Suffixes
-ent/-ence, -ant/-ance

Words with the suffixes -ent and -ence go together.
-ent
  absent
  innocent
-ence
  absence
  innocence

Words with the suffixes -ant and -ance go together.
-ant
  distant
  fragrant
-ance
  distance
  fragrance

Adjectives
(-ent/-ant)
confident
important

Nouns
(-ence/-ance)
confidence
importance

He is confident (adjective) that we will win.

He has a lot of confidence (noun).

We are having an important (adjective) test on Friday.

We can’t forget the importance (noun) of this test.