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| **Cut this top row off before you give the sort to pupils!**    **Words ending in –ible and –able**  **Words ending in –ably and –ibly**  The –able/–ably endings are far more common than the –ible/–ibly endings. As with –ant and –ance/–ancy, the –able ending is used if there is a related word ending in –ation. If the –able ending is added to a word ending in – ce or –ge, the e after the c or g must be kept as those letters would otherwise have their ‘hard’ sounds (as in cap and gap) before the a of the – able ending.  The –able ending is usually but not always used if a complete root word can be heard before it, even if there is no related word ending in –ation. The first five examples opposite are obvious; in reliable, the complete word rely is heard, but the y changes to i in accordance with the rule.  The –ible ending is common if a complete root word can’t be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word can be heard (e.g. sensible). | | |
| Open sort to begin with and then a closed sort according to the suffix. The children need to identify the words and then explore the rules. |  |  |
| changeable | noticeable | forcible |
| legible | dependable | comfortable |
| understandable | reasonable | enjoyable |
| reliable | considerable | considerably |
| consideration | consider | tolerably |
| toleration | possible | possibly |
| horrible | force | terrible |
| visible | visibly | incredible |
| difficult | sensible | sensibly |
| horribly | tolerable | incredibly |