

Word Endings

root word	-able	-ably
adore		
comfort		
consider		
reason		
enjoy		
depend		
agree		

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changeable noticeable replaceable

If the **-able** ending is being added to a root word that ends in **y**, the **y** will need to be dropped and an **i** put in its place before **-able** is added.

reliable undeniable certifiable

The **-ible** ending is common if a complete root word can't be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word can be heard (e.g. sensible).

possible legible terrible

Explanation and Examples

Word Search

Find 5 adjectives using **-ible** in the grid, then write them down below.

t	c	a	g	v	p	b	i	s	p
g	h	d	w	i	o	j	n	e	g
s	z	s	i	s	i	c	g	x	
v	e	h	l	i	s	e	r	g	f
g	d	v	w	b	i	a	e	t	e
b	i	q	n	l	b	j	d	p	m
z	q	t	q	e	l	j	i	r	e
w	b	v	k	w	e	l	b	x	v
e	h	o	r	i	b	l	e	q	
s	e	n	s	i	b	l	e	d	r

Change the adjectives you found to adverbs, using the ending **-ibly**.

capable

irreplaceable

vegetable

undeniable

noticeable

Look at the spelling word, cover it up and then try to write it yourself.

Look, Cover and Write

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consider	considerable	considerably
reason	reasonable	reasonably
enjoy	enjoyable	enjoyably
depend	dependable	dependably
agree	agreeable	agreeably

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z	q	t	q	e	l	j	i	r	e
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visible
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horrible
incredible
sensible
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horribly
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