

Year 4 Spelling Overview

In Year 4, weekly spelling lists are based on the statutory guidance from the National Curriculum. Each week, children also learn to spell High Frequency Words (HFW) and Common Exception Words (CEW).

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Autumn 2	Spelling	Words with the prefix 'in-' meaning 'not' inability, inactive, inadequate, incorrect, incurable, indefinite, inelegant, inflexible, insecure, invisible	Words with the prefixes 'il-' , 'im-' and 'ir-' illegal, illegible, immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect, irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible	Words with the prefix 'sub-' meaning 'below' or 'further divided' subdivide, subheading, subject, submarine, submerge, submit, substandard, subtitle, subtropical, subway	Words with the prefix 'inter-' meaning 'between' or 'among' interact, intercept, interchange, intercity, intercom, interface, interfere, international, internet, interview	Words that are homophones accept, except, knot, not, peace, piece, plain, plane, weather, whether	Review adverbs 'phon' and 'sign' 'au' makes an /or/ prefix 'in-' , 'il-' , 'im-' , 'ir-' , 'sub-' and 'inter-' homophones
	Y3/4 CEW	interest island	knowledge learn	length library	material medicine	mention minute	Revise Y3/4 CEW
Spring 1	Spelling	Words ending in '-ation' information, sensation, preparation, vibration, decoration, donation, duration, registration, population, determination	Words ending in '-ation' adoration, admiration, coronation, detonation, observation, location, generation, exploration, combination, illustration	Words ending '-ly' sadly, completely, wildly, bravely, gently, foolishly, proudly, horribly, nervously, happily	Words ending '-lly' usually, finally, beautifully, thoughtfully, wonderfully, carefully, faithfully, peacefully, cruelly, generally	Words where 'ch' makes a /sh/ sound chef, chalet, machine, brochure, parachute, chute, chaperone, chandelier, crochet, quiche	Review Words ending in '-ation' and '-ly' 'ch' makes a /sh/
	Y3/4 CEW	natural naughty	notice occasion	often opposite	ordinary particular	peculiar perhaps	Revise Y3/4 CEW

Spring 2	Spelling	Words ending in '-sion' (from Y3) vision, confusion, division, television, invasion, erosion, collision, decision, fusion, revision	Words ending in '-sion' expansion, extension, comprehension, tension, suspension, exclusion, provision explosion, erosion, invasion	Words ending in '-tion' invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion, stagnation nomination, migration, communication, selection	Words ending in '-sion' expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission, impression, obsession, procession, omission, concussion	Words ending in '-cian' musician, magician, electrician, politician, mathematician, technician, optician, beautician, physician, dietician	Review Words ending in '-sion', '-tion', and '- cian'
	Y3/4 CEW	popular position	possession possible	potatoes pressure	probably promise	purpose quarter	Revise Y3/4 CEW
Summer 1	Spelling	Words ending in '-ous' poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, marvellous, perilous, tremendous, enormous, jealous, precious, disastrous	Words ending in '-ous' incl. those where 'ge' from the base word remains courageous, outrageous, nervous, famous, adventurous, disadvantageous, ridiculous, carnivorous, rapturous, torturous	Words ending in '-ious' and 'eous' serious, obvious, curious, hideous, spontaneous, courteous, furious, various, victorious, gaseous	Words with the prefixes 'super-', 'anti-' and 'auto' supermarket, superhero, superstar, superhuman, antiseptic, anticlockwise, antisocial, autobiography, autograph, automatic	Words with the prefix 'bi-' meaning 'two' bicycle, biplane, biped, bicentennial, biannual, bilingual, biscuit, biceps, binoculars, bisect	Review Words ending in '-ous', '-ious' and 'eous' prefixes 'super-', 'anti-', 'auto' and 'bi'
	Y3/4 CEW	question recent	regular reign	remember sentence	separate special	straight strange	Revise Y3/4 CEW

Summer 2	Spelling	Words where a suffix is added to words ending in 'y' merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily, prettiest, nastiness, beautiful, pitiful, silliness	Words spelled with 'c' before 'i' and 'e' circle, century, centaur, circus, princess, voice, medicine, celebrate, celery, pencil	Words containing 'sol' and 'real' solve, insoluble, real, reality, dissolve, solution, realistic, unreal, realisation, soluble	Words that are plurals with possessive apostrophes girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's, ladies', cats', women's, geese's	Words that are homophones scene, seen, who's, whose, heal, heel effect, affect, hear, here,	Review suffix is added to words ending in 'y' 'c' before 'i' and 'e' Words containing 'sol' and 'real' possessive apostrophes homophones
	Y3/4 CEW	strength suppose	surprise therefore	though/although thought	through various	weight woman/women	Revise Y3/4 CEW