

**Turning -ant  
adjectives  
into -ancy  
-ance nouns**



Many adjectives in the English language end in the same sound made with either **-ant** or **-ent**.



It is often tricky to decide which ending to use when you are spelling them...

e.g. is it **observant** or **observent**?

A good rule to follow is if the root word can be given an **-ation** ending then it will usually end in **-ant**.



observation

observant

Working with a partner, can you write a sentence about the long-eared owl that contains the adjective 'observant'?

So if the root word can be given an –ation ending, then it will usually end in **–ant** (and not –ent).



Here are some more example words that follow the same rule:

**toleration**

**tolerant**

**hesitation**

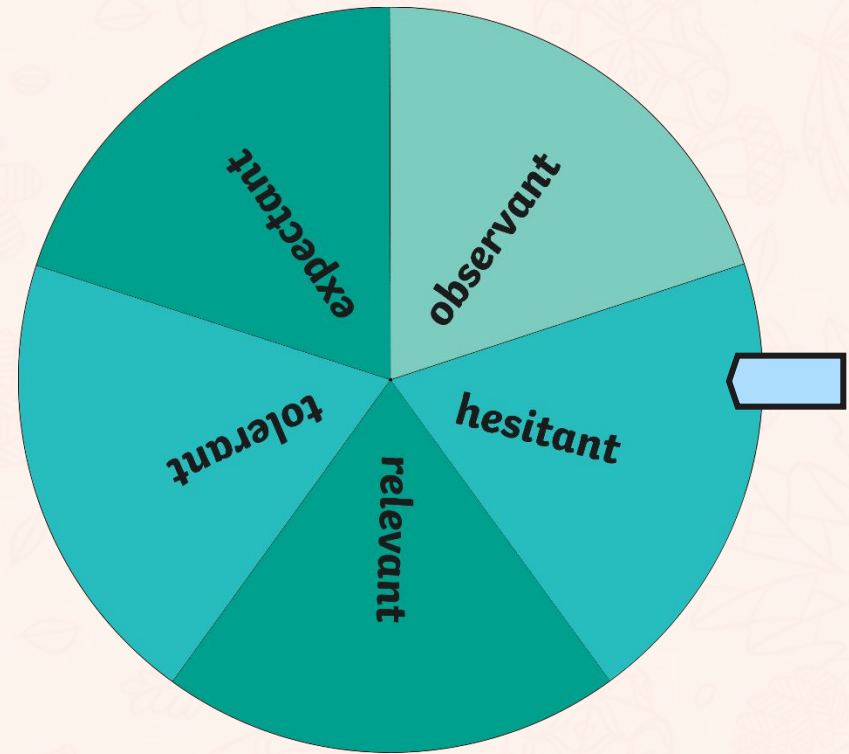
**hesitant**

These are the **-ant** adjectives that you must learn this week:

Do you know what all the adjectives mean?

Could you use each of them in a sentence?

Now work with your partner to write an ambitious sentence that contains that **-ant** word. Use a dictionary to help if you are unsure of its meaning.



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Once you have learnt the adjective form of these **-ant** spellings, it becomes much easier to form nouns using the same root by adding either **-ance** or **-ancy**.

What will these words become?

**observant**

**observance**

**hesitant**

**hesitancy**

**relevant**

**relevance**

**tolerant**

**tolerance**

**expectant**

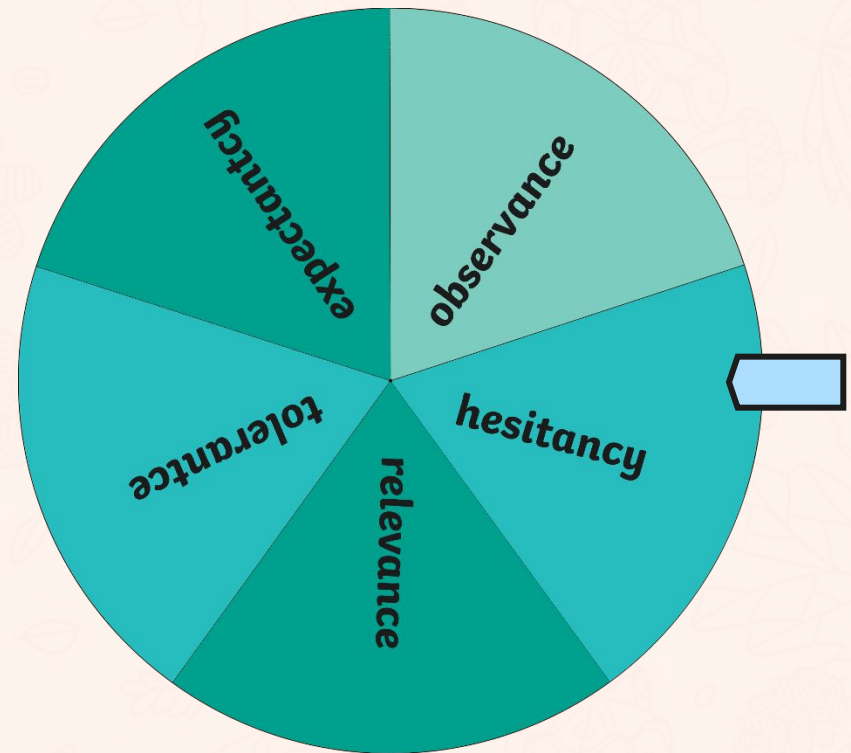
**expectancy**

These are the **-ance** or **-ancy** nouns that you must learn this week:

Do you know what all the nouns mean?

Could you use each of them in a sentence?

Now work with your partner to write an ambitious sentence that contains that **-ance** or **-ancy** word. Use a dictionary to help if you are unsure of its meaning.



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Here are all your spelling words for this week.  
They are adjectives with -ant and nouns with  
-ancy or -ance.



**(Week 3)**  
**(Adjectives ending in -ant into nouns ending in -ance/-ancy)**

observant  
observance  
expectant  
expectancy  
hesitant  
hesitancy  
tolerant  
tolerance  
relevant  
relevance

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