

## Y2 Spelling Rules

Rule	Example Words
The /dʒ/ sound spelt as ge and dge at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before e, i and y	badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge age, huge, change, charge, bulge, village gem, giant, magic, giraffe, energy jacket, jar, jog, join, adjust
The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y	race, ice, cell, city, fancy
The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less often) gn at the beginning of words	knock, know, knee, gnat, gnaw
The /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words	write, written, wrote, wrong, wrap
The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt -le at the end of words	table, apple, bottle, little, middle
The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt -el at the end of words	camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel
The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt -al at the end of words	metal, pedal, capital, hospital, animal
Words ending -il	pencil, fossil, nostril
The /aɪ/ sound spelt -y at the end of words	cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July
Adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in -y	flies, tries, replies, copies, babies, carries
Adding -ed, -ing, -er and -est to a root word ending in -y with a consonant before it	copied, copier, happier, happiest, cried, replied ...but copying, crying, replying
Adding the endings -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before it	hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer, nicest, shiny
Adding -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter	patting, patted, humming, hummed, dropping, dropped, sadder, saddest, fatter, fattest, runner, runny
The /ɔ:/ sound spelt a before l and ll	all, ball, call, walk, talk, always
The /ʌ/ sound spelt o	other, mother, brother, nothing, Monday
The /i:/ sound spelt -ey	key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley
The /ɒ/ sound spelt a after w and qu	want, watch, wander, quantity, squash
The /ɜ:/ sound spelt or after w	word, work, worm, world, worth

The /ɔ :/ sound spelt ar after w	war, warm, towards
The /ʒ / sound spelt s	television, treasure, usual
The suffixes –ment, –ness, –ful, –less and –ly	enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), badly merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily
Contractions	can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll
The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)	Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the child's, the man's
Words ending in –tion	station, fiction, motion, national, section
Homophones and near-homophones	there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight

## COMMON EXCEPTION WORDS

These are the statutory word lists for Year 2. Please can you support your child to learn these spellings:

door	even	sugar	many
floor	great	eye	clothes
poor	break	could	busy
because	steak	should	people
find	pretty	would	water
kind	beautiful	who	again
mind	after	whole	half
behind	fast	any	class
child	last	most	grass
children	past	only	pass
wild	father	both	plant
climb	prove	everybody	parents
old	path	money	Christmas
cold	bath	Mr	improve
gold	hour	Mrs	sure
hold	move	every	told