate

observe

- a) The _____ mother was preparing for her new baby.
- b) They were very _____ to spot that the painting was a fake.
- c) He was _____ because he did not know what lay beyond.
- d) The band wore very _____ clothes.

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Answers

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2.

-ant ending	-ancy ending
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hesitant	hesitancy
flamboyant	flamboyancy
reluctant	reluctancy

3.

-ancy ending	-ance ending
hesitancy	hesitance
relevancy	relevance
expectancy	expectance
flamboyancy	flamboyance

4.

- The **expectant** mother was preparing for her new baby.
- They were very **observant** to spot that the painting was a fake.
- He was **hesitant** because he did not know what lay beyond.
- The band wore very **flamboyant** clothes.