

**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 observ**ant** or observ**ent**?

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



observ**ation**

observ**ant**

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

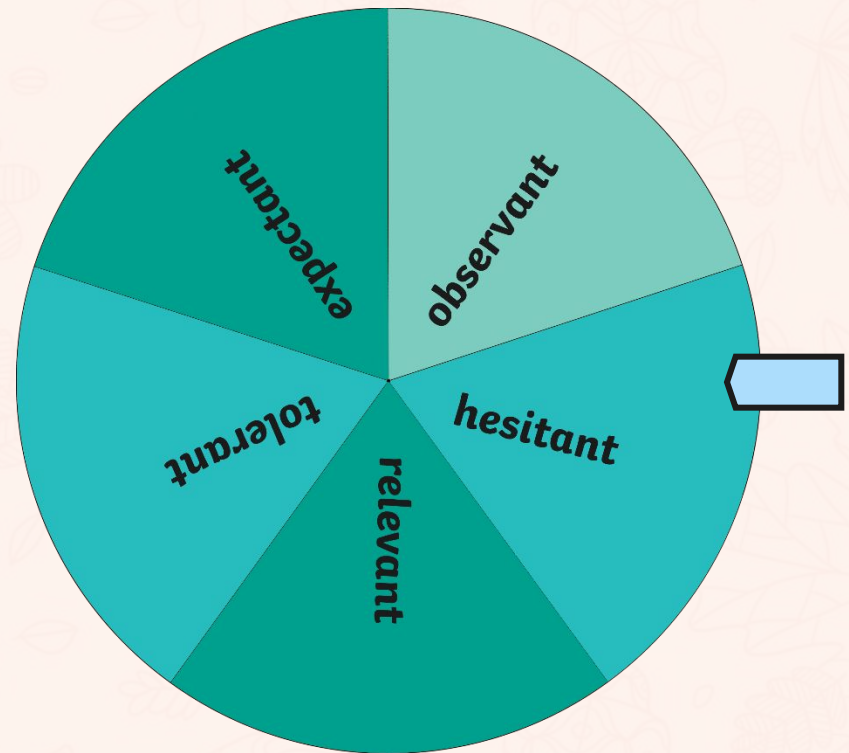
These are the **-ant** adjectives that you must learn this week:

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

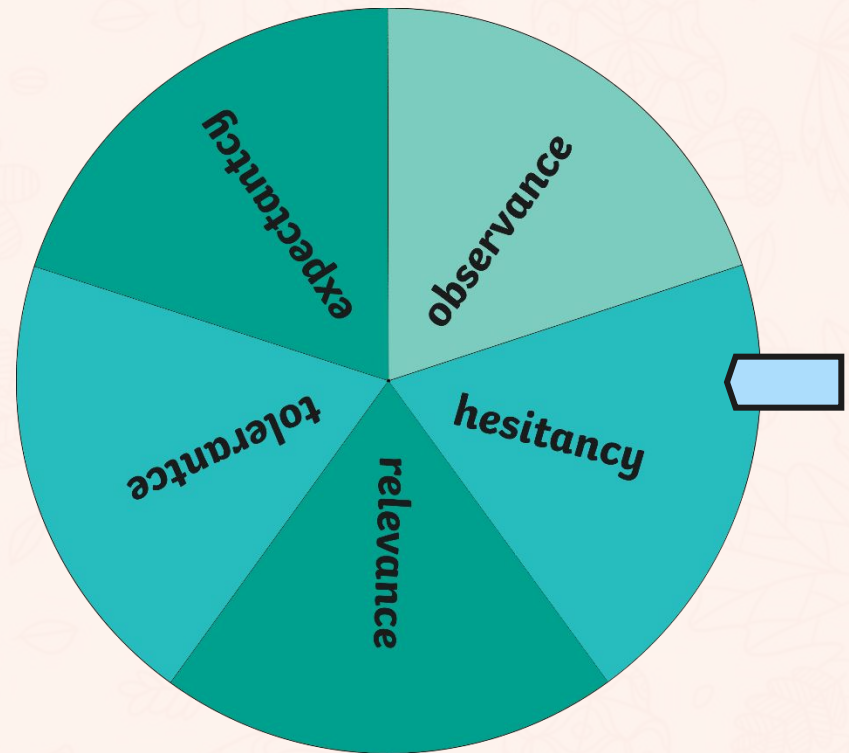
These are the **-ance** or **-ancy** nouns that you must learn this week:

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

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