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Circle the correct spelling of each word below.

1.	impossible	impossable	11.	convertible	convertable
2.	sensible	sensable	12.	credible	credable
3.	portible	portable	13.	debatible	debatable
4.	adorable	adorible	14.	permissible	permissable
5.	terrable	terrible	15.	pleasurable	pleasurible
6.	payable	payible	16.	denible	deniable
7.	horrible	horrable	17.	serviceable	servicible
8.	compatable	compatible	18.	divisible	divisable
9.	adaptable	adaptible	19.	illegable	illegible
10.	accessable	accessible	20.	durible	durable

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- 1. (impossible) impossable
- 2. sensible sensable
- 3. portible portable
- 4. (adorable) adorible
- 5. terrable terrible
- 6. (payable) payible
- 7. (horrible) horrable
- 8. compatable compatible
- 9. adaptable adaptible
- 10. accessable accessible

- 11. convertible convertable
- 12. (credible) credable
- 13. debatible debatable
- 14. (permissible) permissable
- 15. pleasurable pleasurible
- 16. denible deniable
- 17. (serviceable) servicible
- 18. (divisible) divisable
- 19. illegable illegible
- 20. durible durable