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The suffixes *-ance* and *-ence* can mean “the action or act of” or “the state of.” When either of these suffixes is added to a base word or root, the resulting word is a noun.

*attend + ance = attendance*: the act of attending

*depend + ence = dependence*: the state of being dependent

**A. Write the base word on the line next to each word. The first one has been done for you.**

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| 1. disturbance | <b>disturb</b> | _____ |
| 2. residence   |                | _____ |
| 3. presence    |                | _____ |
| 4. clearance   |                | _____ |
| 5. performance |                | _____ |

**B. Add the suffix *-ance* or *-ence* to the following adjectives to form nouns. The first one has been done for you.**

- | Adjective     | Noun            |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 6. distant    | <b>distance</b> |
| 7. important  | _____           |
| 8. absent     | _____           |
| 9. evident    | _____           |
| 10. radiant   | _____           |
| 11. resistant | _____           |
| 12. hesitant  | _____           |