

## 5th Grade Spelling Week 21

### suffix –ent

**Explanation:** A suffix is a meaningful group of letters that can be added at the end of a base or root word to form (derive) a new word with a different but related meaning. The addition of a derivational suffix often changes the part of speech of the original word. Spelling syllabication, and derivational generalizations are used when adding suffixes to root and base words. -ant/-ance, -ent/-ence = action, process, state of -ant/-ent are adjective-forming endings which often have corresponding noun form endings in -ance, -ence.

1. interdependent

2. decadent

3. requirement

4. frequent

5. impatient

6. absent

7. excellent

8. independent

9. compliment

10. resident

11. innocent

12. convenient

13. equivalent

14. belligerent

15. violent

16. different

17. fluorescent

18. correspondent

19. intelligent

20. obedient

### Content Words

21. personification

22. oxymoron

23. alliteration

24. onomatopoeia

25. cliché

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