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| wordstudyspelling.com  **Word**.**s ending with –ence suffix**  If the suffix follows a soft ‘c’, a soft ‘g’ or ‘qu’ it is ‘ence’.  Words with the syllables ‘cid, fid, sid, vid’ before the ending the suffix is ‘ence’. If the word is formed from a verb ending in a stressed ‘er’ or ‘ere’ the suffix will be ‘ence’.  **Cut this top row off before you give the sort to pupils!** | | |
| Soft c, soft g or qu before the suffix | Syllable ending with id before the suffix | Root word ending er or ere before the suffix |
|  | Sort by the sounds before the ence suffix.  Or open sort to see if the children can find the patterns. | |
| intelligence | incidence | reference  refer |
| coincidence | preference  prefer | residence |
| emergence | confidence | conference  confer |
| balance | adherence  adhere | france |
| innocence | consequence | interference  interfere |
| evidence | translucence |  |
| intelligent | incident | refer |
| coincide | prefer | reside |
| emerge | confident | confer |
| balance | adhere | innocent |
| consequent | interfere | translucent |