English Spelling Rules Worksheet

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and -ancy or -ency

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A. Look at the pictures and sentences. Write the suffix -ance, -ence, -ancy, or -ency in the space to correctly complete the word.

1. We really need the client to cooperate with us to finish this project successfully. His compli_____ is very important.

2. No one can deny Jake’s brilli_____.
   He has come up with some of the best ideas any of us have heard!

3. It is not easy to be on stage in front of a big audience. You need to have a lot of confid_____.

4. Janet is working as an administrative assistant now, but she is studying account_____ at university.
5. I am trying to make soup, but it is not working well. The consist_____ is all wrong. I think it is too thick.

6. We will have a very important meeting on Thursday. Everyone’s pres_____ is obligatory.

7. Kelly knows that your personal appear_____ in business is very important, so she always wears professional clothes.

8. Hello, my name is Jennifer. How can I be of assist_____ to you today?

9. The conveni_____ of the Internet is really amazing. We can study, interact, learn, and share from our own homes.
B. Look at the two pictures and the sentences below them. Write the reason for the spelling of the words with the suffix -ance, -ence, -ancy, or -ency in the sentences. Each pair uses one rule.

a. Use -ance when the base word is an adjective that ends in -ant (remove the last three letters and add -ance)
b. Use -ance when the base word is a verb that ends in -ure or -ear (remove the final E if the verb ends in -ure before adding -ance)
c. Use -ance when the base word is a verb that ends in -y (change the Y to I, then add -ance)
d. Use -ence when the base word is a verb that ends in -ere (remove the final E, then add -ence)
e. Use -ence when the base word is an adjective that ends in -ent (remove the last three letters, then add -ence)
f. Use -ancy
g. Use -ency

1. We have insur___ for our house in case of natural disasters. We will prevent the disappear___ of endangered species.
2. Ann works in an advertising ag___.
   We need an emerg____ meeting!

3. These countries will form a political and economic alli____.
   There is some vari____ in the experiment results.

4. The judge did not believe in their innoc____.
   I have found evid____ of a chemical change in the liquids.
5. I cannot hear you well. There is some interfer___ in the call. Paula’s teacher told her to improve the coher___ of her essay.

6. I love the eleg___ of 1950s fashion. There is an abund___ of fresh fruits and vegetables on my aunt’s farm.

7. Janet announced her pregn___! Liz works in fashion consult___.

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A.

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4. Janet is working as an administrative assistant now, but she is studying **accountancy** at university.

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B.

1. b. Use -ance when the base word is a verb that ends in -ure or -ear (remove the final E if the verb ends in -ure before adding -ance)
2. g. Use -ency
3. c. Use -ance when the base word is a verb that ends in -y (change the Y to I, then add -ance)
4. e. Use -ence when the base word is an adjective that ends in -ent (remove the last three letters, then add -ence)
5. d. Use -ence when the base word is a verb that ends in -ere (remove the final E, then add -ence)
6. a. Use -ance when the base word is an adjective that ends in -ant (remove the last three letters and add -ance)
7. f. Use -ancy
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