

Week 10: SPELLING

Words Ending in -ant, -ent, -ence, -ance, -ary, and -ery

Many writers confuse -ent and -ant, -ence and -ance, and -ery and -ary. It's understandable; it's merely a difference in an *e* and an *a*. Look closely at each word to determine which ending to use.

Word Bank

appearance	independence
attendance	parents
cemetery	secretary
existence	sentence
experience	sergeant

Part I

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the word bank. Use the context of the sentence to determine which word should be used.

1. The funeral procession slowly entered the _____ .
2. The hikers counted on the _____ of their guide to keep them safe from bears.
3. Gina asked her _____ for a larger allowance.
4. The teacher took _____ every day as class started.
5. The army _____ lead the soldiers through the barbed wire.
6. The American colonies declared _____ in 1776.
7. Harvey was elected _____ of the student council.
8. Every _____ must have a subject and predicate.

Part II

Write a paragraph using at least four words from the word bank.

Part III

Each word below is missing either the a or the e in the ending of the word. Write the correctly spelled word in the blank.

1. par__nts _____

2. appear__nce _____

3. exist__nce _____

4. independ__nce _____

5. sent__nce _____

6. attend__nce _____

7. experi__nce _____

8. secret__ry _____

9. serge__nt _____

10. cemet__ry _____

Part IV

Read the paragraph below. Circle the misspelled words and write the correct spelling in the blanks provided.

Violet's parents were active in the historical society in their town. Her mother was the secretary of the organization, and her father was the sargent-at-arms. On Independance Day, the group hosted a clean-up event at the historic cemetary to remove trash, weeds, and other unsightly debris. The event was a great success with over 75 people in atendence. There was also a special apperence by the mayor of the town. Violet greatly enjoyed the experience.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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Each word below is missing either the a or the e in the ending of the word. Write the correctly spelled word in the blank.

1. par__nts _____ **parents**

2. appear__nce _____ **appearance**

3. exist__nce _____ **existence**

4. independ__nce _____ **independence**

5. sent__nce _____ **sentence**

6. attend__nce _____ **attendance**

7. experi__nce _____ **experience**

8. secret__ry _____ **secretary**

9. serge__nt _____ **sergeant**

10. cemet__ry _____ **cemetery**

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1. _____ **sergeant**

2. _____ **Independence**

3. _____ **cemetery**

4. _____ **attendance**

5. _____ **appearance**