

5th Grade Spelling Week 22

suffix -able

Explanation: When a word ends in *-able*, the main part of the word (i.e. the bit that comes before the *-able* ending) is usually a complete word in itself. For example: *bearable* (from *bear*), *readable*, (from *read*), and *acceptable* (from *accept*). This is also true when the base word ends in an *e* that's dropped before the *-able* ending is added (e.g. *advise*; *advisable* or *inflate*; *inflatable*) or where it ends in a consonant that's doubled when the ending is added (e.g. *forget*; *forgettable* or *regret*; *regrettable*).

*If the main part of the word ends with a 'hard' *c* (pronounced like the *c* in *cab*) or a 'hard' *g* (pronounced like the *g* in *game*) then the ending is always *-able*. For example, *navigable* or *amiable*.

1. desirable

2. excitable

3. variable

4. notable

5. tolerable

6. lovable

7. remarkable

8. predictable

9. portable

10. advisable

11. available

12. favorable

13. unforgettable

14. laughable

15. noticeable

16. biodegradable

17. disposable

18. breakable

19. valuable

20. washable

Social Studies Content Words

21. imperialism

22. liberty

23. patriot

24. loyalist

25. taxation