

# Spelling Power

## Lesson 14: The Suffixes *-ance* and *-ence*

### Word Bank

brilliance	excellence	assurance	prudence	consequence
eloquence	attendance	independence	significance	alliance

### Key Concepts

The suffixes *-ance* and *-ence* mark nouns. These suffixes may mean “act of” or “state of.”

- The suffixes *-ance* and *-ence* usually sound the same, so you need to memorize the spellings of *ance* and *ence* words.  
*avoidance*     *difference*
- When adding *-ance* or *-ence*, drop the word root’s final silent *e*. *guide* + *ance* = *guidance*
- When the word root ends in a consonant plus *y*, change the *y* to *i*. *defy* + *ance* = *defiance*

### Spelling Practice

- Which word combines *assure* + *ance*? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which word combines *ally* + *ance*? \_\_\_\_\_

### List the other words from the Word Bank that end with *-ance*.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### List the words from the Word Bank that end with *-ence*.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Spelling in Context

#### Write the word from the Word Bank that best completes each sentence.

- Lee has perfect \_\_\_\_\_ in her aikido classes.
- She practices hard to achieve \_\_\_\_\_.
- Her \_\_\_\_\_ grows with each competition she enters.
- Aikido stresses balance, \_\_\_\_\_, and self-control.
- Lee finds that aikido strengthens her poise and \_\_\_\_\_.

**LESSON 14 continued**

**Proofreading Practice**

Read the paragraph below. Find the five misspelled words and circle them. Then, on the numbered lines, write the correct spelling for each circled word.

The African storyteller, or *griot*, recited the epic with eloquence. The story told of the brilliance of Sundiata Keita, king of old Mali. In 1235, Sundiata conquered the first of several neighboring nations. The significance of his victory was far-reaching. He gradually forged a broad allyance that became an empire. As a consequence, the rich culture of Mali flourished for centuries.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Spelling Application**

Listed below are five more words that reflect the Key Concepts you have learned.

acceptance      arrogance      intelligence      radiance      reliance

On the lines below, fill in the antonym for each word given. You may check a dictionary for help.

- 1. refusal      \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. dullness      \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. foolishness      \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. mistrust      \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. humility      \_\_\_\_\_