

LO. I am learning to
spell words ending
in -ably and -ibly.

In the Autumn term, you learned the rules for spelling words ending in -ible and -able.

'able' endings
are more
common than
'ible'.

The 'able' ending
is usually used
where a complete
word follows
before it.

The 'able' ending
is used when
there is a related
word ending in
'ation'.

How many words can you think of
ending in -ible or -able?
Write down as many as you can.



Adorable
Applicable
Considerable
Tolerable
Changeable
Noticeable
Understandable
Reversible

Identifiable
Possible
Horrible
Terrible
Visible
Incredible
Sensible
Edible
Invincible

Reasonable
Enjoyable
Reliable
Forgivable
Disposable
Valuable
Breakable
Legible

The 'able' ending is used when there is a related word ending in 'ation'.

What would the 'ation' word be for each of these? Write them down.

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Applicable →

Considerable →

Tolerable →

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Adorable → Ador~~able~~ation

Applicable → Applic~~able~~ation

Considerable → Consider~~able~~ation

Tolerable → Toler~~able~~ation

The 'able' ending is usually used where a complete word follows before it. Write down the root word.

Forgivable →

Disposable →

Enjoyable →

Valuable →

Breakable →

Identifiable →

The 'able' ending is usually used where a complete word follows before it. Write down the root word.

Forgivable → Forgive

Disposable → Dispose

Enjoyable → Enjoy

Valuable → Value

Breakable → Break


Identifiable → Identify

What do you notice about the last letter of these words when 'able' is added?

'able' links with 'ably' words and 'ible' links with 'ibly' words.

horrible	adorable
terrible	forgivable
possible	disposable
edible	enjoyable
reversible	valuable
invincible	breakable
legible	identifiable

- Use the following words to explore which 'ible' and 'able' words can be turned into adverbs by changing to 'ibly' and 'ably' and which can't.
- Write out each of the words using 'ibly' or 'ably' and decide which words are correct.



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Can you find out what these words mean? Create a glossary of the 'ibly' and 'ably' words.

Then have a go at putting these words into sentences.