

Spelling Rules and Patterns

Each year, the children are expected to revise the spelling rules and patterns from previous years as well as learn the new rules outlined below.

Reception

Sounds	Key words to learn
Phase 2 Phase 3	tricky words

Year 1

Sounds	Spelling Rules	Key words to learn
Phase 4 Phase 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Syllables• Adding s and es• Word endings: er, ed, ing, est• Compound words	Tricky words common exception words

Year 2

Sounds	Spelling Rules	Key words to learn
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Phase 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plurals• Word endings: ed, ing, er, est when words in y or e• Suffixes: ment, ness, ful, less, ly• Contractions• Possessive apostrophe• Homophones Words ending in tion	common exception words
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Key Stage 2

Year 3

Spelling Rules	Key words to learn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possessive plurals with plural words • Prefixes: un, dis, mis, re • Suffixes: ly, ous • Word endings: sure, ture, sion • Homophones • Revising phase 6 	actual learn group heard arrive circle often build eight caught centre century heart breath busy early continue decide island minute difficult earth consider enough perhaps guard material recent guide forward fruit though notice quarter length library famous describe mention answer appear actually extreme February certain height history imagine increase interest important

Year 4

Spelling Rules	Key words to learn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suffixes to words which have more than one syllable • Prefixes: sub, inter, super, anti, auto, in, il, im, ir • Suffix: ation, ly, ous • Word endings: tion, sion, ssion, cian 	accident(ally) address believe bicycle breathe business calendar complete different disappear exercise experience experiment favourite grammar interest knowledge learn medicine natural naughty occasion(ally) opposite ordinary particular peculiar popular position possess(ion) possible potatoes pressure probably promise purpose question regular reign remember sentence separate special straight strange strength suppose surprise therefore although thought through various weight woman/women

Year 5

Spelling Rules	Key words to learn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word endings: cious, tious, able, ible, ably, ibly • use of hyphen • ee/ei • ough • silent letters • Revision of prefixes and suffixes with longer, trickier words. 	Occur accompany according achieve aggressive forty ancient apparent occupy attached available average awkward bargain bruise category cemetery critic community communicate competition conscience conscious dictionary equipped curiosity definite harass foreign controversy convenience correspond criticise desperate determine disastrous embarrass environment equipment especially exaggerate

hindrance excellent existence explanation familiar
amateur frequently government guarantee
immediate knowledge experiment experience
business possession disappear weight separate

Year 6

Spelling Rules	Key words to learn
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Word endings: cial, tial, ant, ance, ancy, ent, ence, ency• Suffixes: fer (stressed and unstressed)	Accommodate accompany appreciate average awkward bargain bruise committee develop explanation identity individual interfere interrupt language leisure lightning marvellous mischievous muscle necessary neighbour nuisance opportunity parliament persuade physical prejudice privilege programme pronunciation Queue recognise recommend relevant restaurant rhyme rhythm sacrifice secretary shoulder signature sincere(ly) soldier stomach sufficient suggest symbol system temperature thorough twelfth variety vegetable vehicle yacht