

## Zeller Speller #15

### Fun things to do

Here are two words that sound alike (homophones), but have **different** meanings and are also spelled differently. Both are **nouns**.

Patience: the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset

Patients: persons receiving medical treatment

To add to the confusion, patient can be an **adjective**, meaning able to accept or tolerate delays, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious

(From the New Oxford American Dictionary online)

In the following story about Willie and Millie fill in the blanks using the words **patience, patients, and patient**.

Willie and Millie are walking to their nice neighborhood park.

“I can’t wait to go to summer kids’ camp,” Millie remarked.

“That’s not happening for two more weeks, so you have to be \_\_\_\_\_.”

“I know. I have to get some medicine for my allergies, so I’m going to the doctor’s tomorrow. The last time my mom took me there were maybe a million \_\_\_\_\_ in the waiting room. It took forever and my mom lost her \_\_\_\_\_.”

“When I get anxious my dad says I have ants in my pants and he preaches practice \_\_\_\_\_ . I think most doctors’ offices are fully filled with people who aren’t \_\_\_\_\_ .”