

KS2 SPELLING WORD LISTS

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, pupils should be able to read a large number of different words containing the letters and sounds that they have learnt. Spelling patterns are taught, including 'exception' words which pupils need to learn specifically.

In addition to the spelling patterns which are taught in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, there are also published statutory word lists for Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6. These contain a mixture of words which pupils frequently use in their writing and those which they often misspell.

Word List – Year 5 and 6

accommodate	desperate	marvellous
accompany	determined	mischievous
according	develop	muscle
achieve	dictionary	necessary
aggressive	disastrous	neighbour
amateur	embarrass	nuisance
ancient	environment	occupy
apparent	equip (–ped, –ment)	occur
appreciate	especially	opportunity
attached	exaggerate	parliament
available	excellent	persuade
average	existence	physical
awkward	explanation	prejudice
bargain	familiar	privilege
bruise	foreign	profession
category	forty	programme
cemetery	frequently	pronunciation
committee	government	queue
communicate	guarantee	recognise
community competition	harass	recommend
conscience	hindrance	relevant
conscious	identity	restaurant
controversy	immediate(ly) individual	rhyme
convenience	interfere	rhythm
correspond	interrupt	sacrifice
criticise (critic + ise)	language	secretary
curiosity	leisure	shoulder
definite	lightning	signature

sincere(ly) soldier stomach sufficient suggest	symbol system temperature thorough twelfth	variety vegetable vehicle yacht
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It is important to emphasise the relationships between sounds and letters, even when the relationships are unusual.