

Spelling

Week 2

Suffix

-A suffix is a group of letters attached to the end of a root word.

Last week we looked at the common suffix '**able**'.

This week we are going to look at another common suffix '**ible**' – notice the difference?

So before we begin, make sure you can confidently spell the suffix '**ible**' – look, say, cover, write, check – can you complete this 5 times with no mistakes?!

-ible

Last week's suffix '**able**' is usually straight forward because you just add 'able' to the end of the word when you can hear the whole root word.

For example **enjoy + able** becomes **enjoyable**. Enjoy as a root word makes sense on its own.

This week's suffix '**ible**' is added if a complete root word **cannot** be heard before it (there are of course exceptions)

For example:

possible

The root word 'poss' before the suffix 'ible' doesn't make sense on its own (unlike the example above where enjoy did)

(We would need to learn a bit of Latin to help us with the origins of the meaning of poss!)

-ible

Can you think of any words that contain
'ible' on the end?

Jot down a list!

Here are some examples of words containing the suffix **ible**

possible

horrible

terrible

visible

incredible

sensible

forcible

legible

Task: Sort the words into each column. When you say the word aloud, can you hear a whole root word before the suffix? Or not?

Cannot hear complete root word	Can hear root word
For example: possible (I cannot hear a root word before 'ible' because poss is not a complete word on its own, it doesn't make sense on its own).	

The exceptions to the rule:

Whole word	Root Word	Suffix
sensible	sense	ible
forcible	force	ible

In both these cases you can see that the 'e' of the root word is removed before adding 'ible', but we can hear the whole root word when we say it aloud.

Definitions:




I am making an assumption that you understand the meaning of the words in the list (if not, you must look these up to make sure that you are confident explaining what they mean).

There is one word I want to highlight: **legible**

This means handwriting or print is **clear enough to read**.

So I might say, is your joined handwriting legible? Which means is your handwriting clear enough to read?

Learn this list of spellings for a test on Friday – see next slide as well. This sheet can also be found in the resources folder in a word document to print.

 Look and Say	 Look, Say and Write	 Cover and Write
possible		
horrible		
terrible		
visible		



Look and Say

Look, Say
and Write



Cover
and Write



incredible

sensible

forcible

legible