

SHAPE UP YOUR SPELLING

Help sheet eight: “ance”, “ence”, “ate”, “ete” and “ite” endings

RULES

Unfortunately, with these endings, there are no rules. All you can do is to learn each spelling. The exercises below should help you to do this.

**A. Match up these words with the definitions below (if you are unsure of any of them, look them up in a dictionary):
distance; appearance; disappearance; circumstances;
finance; difference; adherence; circumference;
conference; influence.**

1. To have an effect on someone.
2. The edge round a circle.
3. A long way to travel.
4. To vanish.
5. Events.
6. A meeting.
7. To do with money.
8. To follow a set of guidelines.
9. When things are not the same.
10. To grace someone with your presence.

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B. Match up these words with the definitions below (if you are unsure of any of them, look them up in a dictionary):
athlete; fete; aesthete; replete; finite; infinite;
definite; indefinite; irate; disparate; gyrate; hesitate;
navigate; circumnavigate; separate.

1. Different.
2. When things have a set beginning and end.
3. To feel full.
4. To sail around the world.
5. Some who runs, high jumps, hurdles, etc.
6. A village celebration.
7. To be angry.
8. To find your way at sea.
9. If something is certain.
10. To part objects or people.
11. To turn around quickly.
12. Someone who appreciates art, literature and music.
13. When something is uncertain.
14. To pause.
15. When something goes on forever.