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| **Words ending in –ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ence and –ency**  **Cut this top row off before you give the sort to pupils!**  Use –ant and –ance/–ancy if there is a related word with a /æ/ or /e?/ sound in the right position; – ation endings are often a clue. Use –ent and –ence/–ency after soft c (/s/ sound), soft g (/dʒ/ sound) and qu, or if there is a related word with a clear /?/ sound in the right position.  There are many words, however, where the above guidelines don’t help. These words just have to be learnt. | | |
| Start with an open sort and then  sort according to word classes. |  |  |
| observant | observance | observation |
| expectant | expectation | hesitant |
| hesitancy | hesitation | tolerant |
| tolerance | toleration | substance |
| substantial | innocent | innocence |
| decent | decency | frequent |
| frequency | confident | confidence |
| confidential | apparent | conscience |
| existence | hindrance | nuisance |
| convenience | obedient | obedience |
| independent | independence | expect |