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Week	Statutory Requirements	Spelling rules and guidance	Spelling words
1	Endings which sound like ʃspelt -cious or -tious / əs/	Not many common words end like this. If the root word ends in -ce , the sound is usually spelt as c - e.g. <i>vice - vicious, grace - gracious, space - spacious, malice - malicious</i> . Exception: <i>anxious</i> . /ʃ/	1. vicious 2. precious 3. conscious 4. delicious 5. malicious 6. suspicious 7. ambitious 8. cautious 9. fictitious 10. infectious
2	Endings which sound like	-cial is common after a vowel letter and -tial after a consonant letter, but there are some exceptions. Exceptions: <i>initial, financial, commercial, provincial</i> (the spelling of the last three is clearly related to <i>finance</i> , <i>commerce</i> and <i>province</i>).	1. official 2. special 3. artificial 4. partial 5. confidential 6. essential 7. substantial 8. superficial 9. potential 10. industrial
3	Words ending in -ant, -ance/-ancy, -ent, -ence/-ency	Use -ant and -ance/-ancy if there is a related word with a or /eɪ/ sound in the right position; -ation endings are often a clue. /æ/	1. observant 2. observance 3. observation 4. expectant 5. expectation 6. hesitant 7. hesitancy



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			8. hesitation 9. tolerant 10. tolerance <u>Additional words:</u> toleration substance
4	Words ending in -ant, -ance/-ancy, -ent, -ence/-ency	Use -ent and -ence/-ency after soft c (/s/ sound), soft g sound) and qu , or if there is a related word with a clear e sound in the right position. There are many words, however, where the above guidance does not help. These words just have to be learnt. (/dʒ/ / /	1. innocent 2. innocence 3. decent 4. decency 5. frequent 6. frequency 7. confident 8. confidence 9. confidential 10. assistant <u>Additional words:</u> assistance obedient obedience independent independence
5	Words ending in -able and -ible Words ending in -ably and -ibly	The -able/-ably endings are far more common than the -ible/-ibly endings. As with -ant and -ance/-ancy , the -able ending is used if there is a related word ending in -ation .	1. adorable 2. adorably 3. adoration 4. applicable 5. applicably 6. application 7. considerable 8. considerably 9. consideration



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			10. tolerable
6	Words ending in -able and -ible	<p>If the -able ending is added to a word ending in -ce or -ge, the e after the c or g must be kept as those letters would otherwise have their 'hard' sounds (as in <i>cap</i> and <i>gap</i>) before the a of the -able ending.</p> <p>The -able ending is usually but not always used if a complete root word can be heard before it, even if there is no related word ending in -ation. The first five examples opposite are obvious; in <i>reliable</i>, the complete word <i>rely</i> is heard, but the y changes to i in accordance with the rule.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. changeable2. noticeable3. forcible4. legible5. dependable6. comfortable7. understandable8. reasonable9. enjoyable10. reliable
7	Words ending in -able and -ible Words ending in -ably and -ibly	<p>The -ible ending is common if a complete root word can't be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word <i>can</i> be heard (e.g. <i>sensible</i>).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. possible2. possibly3. horrible4. horribly5. terrible6. terribly7. visible8. visibly9. incredible10. incredibly <p><u>Additional words:</u> sensible sensibly</p>
8	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer	<p>The r is doubled if the -fer is still stressed when the ending is added.</p> <p>The r is not doubled if the -fer is no longer stressed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. referring2. referred3. referral4. preferring5. preferred6. transferring7. transferred8. reference



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			9. referee 10. preference <u>Additional words:</u> transference
9	Use of the hyphen	<p>Hyphens can be used to join a prefix to a root word, especially if the prefix ends in a vowel letter and the root word also begins with one.</p> <p>In compound adjectives (single adjectives formed from two or more words) that appear before a noun For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An up-to-date guide is a guide that is up to date.• Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance is a benefit that is based on your income.• An energy-efficient fridge is one that is energy efficient. <p>These hyphens are often necessary to avoid confusion.</p> <p>To distinguish one word from a similar one For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• re-sort, not resort• co-op, not coop• re-form, not reform <p>With prefixes Some words formed with a prefix are always hyphenated. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• self-employed• pro-family• anti-aircraft	1. co-ordinate 2. re-enter 3. co-operate 4. co-own 5. re-elect 6. de-ice 7. self-employed 8. energy-efficient 9. up-to-date 10. twenty-seven



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		<p>With some prefixes, a hyphen is not necessary but is preferable to help with pronunciation, avoid a double vowel, or stop a word looking odd.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• co-ordinate• re-enter• de-ice <p>When numbers between 21 and 99 are written out in full</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• twenty-one• ninety-nine• one hundred and thirty-four (Note that only 'thirty-four' is hyphenated.)	
10	Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c	<p>The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to words where the sound spelt by ei is /i:/.</p> <p>Exceptions: <i>protein, caffeine, seize</i> (and <i>either</i> and <i>neither</i> if pronounced with an initial /i:/ sound).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. deceive2. conceive3. receive4. perceive5. ceiling6. piece7. receipt8. receive9. achieve10. conceit
11	Words containing the letter-string ough	<p>ough is one of the trickiest spellings in English - it can be used to spell a number of different sounds.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ought2. bought3. thought4. nought



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			<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. brought6. fought7. rough8. tough9. enough10. cough <p><u>Additional words:</u></p> <p>though although dough through thorough borough plough bough</p>
12	Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)	Some letters which are no longer sounded used to be sounded hundreds of years ago: e.g. in <i>knight</i> , there was a /k/ sound before the /n/, and the gh used to represent the sound that 'ch' now represents in the Scottish word <i>loch</i> .	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. doubt2. island3. lamb4. solemn5. thistle6. knight7. knife8. knee9. column10. foreign
13	Homophones and other words that are often confused	In the pairs of words opposite, nouns end -ce and verbs end -se . <i>Advice</i> and <i>advise</i> provide a useful clue as the word <i>advise</i> (verb) is pronounced with a /z/ sound - which could not be spelt c .	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. advice2. advise3. device4. devise5. licence6. license7. practice



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			8. practise 9. prophecy 10. prophesy
14	Homophones and other words that are often confused	<p><u>More examples:</u></p> <p>aisle: a gangway between seats (in a church, train, plane). isle: an island. aloud: out loud. allowed: permitted. affect: usually a verb (e.g. <i>The weather may affect our plans</i>). effect: usually a noun (e.g. <i>It may have an effect on our plans</i>). If a verb, it means 'bring about' (e.g. <i>He will effect changes in the running of the business</i>). altar: a table-like piece of furniture in a church. alter: to change. ascent: the act of ascending (going up). assent: to agree/agreement (verb and noun). bridal: to do with a bride at a wedding. bridle: reins etc. for controlling a horse. cereal: made from grain (e.g. breakfast cereal). serial: adjective from the noun <i>series</i> - a succession of things one after the other. compliment: to make nice remarks about someone (verb) or the remark that is made (noun). complement: related to the word <i>complete</i> - to make something complete or more complete (e.g. <i>her scarf complemented her outfit</i>).</p>	1. aisle 2. isle 3. aloud 4. allowed 5. affect 6. effect 7. altar 8. alter 9. cereal 10. serial
15	Homophones and other words that are often confused	<p>farther: further father: a male parent guessed: past tense of the verb <i>guess</i> guest: visitor heard: past tense of the verb <i>hear</i> herd: a group of animals led: past tense of the verb <i>lead</i> lead: present tense of that verb, or else the metal which is very heavy (<i>as heavy as lead</i>) morning: before noon mourning: grieving for someone who</p>	1. farther 2. father 3. heard 4. herd 5. led 6. lead 7. mourning 8. morning



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		has died past: noun or adjective referring to a previous time (e.g. <i>In the past</i>) or preposition or adverb showing place (e.g. <i>he walked past me</i>) passed: past tense of the verb 'pass' (e.g. <i>I passed him in the road</i>) precede: go in front of or before proceed: go on	9. passed 10. past
16	Homophones and other words that are often confused	descent: the act of descending (going down). dissent: to disagree/disagreement (verb and noun). desert: as a noun - a barren place (stress on first syllable); as a verb - to abandon (stress on second syllable) dessert: (stress on second syllable) a sweet course after the main course of a meal. draft: noun - a first attempt at writing something; verb - to make the first attempt; also, to draw in someone (e.g. <i>to draft in extra help</i>) draught: a current of air. who's: contraction of <i>who is</i> or <i>who has</i> whose: belonging to someone (e.g. <i>whose jacket?</i>)	1. descent 2. dissent 3. desert 4. dessert 5. draft 6. draught 7. who's 8. whose 9. there 10. their
17.	Homophones and other words that are often confused	principal: adjective - most important (e.g. <i>principal ballerina</i>) noun - important person (e.g. <i>principal of a college</i>) principle: basic truth or belief profit: money that is made in selling things prophet: someone who foretells the future stationary: not moving stationery: paper, envelopes etc. steal: take something that does not belong to you steel: metal wary: cautious weary: tired	1. principal 2. principle 3. profit 4. prophet 5. stationary 6. stationery 7. steal 8. steel 9. wary 10. weary
18		Revision of spelling rules. Spellings taken from the complete Year 5 and 6 spelling list.	1. accommodate 2. accompany 3. according 4. achieve 5. aggressive



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			<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. amateur7. ancient8. apparent9. appreciate10. attached
19		Revision of spelling rules. Spellings taken from the complete Year 5 and 6 spelling list.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. available2. average3. awkward4. bargain5. bruise6. category7. cemetery8. committee9. communicate10. community
20		Revision of spelling rules. Spellings taken from the complete Year 5 and 6 spelling list.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. competition2. conscience3. conscious4. controversy5. convenience6. correspond7. criticise8. curiosity9. definite10. desperate
21		Revision of spelling rules. Spellings taken from the complete Year 5 and 6 spelling list.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. determined2. develop3. dictionary4. disastrous



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">5. embarrass6. environment7. equipment8. especially9. exaggerate10. excellent
22		Revision of spelling rules. Spellings taken from the complete Year 5 and 6 spelling list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. existence2. explanation3. familiar4. foreign5. forty6. frequently7. government8. guarantee9. harass10. hindrance
23		Revision of spelling rules. Spellings taken from the complete Year 5 and 6 spelling list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. identity2. immediately3. individual4. interfere5. interrupt6. language7. leisure8. lightning9. marvellous10. mischievous
24		Revision of spelling rules. Spellings taken from the complete Year 5 and 6 spelling list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. muscle2. necessary3. neighbour



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			<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. nuisance5. occupy6. occur7. opportunity8. parliament9. persuade10. physical
25		Revision of spelling rules. Spellings taken from the complete Year 5 and 6 spelling list.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. prejudice2. privilege3. profession4. programme5. pronunciation6. queue7. recognise8. recommend9. relevant10. restaurant
26		Revision of spelling rules. Spellings taken from the complete Year 5 and 6 spelling list.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. rhyme2. rhythm3. sacrifice4. secretary5. shoulder6. signature7. sincerely8. soldier9. stomach10. sufficient



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27		Revision of spelling rules. Spellings taken from the complete Year 5 and 6 spelling list.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. suggest2. symbol3. system4. temperature5. thorough6. twelfth7. variety8. vegetable9. vehicle10. yacht
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