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Suffixes *-ence* and *-ly*, Inflectional Ending *-ing*

Focus

- The suffix **-ence** means “state or quality of being.” For example, *convenience* means “the quality of being convenient.”
- Adding **-ly** to an adjective will create an adverb. For example, the adjective *shy* becomes the adverb *shyly*.
- When the inflectional ending **-ing** is added to a verb, it can be used as a participle, a noun, or an adjective.

Practice

One word in each sentence below ends with *-ing*. On the line, write *P* if it is a participle, *N* if it is a noun, or *A* if it is an adjective. Then add *-ly* to the boldfaced word, and use it in a sentence.

1. _____ Greg was **late** arriving to the audition.

2. _____ Knitting takes patience and practice if you want to become **skillful** at it.

3. _____ I was **careful** not to spill the boiling water as I carried it to the sink.

4. _____ The **wild** animal stalked quietly through the towering grasses.

What does the word *patience* mean?

5. _____