

HOMEWORK

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Suffix 'able', 'ible'

The word endings 'able' and 'ible' can sound similar and are often confused.

- A **suffix** is a letter or letters added to the end of a word to make another word.
- The suffixes 'able/ible' mean 'able to' or 'capable of' and form adjectives from verbs.
- The suffix 'able' is much more common than 'ible'.
- **Verbs** are doing or action words (run, jump, shout).
- **Adjectives** are describing words (tall, thin, old).

<i>(list 5:9)</i>	Practise 1 <i>(copy into space)</i>	Practise 2 <i>(fold and hide)</i>	Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i>
Spelling tip:	<i>If the root word ends in 'e' it is often dropped before adding the suffix 'able' (adore/adorable).</i>		
<i>valuable</i>			
<i>desirable</i>			
<i>advisable</i>			
<i>deplorable</i>			
<i>curable</i>			

Spelling tip:	<i>The suffix 'able' often leaves a recognisable root when dropped (comfortable/comfort).</i>		
<i>attainable</i>			
<i>agreeable</i>			
<i>fixable</i>			
<i>comfortable</i>			
<i>adjustable</i>			

Spelling tip:	<i>'ible' is much less common than 'able'. Dropping the suffix often only leaves a stem (visible/vis).</i>		
<i>fallible</i>			
<i>sensible</i>			
<i>visible</i>			
<i>possible</i>			
<i>gullible</i>			