

Does it end with -ibly or -ably?

By adding ibly, or ably, you change the root word to an adverb (describing the verb in a sentence) but don't forget 'ly words can be adjectives too:

e.g:

Sensibly, the children remembered to line up at break time (adverb)

A sensibly, thought-out plan (adjective)

Just like adding ible and able (which we did before Christmas) ibly and ably can be added broadly following the same rules. If you added ible, it'll be ibly, if you added able, it'll be ably.

If the root word ends in an 'e' this is dropped before adding the 'ly e.g. possible -possibly

Some common features...	Example
If you <u>can't</u> hear the whole word before the ending, use 'ibly'.	Legible → legibly
If you <u>can</u> hear the whole word before the ending, use 'ably'.	suit → suitably
If you can split the word into a phrase which shows the meaning, use 'ably'.	'able to identify' → identifiably
Most words with a soft 'g' or 's' sound use 'ibly'.	Sensibly
Most words with a hard 'c' or 'g' sound use 'ably'.	Respectably

Copy the table below in your book:

Add -ibly	Add -ably

Now, sort these words into the correct box using the correct suffix. Make sure you know the meaning of the words:

horrid, comfort, rely, adore, respect, agree, envy, terror, consider, believe, depend, manage, audio, visual

Next, use each of the following words in a sentence. Learn these words for a test next week:

arguably

believably

agreeably

sensibly

justifiably

comfortably

respectably

legibly

horribly