

Suffixes -able, -ible, -ant, -ent



SPELLING FOCUS

When suffixes **-able**, **-ible**, **-ant**, and **-ent** are added, often the base word stays the same: **comfortable**. In most words that end in **e**, the **e** is dropped: **sensible**. In most words that end in **y**, **y** is changed to **i**: **defiant**.

■ **STUDY** Notice what happens to each base word.

- comfort + able = 1. *comfortable*
- reason + able = 2. *reasonable*
- wash + able = 3. *washable*
- response + ible = 4. *responsible*
- sense + ible = 5. *sensible*
- contest + ant = 6. *contestant*
- defy + ant = 7. *defiant*
- serve + ant = 8. *servant*
- study + ent = 9. *student*
- reside + ent = 10. *resident*

- agree + able = 11. *agreeable*
- value + able = 12. *valuable*
- convert + ible = 13. *convertible*
- flex + ible = 14. *flexible*
- reverse + ible = 15. *reversible*
- observe + ant = 16. *observant*
- occupy + ant = 17. *occupant*
- urge + ent = 18. *urgent*
- confide + ent = 19. *confident*
- oppose + ent = 20. *opponent*

CHALLENGE!

knowledgeable
 biodegradable
 collapsible
 participant
 correspondent

- **PRACTICE** Sort the list by writing
- seven words, each having no spelling change when a suffix is added
 - thirteen words, each with a spelling change

■ **WRITE** Choose ten words to write in sentences.