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| **List #9: The Endings -ance and -ence** | |

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| 1. performance |
| 1. intelligence |
| 1. essence |
| 1. entrance |
| 1. silence |
| 1. alliance |
| 1. absence |
| 1. violence |
| 1. allowance |
| 1. instance |
| 1. perseverance |
| 1. influence |
| 1. importance |
| 1. endurance |
| 1. alliance |
| 1. elegance |
| 1. tolerance |
| 1. grievance |
| 1. reverence |
| 1. coincidence |

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| **Challenge Words:** |

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| **resemblance** |
| **significance** |
| **nuisance** |
| **adolescence** |
| **convenience** |

**About this week’s list:**

The common word endings *-ance* and *-ence* are used to make nouns from verbs (such as *performance* from *perform*) and to make nouns from adjectives (such as *intelligence* from i*ntelligent*). The endings can be tricky to sound out because both *-ance* and *-ence* are pronounced the same. A good trick to remember is this: if the word is formed from a verb that ends in *-y, -ure*, or *-ear* or the main part of the word ends with a hard *c* or *g* sound, the ending will be spelled *-ance* (Examples *ally* becomes *alliance*, *endure* becomes *endurance*, and *elegance* (*-eleg* has a hard *g)*). If the word is formed from a verb that ends in *-ere* or the main part of the word ends with a soft *c* or *g* sound, the word will be spelled with *-ence* (Examples: *revere* become *reverence* and *adolescence* (*adolesc-* has a soft *c*)

Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. Keep your eye out for words that don’t follow these patterns (Hint: word #11 on your list doesn’t follow the pattern).