

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ACTIVITY SHEET
SUFFIXES- 'ance' and 'ence'
STANDARD FOUR

Curriculum Topic: Suffixes

Teaching Point:

The **suffix -ance or -ence** both mean 'state or condition of being'. They are used to make nouns from verbs or nouns from adjectives. There some are guidelines to know when to use one or the other.

Ending /Letter	Rule	Example
-y	Change the 'y' to 'i' then add -ance	Ally- alliance
-ure	Drop the final 'e' then add -ance	Endure- endurance
-ear	Use -ance	Appear- appearance
If the root word has a hard 'c' or a hard 'g'	Use -ance	Accept- acceptance Ignore- ignorance
-ate or -ant	Use -ance	Dominate-dominance Important-importance
-ere	Use -ence	Adhere- adherence N.B. Perseverance is an exception
-ent	Use -ence	Innocent-innocence

Use guidelines from the table to help you to complete the following activity.

Activity 1

There are underlined words in each sentence. Fill in the blank spaces with 'a' or 'e' to correctly spell the added suffix '-ance' or '-ence'.

1. Although I was still ill, I returned to school after an abs-nce of three days.
2. We walked a far dist-nce to get to the cabin that was hidden in the forest.
3. The light was so bright that its brilli-nce started to hurt my eyes.
4. It is sometimes difficult to tell the differ-nce between identical twins.
5. Miss Maraj was strict; she had no toler-nce for jokes in her class.
6. Anna will run the race if she gets medical clear-nce from her doctor.
7. A short in the electrical appli-nce caused the fire.
8. 'I don't want any interfer-nce from you!', shouted Zanim at his brother.
9. Teenagers need love, patience and reassur-nce from their parents.
10. Children often look to their teachers or parents for guid-nce.

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Activity 2

Match the words in column A to their correct meaning in Column B. Draw a line to match the word to its correct meaning. Feel free to use your dictionary, if required.

Column A	Column B
1. Defiance	a. Freedom from being ruled by another country
2. Ignorance	b. The way that someone or something looks
3. Appearance	c. The capacity to accept delay or problems
4. Reverence	d. Lack of knowledge or information
5. Acceptance	e. Capacity to last long
6. Independence	f. Open resistance or bold disobedience
7. Endurance	g. The determination to do something even though it is difficult or someone opposes it
8. Persistence	h. The action of consenting to receive something offered
9. Patience	i. Deep respect for something or someone
10. Adherence	j. Sticking to something or a particular view

Activity 3

Fill in the blank spaces with the correct word from the table above. Pay attention to the meanings before you insert the words.

He showed great ----- as he waited to thank the person who was kind to him at the interview session. His new ----- meant that he was free to move to another city. However, he had to change his ----- in order to fit into the new job. He decided to revise the notes and brochures to remove any ----- about the business he would be doing. One thing he learnt was that in order to succeed you must show ----- in spite of challenges. Max knew that he was rewarded for the ----- he showed to elders who helped him along the way. His ----- of the new position came as a surprise to his mother who thought he would never leave the country life. She was happy for him and knew that once he showed ----- to his beliefs, he would do well in the new town and his new life.

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ANSWER KEY

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1-f

2-d

3-b

4-i

5-h

6-a

7-e

8-g

9-c

10-j

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