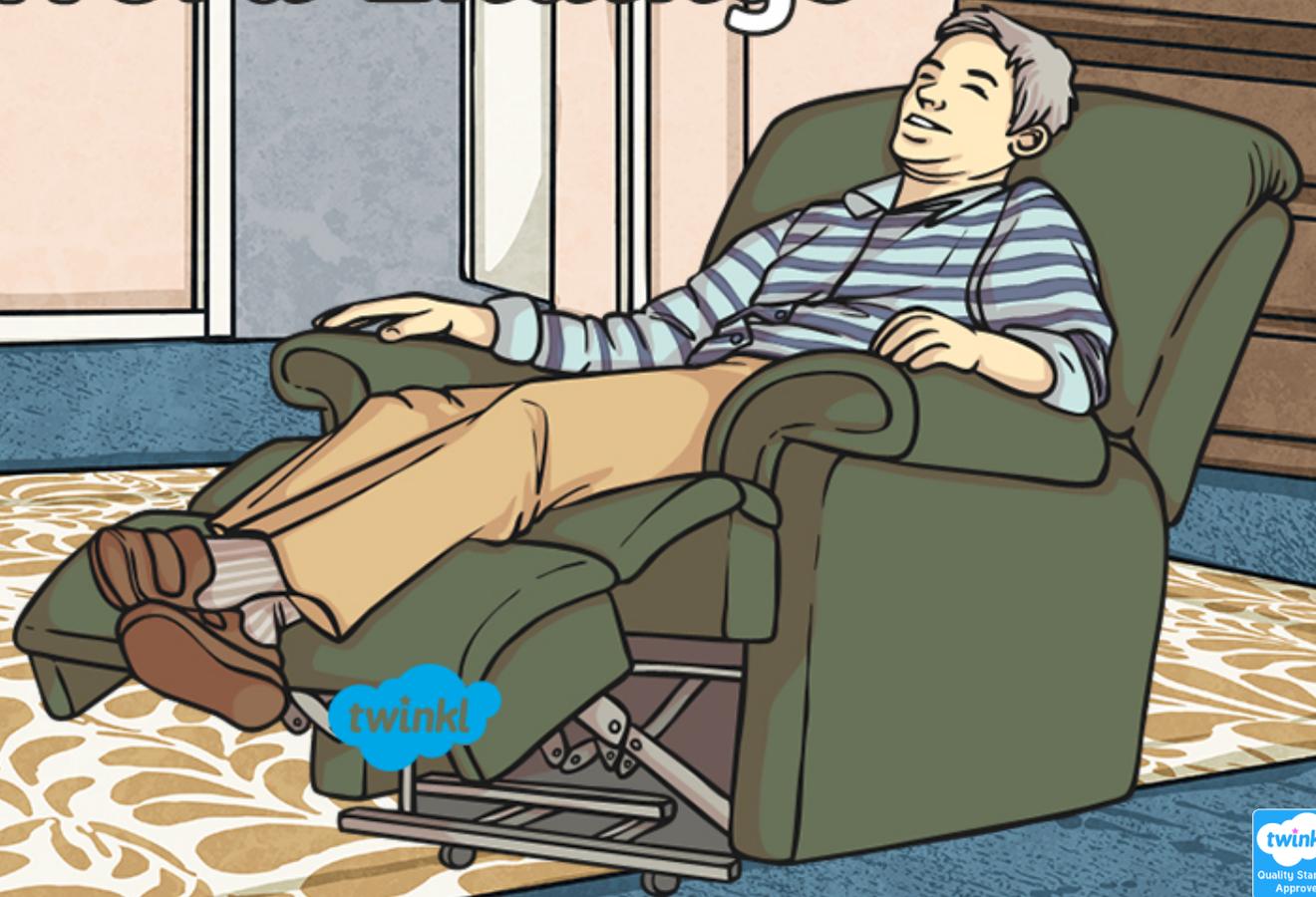


# -ably and -ibly Word Endings



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# Adding -ably



In this picture, we can see someone who is comfortable.

We could describe them as sitting **comfortably**.

To turn an **adjective** which already ends in **-able** into an **adverb**, we **replace** the **-le** ending of the adjective with **-ly**.

comfortable  
(adjective)



comfortably  
(adverb)

# Rule for Adding -ably

If the root word ends in **-able**, remove the **-le** and replace it with **-ly**.

**For example:**

reason**able** → reason**able** → reason**ably**

This will change the word from a **adjective** into an **adverb**.

# Adding -ably Together



His reason for being late was understandable.

How could we add -ably to create an **adverb** to describe this boy's lateness?

As our root word ends in **-able**, we need to remove the letters **-le** and add **-ly**. This will change the **adjective** into an **adverb**.

understandable  
(adjective)



understandably  
(adverb)

# Adding -ibly



In this picture, we can see someone who is sensible.

We could describe them as behaving **sensibly**.

As with **-able**, to turn an **adjective** which already ends in **-ible** into an **adverb**, we **replace** the **-le** ending of the adjective with **-ly**.

sensible  
(adjective)



sensibly  
(adverb)

# Rule for Adding -ibly

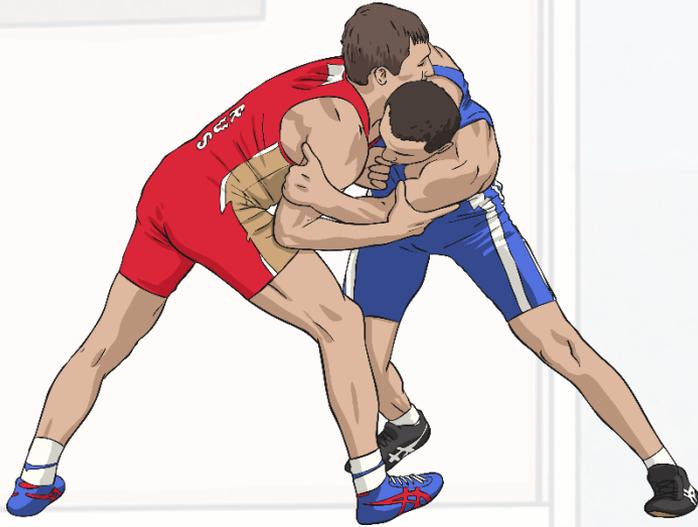
If the root word ends in **-ible**, remove the **-le** and replace it with **-ly**.

**For example:**

possible → possible → possibly

This will change the word from a **adjective** into an **adverb**.

# Adding -ibly Together



The wrestler's strength was **incredible**.

How could we add -ibly to create an **adverb** to describe his strength?

As our root word ends in **-ible**, we need to remove the letters **-le** and add **-ly**. This will change the **adjective** into an **adverb**.

**incredible**  
(adjective)



**incredibly**  
(adverb)

# -ably and -ibly Word Endings

When you are reading and writing, you will see far more words which end in **-able/-ably** than words ending in **-ible/-ibly**.

But how do you know when a word should end in **-able/-ably** or **-ible/-ibly**?

**-able / -ably**

**-ible / -ibly**

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## Words Ending in -able / -ably

The -able/-ably ending is usually (but not always) used if a complete root word can be heard before it, for example:

dependable

enjoyable

considerable

dependably

enjoyably

considerably

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## Words Ending in -able / -ably

The -ible/-ibly ending is *usually* (but not always) used if a complete root word **cannot** be heard before it, for example:

possible

horrible

terrible

incredible

possibly

horribly

terribly

incredibly

# -ably and -ibly Quick Quiz

Which of these word endings is needed to change the bold adjective into an adverb?

It was **tolerable** cold outside.

-ably

-ibly

Try again

The root word ends in **-able** so we need to remove the letters **-le** and add **-ly** to form the adverb **tolerably**.

# -ably and -ibly Quick Quiz

Which of these word endings is needed to change the bold adjective into an adverb?

It all went **horrible** wrong.

Try again

-ably

-ibly

The root word ends in **-ible** so we need to remove the letters **-le** and add **-ly** to form the adverb **horribly**.

# -ably and -ibly Quick Quiz

Which of these word endings is needed to change the bold adjective into an adverb?

Samir was **noticeable** missing from class.

-ably

-ibly

Try again

The root word ends in **-able** so we need to remove the letters **-le** and add **-ly** to form the adverb **noticeably**.

# -ably and -ibly Quick Quiz

Which of these word endings is needed to change the bold adjective into an adverb?

Dina was **considerable** faster than John.

-ably

-ibly

Try again

The root word ends in **-able** so we need to remove the letters **-le** and add **-ly** to form the adverb **considerably**.

# -ably and -ibly Quick Quiz

Which of these word endings is needed to change the bold adjective into an adverb?

He was **visible** shaken after the incident.

Try again

-ably

-ibly

The root word ends in **-ible** so we need to remove the letters **-le** and add **-ly** to form the adverb **visibly**.

# -ably and -ibly Quick Quiz

Which of these word endings is needed to change the bold adjective into an adverb?

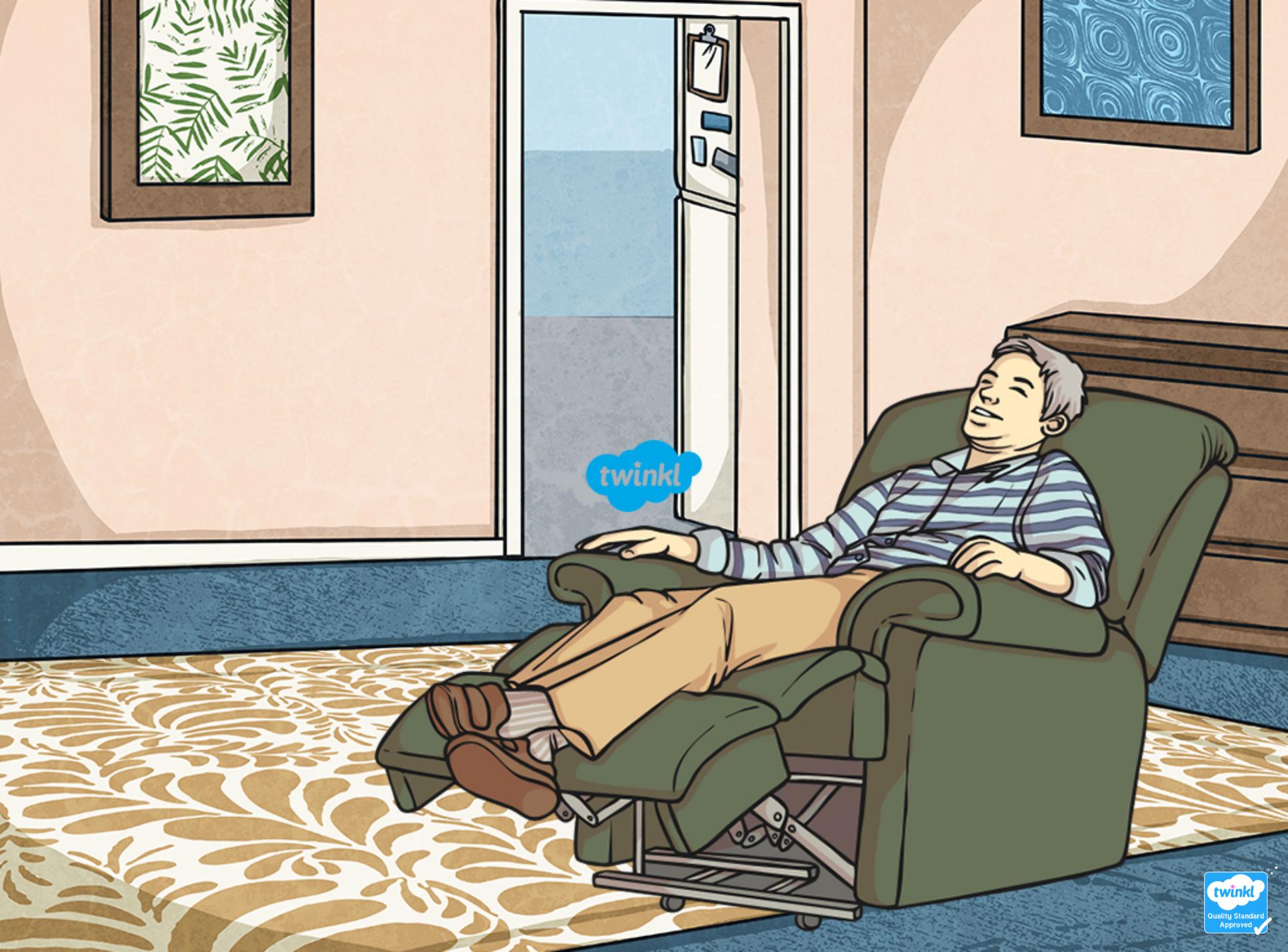
She wrote **legible** on the cheque.

Try again

-ably

-ibly

The root word ends in **-ible** so we need to remove the letters **-le** and add **-ly** to form the adverb **legibly**.



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