

## Spelling list: More words with the suffix *-able*

The suffix *-able* comes from Latin and is used to transform a verb or noun into an adjective. *-able* words usually convey the idea of capability, possibility, or suitability.

When adding *-able* to a base word, it is essential to understand what spelling changes that may occur. If the base word ends in an *e*, it is dropped before adding *-able*, for example *believe* becomes *believable*. If the base word ends in a *vowel* followed by a *consonant*, the *consonant* is usually doubled, for example *regret* becomes *regrettable*.

As always, there are rulebreakers so you use these spelling activities to learn the words in this list.

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| adorable     | Your new puppy is <b>adorable</b> .  |
| advisable    | Doing your homework on time is <b>advisable</b> .  |
| agreeable    | The decision to move was <b>agreeable</b> .  |
| available    | I'll let you know when she's <b>available</b> to talk.   |
| believable   | Your story seems <b>believable</b> .   |
| capable      | Are you <b>capable</b> of managing so many different tasks at once?                            |
| changeable   | The weather will be <b>changeable</b> .  |
| considerable | The team scored a <b>considerable</b> number of goals in the recent match.                     |
| desirable    | The advertised job had <b>desirable</b> benefits.  |
| durable      | These trainers are comfortable, stylish and <b>durable</b> .                                   |
| excitable    | Did you see how <b>excitable</b> the puppies were?   |
| excusable    | His actions were not <b>excusable</b> .  |
| foreseeable  | It is unlikely that we will have any available appointments for the <b>foreseeable</b> future. |
| inevitable   | The snow led to <b>inevitable</b> delays.  |
| inflammable  | Hydrogen is a highly <b>inflammable</b> gas.   |

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| irritable     | I get <b>irritable</b> if I haven't had enough sleep.                              |
| justifiable   | Her actions were <b>justifiable</b> .  |
| perishable    | We try and use our <b>perishable</b> goods first.                                  |
| pronounceable | We need to come up with a memorable and <b>pronounceable</b> name for our company. |
| regrettable   | His decision to resign from the position was <b>regrettable</b> .                  |