

The endings -ent and -ence/-ency

Handy hint: -ent and -ence/-ency are usually used if there is a soft /c/, soft /g/ or /qu/ sound before it in the word.

-ent

innocent
decent
frequent
confident
independent

-ence/-ency

innocence
decency
frequency
confidence
independence

Exceptions to the rule: obedient
turns into obedience

