

# UNIT 28

## EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE



I received an award  
for excellence in  
performance.

coincide + -ENCE = coincidence  
perform + -ANCE = performance  
verb                      suffix                      noun

absent + -ENCE = absence  
fluent + -ENCY = fluency  
adjective                      suffix                      noun

Refer to the spelling rules in Appendix B and Appendix C-XIII.

- A. Fill in each blank with the noun form of the words in bold print. Use either the plural or the singular form of the noun according to the context.**

**Example:** How did the dance group **perform** last night?  
They displayed a very high **performance**.

1. A: His plan was **excellent**. Why wasn't it accepted?  
B: Nobody doubted the \_\_\_\_\_ of his plan, but there were no funds available.
2. A: Doesn't your wife's vacation **coincide** with yours this year?  
B: Yes, it is a lucky \_\_\_\_\_ that it does.
3. A: Excuse me. How do you **enter** this building?  
B: The \_\_\_\_\_ is to your right, sir.
4. A: Is his home very **distant** from the school?  
B: No, it is within easy walking \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A: Do you **remember** the date of his visit to Turkey?  
B: Sorry, I have no \_\_\_\_\_ of it at all.
6. A: Did he get **accepted** to a university?  
B: Yes, in fact he got an \_\_\_\_\_ from two universities.
7. A: Have you become **acquainted** with a lot of scholars in your field during the conference?  
B: Yes, I have made a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A: How much luggage do they **allow** you on THY flights?  
B: Their luggage \_\_\_\_\_ is 40 pounds per passenger.
9. A: When did she first **appear** on the stage?  
B: She made her first \_\_\_\_\_ in 1962.
10. A: Do you **prefer** comfortable clothes or fancy ones?  
B: I would make my \_\_\_\_\_ for comfortable clothes.

**B. Give the noun form of the following verbs and adjectives by adding -ENCE, -ANCE, -ENCY, -ANCY.**

<b>Example:</b> coincide	coincidence
present	presence

**Verbs**

1. exist
2. insist
3. confide

**Adjectives**

1. impatient
2. important
3. ignorant

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| 4. depend   | 4. frequent    |
| 5. obey     | 5. vacant      |
| 6. signify  | 6. intelligent |
| 7. maintain | 7. emergent    |
| 8. avoid    | 8. absent      |
| 9. bankrupt | 9. excellent   |
| 10. insure  | 10. resistant  |

**C. Fill in each blank with one of the words given in the box.**

performance	distance
entrance	coincidence
acceptance	excellence
confidence	

Three months ago Betty applied to play at the national theatre in New York. Today, she got a letter of \_\_\_\_\_ from them. Betty had the \_\_\_\_\_ that she would get accepted because she is excellent in performing on the stage. Everybody appreciates her \_\_\_\_\_ in her performance, but still she was worried and excited.

She arrived in New York and she went directly to her hotel. At the \_\_\_\_\_, she saw a man smiling at her at a \_\_\_\_\_. The man got up from his seat and approached Betty. He introduced himself and said, "I am Dick Brown and I am staying at this hotel. Without going into further conversation, they both went to their rooms.

The following day, in order to make preparations for her \_\_\_\_\_, Betty went to the theater. At the back stage, she saw Dick again and said, "What a \_\_\_\_\_!" Dick was surprised to see Betty there too, and he said, "I'm one of the actors."

**D. Match the words in LIST A with the ones in LIST B. Then use each pair in a sentence. You can have more than one alternative for each choice.**

**LIST A**

1. entrance
2. distance
3. acceptance
4. confidence
5. coincidence
6. allowance
7. preference
8. obedience

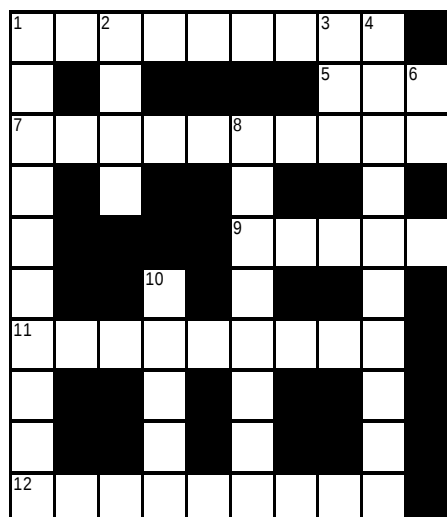
**LIST B**

- \_\_\_ long
- \_\_\_ college
- \_\_\_ strong
- \_\_\_ letter of
- \_\_\_ monthly
- \_\_\_ what a
- \_\_\_ to show
- \_\_\_ personal

**E. Write a paragraph about one of your experiences using at least six words ending in -ENCE, -ANCE, -ENCY or -ANCY.**

## F. Puzzles to solve

### Puzzle 1



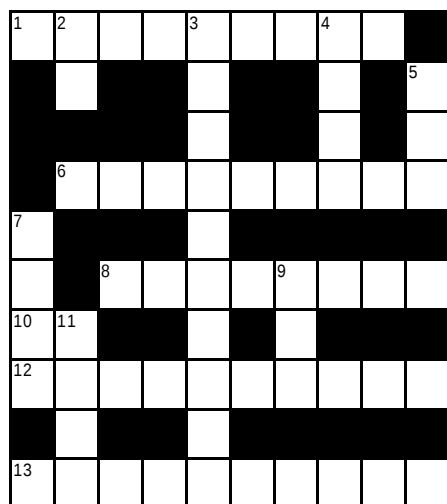
#### Across

- 1 His monthly\_\_ is 50 million TL. (9)
- 5 Use the \_\_\_ to cut the wood. (3)
- 7 I have great \_\_\_\_\_ in my son. (10)
- 9 He \_\_\_\_\_ works for the same company. (5)
- 11 strategy of avoiding (9)
- 12 the state of being alive (9)

#### Down

- 1 the act of accepting (10)
- 2 Draw a \_\_\_\_\_ under that word. (4)
- 3 After the therapy, he \_\_\_ walk. (3)
- 4 the state of being excellent (10)
- 6 initials for Eve Easter (2)
- 8 My office is within the walking \_\_\_\_\_. (8)
- 10 The telephone \_\_\_\_\_ every morning at 10:00. (5)

### Puzzle 2



#### Across

- 1 the act of obeying (9)
- 6 the act of avoiding (9)
- 8 Use the front \_\_\_\_\_ as you come. (8)
- 10 shortened form of "education" (2)
- 12 need to depend on someone (10)
- 13 the desire to have or to choose (10)

#### Down

- 2 \_\_\_ careful! (2)
- 3 the act of insisting (10)
- 4 I like to eat pop-\_\_\_\_\_. (4)
- 5 I made some apple- \_\_\_\_\_. (3)
- 7 Call me when you \_\_\_\_\_ me. (4)
- 9 They \_\_\_\_\_ absent today. (3)
- 11 She is a \_\_\_\_\_ friend of mine. (4)