



Spelling

Reception high-frequency words

a	dad	I'm	not	their
about	day	if	now	them
all	do	in	of	then
an	don't	into	off	there
and	down	is	oh	they
are	for	it	old	this
as	from	it's	on	time
asked	get	just	one	to
at	go	like	out	too
back	got	little	people	up
be	had	look	put	very
big	have	looked	saw	was
but	he	made	said	we
by	help	make	same	went
called	her	me	see	were
came	here	Mr	she	what
can	him	Mrs	so	when
children	his	mum	some	will
come	house	my	that	with
could	I	no	the	you

Year 1 Common Exception Words

1. the	16. you	31. where
2. a	17. your	32. love
3. do	18. they	33. come
4. to	19. be	34. some
5. today	20. he	35. one
6. of	21. me	36. once
7. said	22. she	37. ask
8. says	23. we	38. friend
9. are	24. no	39. school
10. were	25. go	40. put
11. was	26. so	41. push
12. is	27. by	42. pull
13. his	28. my	43. full
14. has	29. here	44. house
15. I	30. there	45. our

Year 1 Spelling Rules

1. ff	off	31. ur	turn
2. ll	well	32. oo (long)	food
3. ss	miss	33. oo (short)	book
4. zz	buzz	34. oa	boat
5. ck	back	35. oe	goes
6. nk	sunk	36. ou	about
7. Division of words into syllables	carrot	37. ow	down
		38. ow	blow
8. tch	catch	39. ue	blue
9. v sound at end of words	have	40. ew	blew
		41. ie	tried
10. -es	catches	42. ie	field
11. -ing	jumping	43. igh	high
12. -ed	jumped	44. or	fork
13. -er	jumper	45. ore	before
14. -est	freshest	46. aw	crawl
15. ai	train	47. au	author
16. oi	boil	48. air	pair
17. ay	clay	49. ear	dear
18. oy	toy	50. ear	bear
19. a_e	made	51. are	care
20. e_e	these	52. y	happy
21. i_e	time	53. ph	dolphin
22. o_e	home	54. wh	when
23. u_e	cute	55. k (k before e/i/y – not c)	skin
24. ar	start		
25. ee	deep	56. un (prefix)	unfair
26. ea	bread	57. compound words	farmyard
27. ea	dream	Please also refer to common exceptions spelling test for Year 1 children.	
28. er (stressed)	term		
29. er (unstressed)	summer		
30. ir	bird		

Year 2 Common Exception Words

1. door	17. cold	33. class	49. who
2. floor	18. gold	34. grass	50. whole
3. poor	19. hold	35. pass	51. any
4. because	20. told	36. plant	52. many
5. kind	21. everyone	37. path	53. clothes
6. find	22. even	38. bath	54. busy
7. mind	23. great	39. hour	55. people
8. behind	24. break	40. move	56. water
9. child	25. steak	41. prove	57. again
10. children	26. pretty	42. improve	58. half
11. wild	27. beautiful	43. sure	59. money
12. climb	28. after	44. sugar	60. Mr
13. most	29. fast	45. eye	61. Mrs
14. only	30. last	46. could	62. parents
15. both	31. past	47. should	63. Christmas
16. old	32. father	48. would	

Year 2 Spelling Rules

1. dge	edge
2. ge (not used after short vowel sounds)	huge
3. g (usually spelt as such when before e, i, y)	giant
4. j (used before a, o, u)	jacket
5. c (s sound before e, i, y)	city
6. kn	knock
7. wr	wrong
8. -le (end of words)	table
9. -el (end of words)	travel
10. -al (end of words)	capital
11. -il	pencil
12. -y (end of words)	cry
13. -es (added to nouns and verbs ending in -y. y is changed to i before adding es)	babies
14. -ed (added to a root word ending in y with a consonant before it. y changed to an i before the -ed)	copied
15. -er (added to a root word ending in y with a consonant before it. y changed to an i before the -er)	copier
16. -est (added to a root word ending in y with a consonant before it. y changed to an i before the -er)	happiest
17. -ing (added to a root word ending in y with a consonant before it. y not changed to an i)	copying
18. -ing (added to a root word ending in an e with a consonant before it. e at the end of the root word is dropped)	hiking
19. -ed (added to a root word ending in an e with a consonant before it. e at the end of the root word is dropped)	hiked
20. -er (added to a root word ending in an e with a consonant before it. e at the end of the root word is dropped)	hiker
21. -est (added to a root word ending in an e with a consonant before it. e at the end of the root word is dropped)	nicest

Homophones and near homophones to be assessed.

Please also refer to common exceptions spelling test for Year 2 children.

Year 2 Spelling Rules

22. -y (added to a root word ending in an e with a consonant before it. e at the end of the root word is dropped)	shiny
23. -ing (when adding -ing, if the vowel sound is short, double the consonant)	dropping
24. -ed (when adding -ing, if the vowel sound is short, double the consonant)	dropped
25. -er (when adding -ing, if the vowel sound is short, double the consonant)	sadder
26. -est (when adding -ing, if the vowel sound is short, double the consonant)	saddest
27. -y (when adding -ing, if the vowel sound is short, double the consonant)	runny
28. a (or sound spelt as an a before l and ll)	always
29. o	Monday
30. -ey (ee sound)	donkey
31. a (o sound after w and qu)	want
32. or (er sound after w)	world
33. ar (or sound after w)	warm
34. s (zh sound)	television
35. -ment (suffix added straight onto the root word if suffix starts with a consonant)	enjoyment
36. -ness (suffix added straight onto the root word if suffix starts with a consonant)	sadness
37. -ful (suffix added straight onto the root word if suffix starts with a consonant)	careful
38. -less (suffix added straight onto the root word if suffix starts with a consonant)	hopeless
39. -ly (suffix added straight onto the root word if suffix starts with a consonant)	badly
40. Possessive apostrophe	The man's cat.
41. Contractions	can't
42. -tion (ending)	station
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Year 3 Word List

1. accident	19. famous	37. position
2. address	20. February	38. possible
3. appear	21. fruit	39. pressure
4. believe	22. group	40. promise
5. breath	23. guide	41. quarter
6. build	24. heart	42. recent
7. calendar	25. history	43. reign
8. centre	26. increase	44. sentence
9. certain	27. island	45. special
10. complete	28. learn	46. strange
11. continue	29. library	47. suppose
12. describe	30. medicine	48. therefore
13. difficult	31. minute	49. thought
14. early	32. naughty	50. various
15. eight	33. occasion(ally)	51. woman
16. eighth	34. opposite	52. women
17. exercise	35. particular	
18. experiment	36. perhaps	

Year 4 Word List

1. actual	19. extreme	37. peculiar
2. actually	20. favourite	38. popular
3. answer	21. forward	39. possess
4. arrive	22. forwards	40. possession
5. bicycle	23. grammar	41. potatoes
6. breathe	24. guard	42. probably
7. busy	25. heard	43. purpose
8. business	26. height	44. question
9. caught	27. imagine	45. regular
10. century	28. important	46. remember
11. circle	29. knowledge	47. separate
12. consider	30. length	48. straight
13. decide	31. material	49. strength
14. different	32. mention	50. surprise
15. disappear	33. natural	51. though
16. earth	34. notice	52. although
17. enough	35. often	53. through
18. experience	36. ordinary	54. weight

Year 3/4 Spelling Rules

1. Adding suffixes beginning with vowels to words of more than one syllable. (1)	Forget – final consonant is doubled if last syllable is stressed: forgetting
2. Adding suffixes beginning with vowels to words of more than one syllable. (2)	Garden – final consonant not doubled if last syllable is unstressed: gardening
3. y within words.	myth
4. ou	young
5. The suffix -ation	information
6. The suffix -ly	Added straight on to most root words: sadly
7. The suffix -ly	Change y to i and add ly: happily
8. The suffix -ly	Change le to ly: gently
9. The suffix -ly	If the word ends in ic, add ally: frantically
10. The suffix -ly	Exceptions: publicly
11. The suffix -ly	Exceptions: truly
12. The suffix -ly	Exceptions: duly
13. The suffix -ly	Exceptions: wholly
14. Prefixes: dis-	disappoint
15. Prefixes: mis-	misbehave
16. Prefixes: in-	incorrect
17. Prefixes: il-	illegible
18. Prefixes: im-	impossible
19. Prefixes: ir-	irregular
20. Prefixes: re-	reappear
21. Prefixes: sub-	subheading
22. Prefixes: inter-	interact

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Please also refer to word list spelling test for Year 3/4 children.

Year 3/4 Spelling Rules

23. Prefixes: super-	supermarket
24. Prefixes: anti-	anti-clockwise
25. Prefixes: auto-	autobiography
26. -sure	measure
27. -ture	picture
28. -sion	division
29. -ous	dangerous
30. -ious	obvious
31. -eous	hideous
32. -tion	action
33. -sion	tension
34. -ssion	discussion
35. -cian	musician
36. /k/ sound spelt ch	character
37. sh sound spelt ch	chef
38. -gue	league
39. -que	antique
40. sc	science
41. ei	weight
42. eigh	eight
43. ey	obey
44. Possessive apostrophe with plural words	The girls' coats.
45. Possessive apostrophe with plural words	The children's coats.

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Year 5 Word List

1. accommodate	19. embarrass	37. persuade
2. according	20. equip	38. prejudice
3. aggressive	21. equipment	39. profession
4. ancient	22. exaggerate	40. pronunciation
5. appreciate	23. existence	41. recognise
6. available	24. familiar	42. relevant
7. awkward	25. forty	43. rhyme
8. bruise	26. government	44. sacrifice
9. cemetery	27. harass	45. shoulder
10. communicate	28. identity	46. sincere
11. competition	29. individual	47. sincerely
12. conscious	30. interrupt	48. stomach
13. convenience	31. leisure	49. suggest
14. critic	32. marvellous	50. system
15. criticise	33. muscle	51. thorough
16. definite	34. neighbour	52. variety
17. determined	35. occupy	53. vehicle
18. dictionary	36. opportunity	

Year 6 Word List

1. accompany	19. especially	37. privilege
2. achieve	20. excellent	38. programme
3. amateur	21. explanation	39. queue
4. apparent	22. foreign	40. recommend
5. attached	23. frequently	41. restaurant
6. average	24. guarantee	42. rhythm
7. bargain	25. hindrance	43. secretary
8. category	26. immediate	44. signature
9. committee	27. immediately	45. soldier
10. community	28. interfere	46. sufficient
11. conscience	29. language	47. symbol
12. controversy	30. lightning	48. temperature
13. correspond	31. mischievous	49. twelfth
14. curiosity	32. necessary	50. vegetable
15. desperate	33. nuisance	51. yacht
16. develop	34. occur	
17. disastrous	35. parliament	
18. environment	36. physical	

Year 5/6 Spelling Rules

1. -cious	delicious
2. -tious	cautious
3. -cial	special
4. -tial	confidential
5. -ant	tolerant
6. -ance	tolerance
7. -ancy	hesitancy
8. -ent (used after a soft c, g or qu)	confident
9. -ence (used after a soft c, g or qu)	confidence
10. -ency (used after a soft c, g or qu)	frequency
11. -able (added to a word ending in -ce or -ge)	adorable
12. -ably	adorably
13. -ible	possible
14. -ibly	possibly
15. -fer	prefer
16. -ferring (r doubled because -fer is stressed)	preferring
17. -ferred (r doubled because -fer is stressed when ending is added)	preferred
18. -fer (r not doubled because -fer no longer stressed when ending is added)	preference
19. Use of hyphen (used to join the prefix to the root word because prefix ends in a vowel and root begins with one)	co-operate
20. 'i' before 'e' except after 'c'	deceive
21. ough	fought
22. ough	tough
23. ough	cough
24. ough	although
25. ough	through
26. ough	thorough
27. ough	plough
28. silent letters	doubt

Year 5/6 Spelling Rules

29. silent letters	island
30. silent letters	lamb
31. silent letters	solemn
32. silent letters	thistle
33. silent letters	knight
34. noun (The Doctor's practice)	practice
35. verb (Practise your writing)	practise
36. The boy went farther (to mean further)	farther
37. The boy's father (male parent)	father
38. She guessed correctly (past tense of guess)	guessed
39. She is our guest (visitor)	guest
40. They heard a noise (past tense of hear)	heard
41. The herd of animals (group of animals)	herd
42. The teacher led the children (past tense of verb lead)	led
43. Lead the children round (present tense of verb)/ It was made from lead (heavy metal)	lead
44. We went in the morning (before noon)	morning
45. The family were mourning (grieving)	mourning
46. In the past... (previous time)	past
47. I passed him in the road (present tense of verb pass)	passed
48. It will precede the show (go in front or before)	precede
49. The show will proceed (go on)	proceed
50. The principal of the college (important person)	principal
51. The principle will be explained (the basic truth or belief)	principle
52. The profit made was (money made from selling)	profit
53. What did the prophet say? (person who foretells the future)	prophet
54. The vehicle was stationary (not moving)	stationary
55. This is the stationery cupboard (pen etc...)	stationery
56. It is wrong to steal (to take something that doesn't belong to you)	steal

Year 5/6 Spelling Rules

57. It is made from steel (metal)	steel
58. The cat was wary (cautious)	wary
59. The child was weary (tired)	weary
60. Who's going? (contraction of who is)	who's
61. Whose jacket is it? (belonging to someone)	whose
62. Walk down the aisle (gangway between seats)	aisle
63. The isle was in the Pacific Ocean (island)	isle
64. Read aloud (out loud)	aloud
65. Dogs were allowed (permitted)	allowed
66. The weather may affect our plans (usually a verb)	affect
67. It may have an effect on our plans (usually a noun)	effect
68. The altar is at the front (piece of furniture)	altar
69. Don't alter your plans (change)	alter
70. They made the ascent to the top (going up)	ascent
71. A loud murmur of assent (agree)	assent
72. The bridal procession began (bride at a wedding)	bridal
73. Pick up the bridle (reins on a horse)	bridle
74. I had cereal for breakfast (made from grain)	cereal
75. I recorded the whole series (succession)	serial
76. I appreciate the compliment (nice remark)	compliment
77. The scarf will complement her outfit (complete)	complement
78. They made their descent down the mountain (going down)	descent
79. He was sent off for dissent (disagreement)	dissent
80. Don't desert them now! (abandon) OR The camel walked across the desert (barren place)	desert
81. I have made chocolate cake for dessert (sweet course)	dessert
82. Complete your first draft (attempt at writing)	draft
83. There was a draught in the air (current of air)	draught