

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the word in **CAPITALS**.

1	In order to get elected, Robinson formed a number of _____ with politicians from other parties.	<b>ALLY</b>
2	Mark's _____ at his father's funeral was caused by his baby's illness not their long-lasting conflict.	<b>ABSENT</b>
3	In many countries tweens and teens are given _____ in order to teach them about the importance of money.	<b>ALLOW</b>
4	Patients don't realise that the _____ to the treatment regime is often 60% of a successful therapy.	<b>ADHERE</b>
5	Lance Armstrong showed extreme _____ in his last race.	<b>ENDURE</b>
6	Even though it might sometimes be hard teacher should try to hide any possible _____ they might have regarding their students.	<b>PREFER</b>
7	In this poem the _____ of the child is a metaphor for the political situation in Brazil at the time.	<b>INNOCENT</b>
8	My husband and I went through a rough patch last year and had to resolve a number of _____ in order to move forward with our marriage.	<b>DIFFERENT</b>
9	Teachers often doubt Tim's musical skills but his _____ in learning the violin is truly commendable.	<b>PERSEVERE</b>
10	Isn't it sad how many people still believe that keeping up _____ is actually a legitimate and healthy way to live your life?	<b>APPEAR</b>
11	Rufus rented his flat close to the underground station mainly because of its _____ not the views.	<b>CONVENIENT</b>
12	Chuck's mother keeps buying him numerous kitchen _____ even though he barely spends any time at home, not to mention cooks.	<b>APPLY</b>
13	The _____ of this neighbourhood stood in stark contrast to the slum right across the train tracks.	<b>AFFLUENT</b>
14	The First Lady's _____ and grace were admired during each press conference she held in the White House.	<b>ELEGANT</b>
15	Thanks to his perfect _____ Mary got a special prize at the end of the last school year.	<b>ATTEND</b>

16	I bumped into Sheryl in the street last night which was quite a _____ given we live in two different parts of town!	<b>COINCIDE</b>
17	When I was a child, my father warned me not to underestimate the _____ of having friendly neighbours.	<b>SIGNIFICANT</b>
18	An ominous _____ fell across the classroom as Mrs. Blackwell made her way to her desk and picked up a long ruler she used to punish students.	<b>SILENT</b>
19	People believing in the _____ of aliens have been called freaks for decades now but I can't completely discredit their opinions.	<b>EXIST</b>
20	Are you sure Toby and Lorna are related? I can barely see any _____ between them.	<b>RESEMBLE</b>

### Complete the rules about using **-ence / -ance** suffixes

If the word is formed from a verb that ends in *-y*, *-ure*, or *-ear*, then the ending will be spelled \_\_\_\_\_.

Examples:

If the word is formed from a verb ending in *-ere*, then the ending will be spelled \_\_\_\_\_.

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Exception:

If the main part of the word (i.e. the bit before the ending) ends in a 'hard' *c* (pronounced like the *c* in *cab*) or a 'hard' *g* (pronounced like the *g* in *game*), then the ending will be spelled \_\_\_\_\_.

Examples:

If the word is formed from an adjective ending in *-ent* the ending will be spelled \_\_\_\_\_.

Examples:

## ANSWER KEY

1	<b>ALLIANCES</b>
2	<b>ABSENCE</b>
3	<b>ALLOWANCE</b>
4	<b>ADHERENCE</b>
5	<b>ENDURANCE</b>
6	<b>PREFERENCE</b>
7	<b>INNOCENCE</b>
8	<b>DIFFERENCES</b>
9	<b>PERSEVERANCE</b>
10	<b>APPEARANCES</b>
11	<b>CONVENIENCE</b>
12	<b>APPLIANCES</b>
13	<b>AFFLUENCE</b>
14	<b>ELEGANCE</b>
15	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
16	<b>COINCIDENCE</b>
17	<b>SIGNIFICANCE</b>
18	<b>SILENCE</b>
19	<b>EXISTENCE</b>
20	<b>RESEMBLANCE</b>

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Examples: ENDURANCE, APPEARANCE, ALLIANCE

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Examples: PREFERENCE, ADHERENCE

Exception: PERSEVERANCE

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Examples: ELEGANCE, SIGNIFICANCE

If the word is formed from an adjective ending in *-ent* the ending will be spelled    -*ENCE*      .

Examples: DIFFERENCE, CONVENIENCE, INNOCENCE