

Lesson 21 Suffixes: -able, -ible

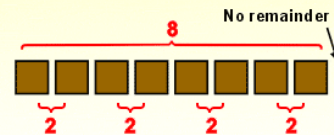
Say each of the following words out loud. Then, write each word on the lines provided.



Spelling Tip

The suffixes **-able** and **-ible** both mean *inclined to*.

8 is divisible by 2.

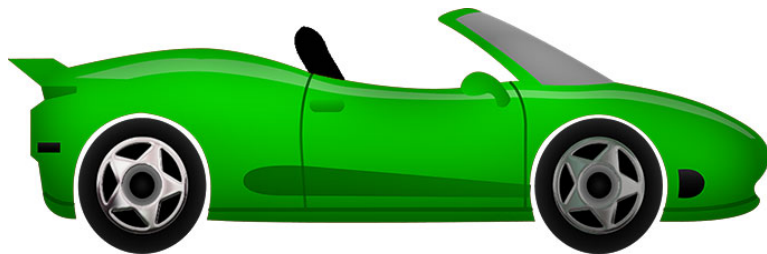


Spelling Words

- believable _____
- comfortable _____
- comparable _____
- memorable _____
- predictable _____
- reasonable _____
- reliable _____
- valuable _____
- washable _____
- convertible _____
- divisible _____
- invincible _____
- responsible _____
- sensible _____
- visible _____

-ible
 -ible when the full root word is not a whole word you can add ible.
 Ed + ible = Edible

Because English has plenty of irregular words, sometimes this 'drop the e rule' does not apply. All you can do is try to remember the irregular words. Many of them have a **c** or **g** before the **e** e.g. noticeable, changeable.



-Able

-able When the root word looks like a whole word then you should be able to add able:

Enjoy + able = Enjoyable

When the stem word ends with 'e', drop the 'e' and add '-able'.

Value + able = Valuable

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Words in Context

Complete the following paragraph with spelling words. The first letter of each word has been given for you. Not all of the words will be used. You will not use words more than once.

Mayan Pyramids

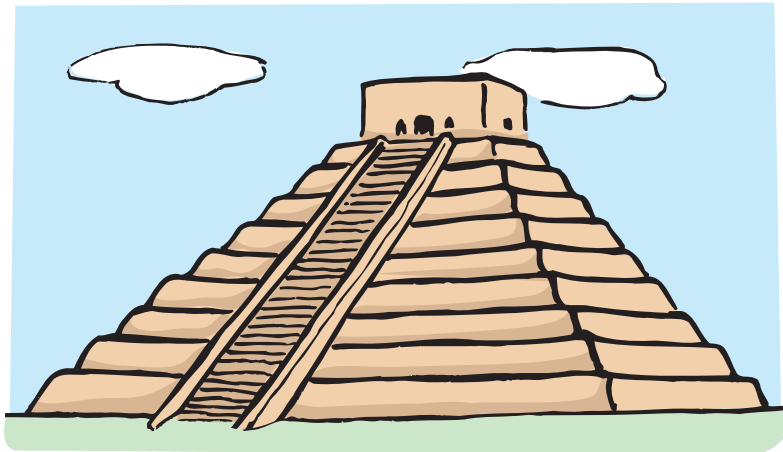
While they may not be c_____ to the famous Egyptian pyramids,

the pyramids of Mexico are just as m_____. The Maya is an ancient tribe from southern Mexico and Central America. Their civilization formed around 1500 B.C.

The Mayas built seemingly i_____ pyramids. Some pyramids were built to be climbed, with burial plots on top. Some were built to be sacred, without stairs, never to be climbed. Many of them also served as observatories, as the Maya were interested in the stars and planets.

The city of Palenque was located in a dense rainforest. The pyramids and other buildings there were built against a hill so they could be v_____ at great distances through the forest. The city of Tikal is now located in the middle of a wildlife preserve. This area of land is quite v_____ to the many birds and animals that live there, some of which are endangered.

Mayans were a s_____ and organized people. Using mathematics, solar eclipses were p_____. At the city of Uaxactún, the Maya built a r_____ solar observatory that included a pyramid and three temples. Mayan pyramids were impressive and functional. They reveal the intelligent and skilled characteristics of the ancient Mayans.



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Fun with Words

Convertibles come in different styles, colors, and sizes. One of the convertibles on this page can hold four passengers. The other convertible can hold three passengers. Make sure each car picks up the right number of passengers by answering the questions and writing the spelling words (the passengers) above the right car. The first one has been done for you.

A car with a top that folds back is a _____.

You are a _____ student if you turn in your homework on time.

A _____ pair of shoes makes hiking much more enjoyable.

A sweater is _____ if it can be cleaned without damage.

If the price of a CD is fair, it is said to be _____.

The number 4 is _____ by the number 2.

If you believe a story to be true, then that story is _____.

believable

START

ABLE

IBLE



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Words in Writing

Create a game by writing questions using spelling words. The questions must be answered correctly in order for players to advance. Be creative and have fun!

Misspelled Words

The following narrative contains misspelled spelling words. Cross out the misspelled words and write them correctly above the misspelled word.

The sun was visable coming up over the mountain as the hikers started their day. The relyable guides had advised them to be sensible and pack comfortable shoes and clothing. The day was warm, so they brought plenty of water. The trail was hilly and the hikers were exhilarated by the vigorous exercise. It made them feel invinceble. Throughout the day, they saw unbelievable wildlife. They wrote in their journals about the foxes, coyotes, deer, and varied birds and squirrels they saw. Seeing animals in their own habitat made them feel responsible for taking care of the environment. By the end of the day they were exhausted but inspired. The day had not been predictable at all, with memorible surprises at every turn. The trip was a truly valueable experience.



Valuable