

Words Ending in -ant and -ent

In words ending in -ent and -ant, the *e* and *a* are often mistaken for one another. Look closely at each word in order to remember which ones end in -ent and which in -ant.

Word Bank

argument	experiment
convenient	permanent
equipment	pleasant
excellent	servant
excitement	temperament

Part I

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the word bank. Use the context of the sentence to determine which word should be used.

- The soccer team bought new _____ this year.
- Juan and his brother had a heated _____ over the chores.
- Mrs. Carson's science class conducted an _____ on solar energy.
- My sister is an _____ driver in snowy weather.
- Kara played the part of Juliet's _____ in *Romeo and Juliet*.
- It was not _____ for Chris to meet us after school, so we'll meet Saturday instead.
- The treaty promised a _____ peace between the two countries.
- It was a _____ day for a picnic in the park.

Part II

Write a paragraph using at least four words from the word bank.

Part III

In each set of words below, make an X over the incorrectly spelled words and circle the correct word. Then write the word correctly in the blank.

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|----------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| 1. pleasent | pleasant | plesant | _____ |
| 2. convienent | convenient | conveniant | _____ |
| 3. excellent | excelent | excellant | _____ |
| 4. temperment | tempermant | temperament | _____ |
| 5. excitment | excitement | excitemant | _____ |
| 6. argument | argumant | arguement | _____ |
| 7. equipmant | equimant | equipment | _____ |
| 8. servant | servent | serveant | _____ |
| 9. permanant | permanent | permenent | _____ |
| 10. experimant | experament | experiment | _____ |

Part IV

Read the paragraph below. Circle the misspelled words and write the correct spelling in the blanks provided.

On a pleasant Saturday morning, Jasper decided it would be an excellent time to experiment in the kitchen. He decided to make a batch of cookies, so he gathered together the equipmant he would need to bake some chocolate chip ones. When he finished, Jasper went outside to enjoy the warm cookies. Suddenly, his sister Elizabeth came storming outside. She was know for her irritable temperment. She loudly announced she was not his servent and would not clean up his mess. That announcement started a loud argumant between the two. After much excitement, peace was restored when Jasper offered Elizabeth some cookies.

1. _____
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5. _____

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Student's choice.

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- _____ **excellent**
- _____ **equipment**
- _____ **temperament**
- _____ **servant**
- _____ **argument**