



Spelling Exercises for *-ible* and *-able*

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In the following paragraph there are fourteen words ending with -ible or -able, some of which are misspelled. Read the paragraph, locate the misspelled words and write the correct spellings in the space provided below the paragraph.

Most people thought that Michael, an eligable bachelor, was an adorable, personible man. Mattie, however, found him detestable. Some time ago, Michael promised to take Mattie to a fashionable restaurant for a remarkable dinner. As horrible as it sounds, Michael took Mattie to the local McDonald's. Most of the food there was either inedable or undigestable. Mattie was as irritable as possable when she told her roommates about her terrible date. "Whoever finally marries that contemptable Michael," Mattie said, "is certainly not going to be in an enviabile position."

Write the correct spellings below:

In the following sentences, the final four letters are omitted from each -ible or -able word. Complete each word with the appropriate ending.

1. Last night's movie about the invis_____ man was so incred_____ that it was laugh_____.
2. My irrespons_____ little brother is usually kept away from anything break_____.
3. Are these new clothes really comfort_____, or do people only wear them because they are fashion_____?
4. I think I would be less irrit_____ if my professors were more flex_____.
5. I don't think voting twice in national elections is permiss_____.
6. It's always valu_____ to have a friend who is depend_____.
7. My employer said that it isn't suit_____ to have a secretary whose handwriting is illeg_____.

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