

Year 6 2019-20

Autumn 1 Spellings

	Spelling Rules	Words
Plurals Weeks 1 - 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add <i>s</i> to nouns• Add <i>es</i> to nouns ending <i>s</i>, <i>x</i>, <i>ch</i> or <i>sh</i>• Change <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> and add <i>es</i>• Add <i>s</i> to nouns when the letter before the <i>y</i> is a vowel• For plurals for words ending '<i>f</i>' and '<i>fe</i>', change <i>f</i> to <i>v</i> and add <i>es</i>• For nouns ending in <i>o</i>, add <i>es</i>• Some plurals are irregular, or don't change	Houses, apples, stomachs, monarchs Arches, branches, brushes, flashes, buses, addresses, boxes, foxes cherries, berries, bunnies, babies, nappies, enemies, ladies, ponies, armies, cities, spies, pennies, lorries, flies, daisies, bullies, activities Keys, guys, donkeys Wolves, scarves, loaves, calves, knives (exceptions: cliffs, chiefs) Volcanoes, potatoes, tomatoes (exceptions: hippos, cellos, cuckoos, radios, stereos, zoos) Irregular: women, children, feet, mice, oxen, teeth, geese, cacti, octopi, fungi, crises, phenomena, criteria No change: sheep, series, deer, fish, species
Homophones Weeks 3 - 4	Words that sound the same but are spelled differently.	Break, brake, threw, through, source, sauce, site, sight, allowed, aloud, waste, waist, there, their, they're, your, you're, wear, were, we're, where, accept, except, ensure, insure, board, bored, complement, compliment, desert, dessert, emigrate,

		immigrate, flour, flower, hare, hair, hole, whole, lose, loose, piece, peace, quite, quiet, stationary, stationery, whether, weather, whose, who's
Silent letters Weeks 5 - 6	Some letters which are no longer sounded used to be sounded hundreds of years ago.	Thumb, subtle, debt, solemn, autumn, column, castle, listen, mortgage, knight, kneel, knuckle, wreckage, wrinkle, swordfish, answer, scenery, scissors, resign, numb, doubt, climb, conscience, conscious, muscle, scene, scent, scissors, breathe, sign, reign, align, assign, campaign, feign, foreign, gnarl, honest, heir, hour, rhubarb, rhyme, ache, anchor, archaeology, architect, archives, chaos, chemist, chlorine, choir, choreograph, chorus, melancholy, stomach, business, knead, condemn, hymn, colonel, receipt, aisle, island, debris, asthma, listen, fasten, glisten, hustle, mortgage, whistle, wrestle, guess, guard, guide, guilt, guitar, baguette, biscuit, build, circuit, disguise, guise, rogue, silhouette, awry, wreck, wreckage, wren, wrench, wrestle, wrist, wry
se/ce Week 7	In these pairs of words, nouns end -ce and verbs end -se.	advice/advise device/devise licence/license practice/practise prophecy/prophesy
-ph Week 8	Ph words - ph comes from the Greek language	Telegraph, pheasant, phone, photogenic, physical, alphabet, dolphin, elephant, geography, microphone, pamphlet, spherical, phrase, phony, nephew, philosophical, phenomenon, phlegm

Autumn 2 Spellings

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-fer Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer -fer stressed: The r is doubled if the -fer is still 	<p>Conferring, deferring, inferring, preferring, referring, retransferring, transferring Conferred, deferred, inferred, preferred, referred, retransferred, transferred Conferral, deferral, referral, transferal</p> <p>Referencing, refereeing, buffering, differing, offering, reoffering, suffering, interfering Buffered, differed, interfered, offered, reoffered, suffered</p> <p>Feral, transferal</p>

	<p>stressed when the ending is added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -fer unstressed: The r is not doubled if the -fer is no longer stressed. 	<p>Circumference, conference, countertransference, deference, difference, indifference, inference, interference, nonconference, non-interference, preference, reference, teleconference, transference, videoconference</p>														
<p>-ei after c</p> <p>Weeks 2 - 3</p>	<p>The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to words where the sound spelt by ei is /i:/.</p>	<p>Belief, hygiene, believe, patient, achieve, receive, perceive, ceiling, conceit, deceive, perceive, receive, receipt, conceited, conceive, deceit</p> <p>Exceptions: sufficient, ancient, protein, caffeine, seize (and either and neither if pronounced with an initial /i:/ sound).</p>														
<p>ough</p> <p>Weeks 4 - 5</p>	<p>Ough is one of the trickiest spellings in English - it can be used to spell a number of different sounds.</p>	<p>rough, enough, cough, dough, although, thorough, bought, brought, thoughtful, plough</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>or</td> <td>ought bought thought nought brought fought</td> </tr> <tr> <td>u f</td> <td>rough tough enough chough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>o</td> <td>cough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>o-e</td> <td>though although dough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>oo</td> <td>through breakthrough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>u</td> <td>thorough borough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ow</td> <td>plough bough</td> </tr> </table>	or	ought bought thought nought brought fought	u f	rough tough enough chough	o	cough	o-e	though although dough	oo	through breakthrough	u	thorough borough	ow	plough bough
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<p>Unstressed letter sounds</p> <p>Week 6</p>		<p>Family, boundary, raspberry, listener, different, separate, desperate, factory, generally, generous, government, interesting, explanatory, environment, secretary, jewellery, poisonous, company, desperate, definitely, difference, voluntary, reference, temperature</p>														
<p>/shun/</p> <p>Week 7</p>	<p>-cian -sion -tion -tian</p> <p>There are five ways of spelling this sound: shun; for the word 'shun' -cian; for words describing jobs -tion; as a suffix</p>	<p>Completion, destination, direction, foundations, generation invention, pollution, question</p>														

	<p>linked to actions -sion; often for emotive words and adjectives -tian</p>	
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Spring 1 Spellings

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<p>-cious/tious Weeks 1 - 2</p>	<p>Not many common words end like this. If the root word ends in -ce, the /shus/ sound is usually spelt as c - e.g. vice - vicious, grace - gracious, space - spacious, malice - malicious.</p>	<p>Conscious, precious, unconscious, suspicious, delicious, vicious, spacious, gracious, subconscious, ferocious, malicious, judicious, vivacious, luscious, atrocious, precocious, tenacious, auspicious, audacious</p> <p>Ambitious, cautious, contentious, infectious, conscientious, nutritious, pretentious, fictitious, superstitious, propitious, vexatious, fractious, ostentatious, facetious, surreptitious, unpretentious</p> <p>Exception: anxious</p>
<p>-cial/tial Weeks 3 - 4</p>	<p>-cial is common after a vowel letter</p> <p>-tial after a consonant letter</p>	<p>Social, special, official, financial, commercial, crucial, judicial, artificial, provincial, racial, beneficial, superficial, unofficial, facial, glacial, especial, sacrificial, prejudicial, antisocial</p> <p>Potential, essential, initial, substantial, residential, presidential, partial, influential, spatial, confidential, sequential, impartial, preferential, consequential, celestial, existential, circumstantial, torrential</p> <p>Exceptions: initial, financial, commercial, provincial (the spelling of the last three is clearly related to finance, commerce and province).</p>
<p>-able/ible Week 5</p>	<p>The -able/-ably endings are far more common than the -ible/-ibly endings.</p>	<p>Adorable, advisable, agreeable, avoidable, capable, breakable, changeable, comfortable, disposable, employable, enjoyable, fashionable, identifiable, inexcusable, manageable, miserable, noticeable, portable, probable, reliable, remarkable, replaceable, respectable, sociable, valuable, vegetable</p>

	<p>As with -ant and -ance/-ancy, the -able ending is used if there is a related word ending in -ation.</p> <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 cap and gap) before the a of the -able ending.</p>	<p>Accessible, audible, credible, destructible, edible, flexible, horrible, impossible, indestructible, invincible, legible, possible, responsible, reversible, sensible, susceptible, terrible, visible</p>
<p><i>-ably/ibly</i></p> <p><i>Week 6</i></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 <i>y</i> changes to <i>i</i> in accordance with the rule.</p> <p>The -ible ending is common if a complete</p>	<p>Probably, presumably, reasonably, inevitably, considerably, notably, invariably, remarkably, comfortably, preferably, suitably, arguably, understandably, uncomfortably, unreasonably, noticeably, conceivably, reliably, irritably, miserably, predictably, unmistakably, undeniably, unquestionably, inextricably, regrettably, justifiably, unbelievably, profitably, admirably, inexplicably, improbably, unavoidably, uncontrollably, impeccably, inescapably, agreeably, amiably, ably, appreciably</p> <p>Possibly, terribly, audibly, forcibly, sensibly, visibly, ostensibly, horribly, imperceptibly, impossibly, plausibly, irresistibly, indelibly, invisibly, responsibly, flexibly, perceptibly, incredibly</p>

	<p>root word can't be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word can be heard.</p>
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Spring 2 Spellings

	Spelling Rules	Words
<p><i>ant/ance/ancy</i></p> <p>Week 1</p>	<p>Use -ant and -ance/-ancy if there is a related word with a /æ/ or /e/ sound in the right position - ation endings are often a clue.</p>	<p>Important, significant, servant, assistant, constant, relevant, tenant, pleasant, peasant, consultant, merchant, giant, infant, applicant, brilliant, participant, accountant, instant, distant,, elephant, reluctant, elegant, irrelevant, descendant, migrant, ignorant, extravagant</p> <p>Performance, importance, finance, distance, insurance, balance, advance, appearance, circumstance, dance, glance, significance, assistance, resistance, alliance, entrance, substance, allowance, acceptance, instance, enhance, assurance, appliance, ambulance, relevance, guidance, nuisance</p> <p>Discrepancy, vacancy, infancy, hesitancy, vibrancy</p>
<p><i>ent/ence/ency</i></p> <p>Week 2</p>	<p>Use -ent and -ence/-ency after soft c sound, soft g sound and qu.</p>	<p>Government, development, different, went, moment, management, present, department, president, patient, movement, event, student, agreement, environment, treatment, parent, statement, investment, employment, argument, represent, parliament, equipment, element, comment, prevent, client, current, document, recent, payment</p> <p>Experience, evidence, difference, influence, science, conference, reference, presence, sentence, confidence, existence, silence, audience, absence, consequence, violence, sequence, offence, licence, intelligence, preference, hence, independence, essence, fence, residence, incidence, competence, correspondence, conscience, interference, pence, obedience, coincidence, convenience, commence, excellence</p> <p>Agency, emergency, currency, efficiency, tendency, frequency, consistency, urgency</p>

<p><i>er/or/ar</i></p> <p>Week 3</p>	<p>Computer, newspaper, customer, soldier, shoulder, burglar, calendar, popular, particular, similar, interior, superior, calculator, radiator</p>
<p><i>ery/ory/ary</i></p> <p>Week 4</p>	<p>Mystery, discovery, cemetery, necessary, ordinary, secretary, library, burglary, history, factory, category</p>
<p>Tricky words</p> <p>Weeks 5 - 6</p>	<p>Familiar, yacht, amateur, scissors, wrist, build, business, muscle, guitar, occupy, exaggeration, committee, communicate, correspondence, guarantee, harass, occupation, occur, opportunity, suggestion, immediate, community</p> <p>Competition, explanation, profession, pronunciation, persuasion, communication, especially, incidentally, frequently</p> <p>Immediately, sincerely, faithfully, equipment, development, embarrassment, disastrous, marvellous, mischievous</p> <p>Stomach, criticise, prejudice, privilege, leisure, soldier, vehicle, hinderance, foreign, queue</p> <p>Conscience, bruise, variety, bargain, awkward, desperate, definite, average, rhyme, rhythm</p> <p>Controversy, available, curiosity, determined, conscious, signature, beginning, interrupt, identity, nuisance</p>