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Spelling Overview- Year 3 and 4



Week	Statutory Requirements	Spelling rules and guidance	Spelling words
1	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	If the last syllable of a word is stressed and ends with one consonant letter which has just one vowel letter before it, the final consonant letter is doubled before any ending beginning with a vowel letter is added. The consonant letter is not doubled if the syllable is unstressed.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. forgetting2. forgotten3. beginning4. beginner5. prefer6. preferred7. gardening8. gardener9. limiting10. limited <u>Additional words:</u> limitation
2	The /ɪ/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words	These words should be learnt as needed.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. myth2. gym3. Egypt4. pyramid5. hyphen6. pylon7. cycle8. dynamic9. python10. hyena
3	The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou	These words should be learnt as needed.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. young2. touch3. double4. trouble5. abound6. account7. accountable



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			<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. adjourn9. adventurous10. ambitious
4	More prefixes	<p>Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling, but see in- below.</p> <p>Like un-, the prefixes dis- and mis- have negative meanings.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. disappoint2. disagree3. disobey4. misbehave5. mislead6. misspell7. mistreat8. misunderstood9. disable10. discharge
5	More prefixes	<p>The prefix in- can mean both 'not' and 'in'/'into'. In the words given here it means 'not'.</p> <p>Before a root word starting with l, in- becomes il.</p> <p>Before a root word starting with m or p, in- becomes im-.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. inactive2. incorrect3. illegal4. illegible5. immature6. immortal7. impossible8. impatient9. imperfect10. imbalanced
6	More prefixes	<p>Before a root word starting with r, in- becomes ir-.</p> <p>re- means 'again' or 'back'.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. irregular2. irrelevant3. irresponsible4. redo5. refresh6. return



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			<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. reappear8. redecorate9. irrational10. irruptive
7	More prefixes	<p>sub- means 'under'.</p> <p>inter- means 'between' or 'among'.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. subdivide2. subheading3. submarine4. submerge5. interact6. intercity7. international8. interrelated9. intercepts10. interlinks
8	More prefixes	<p>super- means 'above'.</p> <p>anti- means 'against'.</p> <p>auto- means 'self' or 'own'.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. supermarket2. superman3. superstar4. antiseptic5. anti-clockwise6. antisocial7. autobiography8. autograph9. autocorrect10. automobile
9	The suffix -ation	The suffix -ation is added to verbs to form nouns. The rules already learnt still apply.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. information2. adoration3. sensation4. preparation



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			<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. admiration6. transportation7. relaxation8. fertilisation9. declaration10. legalisation
10	The suffix -ly	<p>The suffix -ly is added to an adjective to form an adverb. The rules already learnt still apply.</p> <p>The suffix -ly starts with a consonant letter, so it is added straight on to most root words.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. sadly2. surprisingly3. completely4. usually5. finally6. secondly7. thoughtfully8. comically9. strangely10. suddenly
11	The suffix -ly	<p>Exceptions:</p> <p>(1) If the root word ends in -y with a consonant letter before it, the y is changed to i, but only if the root word has more than one syllable.</p> <p>(2) If the root word ends with -le, the -le is changed to -ly.</p> <p>(3) If the root word ends with -ic, -ally is added rather than just -ly, except in the word <i>publicly</i>.</p> <p>(4) The words <i>truly</i>, <i>duly</i>, <i>wholly</i>.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. happily2. angrily3. basically4. gently5. simply6. humbly7. nobly8. frantically9. dramatically10. truly
12	Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/	The ending sounding like /ʒə/ is always spelt -sure .	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. measure2. treasure



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		The ending sounding like /tʃə/ is often spelt -ture , but check that the word is not a root word ending in (t)ch with an er ending - e.g. <i>teacher, catcher, richer, stretcher</i> .	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. pleasure4. enclosure5. creature6. furniture7. picture8. nature9. adventure10. immature
13	Endings which sound like /ʒən/	If the ending sounds like /ʒən/, it is spelt as -sion .	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. division2. invasion3. confusion4. decision5. collision6. television7. accession8. collision9. compassion10. conclusion
14	The suffix -ous	<p>Sometimes the root word is obvious and the usual rules apply for adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters.</p> <p>Sometimes there is no obvious root word.</p> <p>-our is changed to -or before -ous is added.</p> <p>A final 'e' of the root word must be kept if the /dʒ/ sound of 'g' is to be kept.</p> <p>If there is an /i:/ sound before the -ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a few words have e.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. poisonous2. dangerous3. mountainous4. famous5. various6. tremendous7. enormous8. jealous9. humorous10. glamorous



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		** 2 week block **	
15	The suffix -ous	As above	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. vigorous2. courageous3. outrageous4. serious5. obvious6. curious7. hideous8. spontaneous9. courteous10. adventurous
16	Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian	<p>Strictly speaking, the suffixes are -ion and -ian. Clues about whether to put t, s, ss or c before these suffixes often come from the last letter or letters of the root word.</p> <p>-tion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t or te.</p> <p>-ssion is used if the root word ends in ss or -mit.</p> <p>-sion is used if the root word ends in d or se. Exceptions: <i>attend - attention, intend - intention</i>.</p> <p>-cian is used if the root word ends in c or cs.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. invention2. injection3. action4. hesitation5. completion6. expression7. discussion8. confession9. permission10. admission
17.	Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian	As above	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. expansion2. extension3. comprehension4. tension5. musician6. electrician7. magician8. politician



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			9. mathematician 10. musician
18	Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin) Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)		1. scheme 2. chorus 3. chemist 4. echo 5. character 6. chef 7. chalet 8. machine 9. brochure 10. ache
19	Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt -gue and the /k/ sound spelt -que (French in origin) Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin)		1. league 2. tongue 3. antique 4. unique 5. science 6. scene 7. discipline 8. fascinate 9. crescent 10. banquet
20	Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey		1. vein 2. weigh 3. eight 4. neighbour 5. they 6. obey 7. eighteenth



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			8. freight 9. heightened 10. outweigh
21	Possessive apostrophe with plural words	The apostrophe is placed after the plural form of the word; -s is not added if the plural already ends in -s , but <i>is</i> added if the plural does not end in -s (i.e. is an irregular plural - e.g. <i>children's</i>). (Note: singular proper nouns ending in an <i>s</i> use the <i>'s</i> suffix e.g. <i>Cyprus's</i> population)	1. girls' 2. boys' 3. babies' 4. children's 5. men's 6. mice's 7. James' 8. Cyprus' 9. women's 10. herd's
22	Homophones and near-homophones		1. accept 2. except 3. affect 4. effect 5. ball 6. bawl 7. berry 8. bury 9. brake 10. break
23	Homophones and near-homophones		1. fair 2. fare 3. grate 4. great 5. groan 6. grown



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			7. here 8. hear 9. heel 10. heal
24	Homophones and near-homophones		1. knot 2. not 3. mail 4. male 5. main 6. mane 7. meat 8. meet 9. medal 10. meddle
25	Homophones and near-homophones		1. missed 2. mist 3. peace 4. piece 5. plain 6. plane 7. rain 8. rein 9. reign 10. scene <u>Additional words:</u> weather whether whose who's
26	Revision of spelling rules to cover complete Year 3 and 4 spelling list.	Revise spelling rules appropriate to each word.	1. accidentally 2. actually 3. address



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			<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. answer5. appear6. arrive7. believe8. bicycle9. breath10. breathe
27	Revision of spelling rules to cover complete Year 3 and 4 spelling list.	Revise selling rules appropriate to each word.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. build2. business3. calendar4. caught5. centre6. century7. certain8. circle9. complete10. consider
28	Revision of spelling rules to cover complete Year 3 and 4 spelling list.	Revise selling rules appropriate to each word.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. continue2. decide3. describe4. different5. difficult6. disappear7. early8. earth9. eighth10. enough
29	Revision of spelling rules to cover complete Year 3 and 4 spelling list.	Revise selling rules appropriate to each word.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. exercise2. experience3. experiment4. extreme5. famous



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			<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. favourite7. February8. forward9. fruit10. grammar
30	Revision of spelling rules to cover complete Year 3 and 4 spelling list.	Revise selling rules appropriate to each word.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. group2. guard3. guide4. heard5. heart6. height7. history8. imagine9. increase10. important
31	Revision of spelling rules to cover complete Year 3 and 4 spelling list.	Revise selling rules appropriate to each word.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. interest2. island3. knowledge4. learn5. length6. library7. material8. medicine9. mention10. minute
32	Revision of spelling rules to cover complete Year 3 and 4 spelling list.	Revise selling rules appropriate to each word.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. natural2. naughty3. notice4. occasionally5. often6. opposite7. ordinary



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			8. particular 9. peculiar 10. perhaps
33	Revision of spelling rules to cover complete Year 3 and 4 spelling list.	Revise selling rules appropriate to each word.	1. popular 2. position 3. possession 4. possible 5. potatoes 6. pressure 7. probably 8. promise 9. purpose 10. quarter
34	Revision of spelling rules to cover complete Year 3 and 4 spelling list.	Revise selling rules appropriate to each word.	1. question 2. recent 3. regular 4. reign 5. remember 6. sentence 7. separate 8. special 9. straight 10. strange
35	Revision of spelling rules to cover complete Year 3 and 4 spelling list.	Revise selling rules appropriate to each word.	1. strength 2. suppose 3. surprise 4. therefore 5. although 6. thought 7. through 8. various 9. weight



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			10. woman <u>Additional words</u> women
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