

# -able or -ible? -ation words

You can work out if a word is spelt *-able* or *-ible* by adding the suffix *-ation* to the root word. If adding *-ation* makes a real word, you should use *-able* and *-ably*.

admir + ation = admiration ✓ → **admirable**

**consideration** → **considerably**

If it doesn't make a real word, you should use *-ible* and *-ibly*.

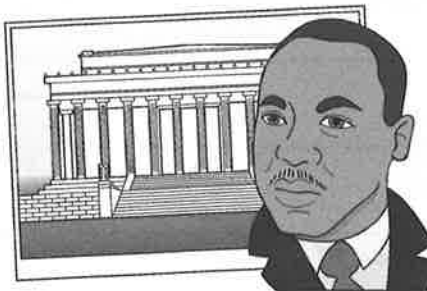
horr + ation = horroration ✗ → **horrible**

impossation ✗ → **impossible**

*-able* and *-ably* are much more common than *-ible* and *-ibly*.

## Martin Luther King Jr

Martin Luther King Jr, the **admirable** civil rights activist who was **responsible** for the abolition of **terrible** segregation in America, was born in Atlanta on January 15 1929. He was **considerably** more advanced than his peers and moved up two years in high school. King's kindness was **observable** at a young age and he pursued the ministry.



He married Coretta Scott in a service in 1953. They went on to have four children and were **inseparable**.

Martin helped to organise the Montgomery Bus Boycott to protest against segregation on public transport. It was a **horrible** time as his house was bombed and he was arrested. However, the boycott was successful in the end.

In 1963, King delivered his famous I Have a Dream speech on a march to Washington DC. He wanted to show the importance of civil rights legislation, with the same laws being **applicable** to everyone in America, no matter the colour of their skin. It had seemed **impossible** at the time, but in 1964, the Civil Rights Act was passed.

Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated in 1968 in Memphis. His **commendable** actions changed the course of history.

### Focus words

admirable

responsible

terrible

considerably

observable

inseparable

horrible

applicable

impossible

commendable