

Common Core ELA Spelling

Sumdog Scheme of Learning

Use our handy scheme of learning to help with your planning, tracking and monitoring

How to use the Sumdog Scheme of Learning





When students first login to Sumdog, they will complete a diagnostic test, this will place them at the correct starting point in our scheme of learning.

Want to re-set the starting point or choose your own? No problem.



Our advanced learning engine will adapt the questions students receive.

Differentiation is taken care of (in a subtle way).

Questions cover review of past content and new, progressive learning following our scheme.



Children love our games.

They are rewarded with coins for their house, avatar, pet and garden.

Teacher Tools



Want to focus learning?

You can easily select the appropriate Sumdog spelling skill for a challenge for your class.



Data and enhanced reporting make **tracking student progress** and assessment **moderation** a breeze!



Easily choose and set topics for homework.

The best bit is we do the marking!



Growth Mindset

With common misconceptions identified, use our questions as a teaching point, learning from mistakes!



And you need to set challenges or assessments on specific words which aren't included in our curriculum, you can easily create your own Custom Word Lists from our bank of 16,000 words!

Our New Spelling Curriculum

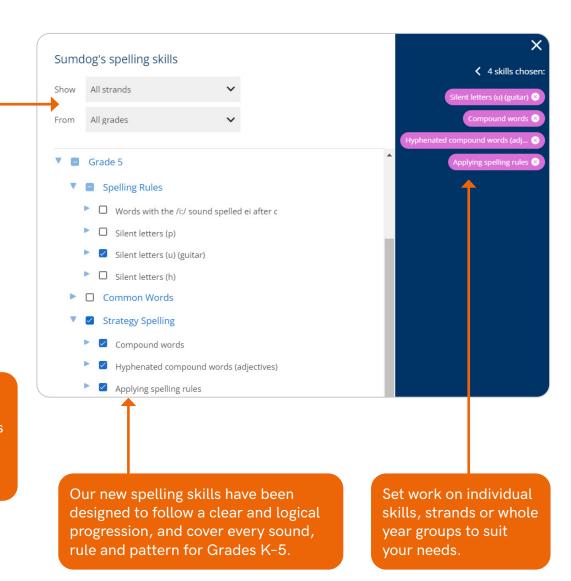


At Sumdog we have released a brand new spelling curriculum for the 2022/2023 school year. This curriculum has been designed to:

- 1) give you and your students a clear, comprehensive and progressive spelling framework to follow when using our advanced adaptive practice functionality
- 2) reduce the amount of time spent creating custom word lists to set work that matches your in-class teaching.

Our curriculum for Grades K-5 includes over 3,700 carefully chosen words divided into over 260 'skills'. These skills have been specifically designed to cover all of the sounds, rules and patterns which need to be understood to spell independently, and to ensure that all sight words for elementary school students are covered.

Use our strand and year group filters to quickly find which of our spelling skills matches your in-class teaching on a given week and set perfectly corresponding in-game practice.



Curriculum Organization



To help you find the skill which matches your in-class teaching and set corresponding work on Sumdog, we have categorized our spelling skills into 9 'strands':

- Pre-Kindergarten Review Although our spelling curriculum does not fully cover phonics taught in Pre-Kindergarten, we have included 5 skills which go over CVC words (e.g. cat, tin, bun) that would usually be taught in Pre-Kindergarten so you can assess whether your students are ready to move on to more complex words and sounds in Kindergarten.
- **Digraphs and Trigraphs** Digraphs and trigraphs are single sounds which are represented by 2 or 3 letters, e.g. 'ee' in 'reel' or 'igh' in 'fight'. Although the majority of these skills are covered in Kindergarten and 1st Grade, we have ensured that they are revisited in review skills in the later years containing more complex words.
- Spelling Rules The skills in this strand focus on other GPCs (grapheme-phoneme correspondences) and rules that recur in the English language, such as soft and silent letters and apostrophes for possession.
- Common Words These skills expand on typical sight words to focus on high frequency words which are not decodable (or phonetically regular) based on prior learning. For example, a Kindergarten student may assume that 'she' should be pronounced with a hard 'e' sound, and would need to be taught this word individually.

- Strategy Spelling Strategy spelling words push students to apply sounds and rules that they have learned to new, more complex words; either by breaking them up into syllables or recognising whole words that they have already learned within unfamiliar compound ones.
- Homophones and Confusions Designed to cover and expand on commonly encountered homophones and near-homophones, these skills contain words, or pairs of words that sound the same or nearly the same, but are spelled differently and often have very different meanings.
- Prefixes, Suffixes and Roots By learning how to effectively add prefixes and suffixes to root words, children can rapidly expand their vocabulary whilst gaining the necessary understanding to independently deduce spelling and meaning when faced with unfamiliar words.
- Building Vocabulary Topic Words The words in these skills have been chosen to introduce more complex, subject-specific vocabulary in 4th and 5th Grade and can also be used beyond literacy to complement the teaching of a wide variety of different school subjects, such as history, geography, music, citizenship and many more. We have aimed to ensure that the topics and words chosen are reflective of the 21st century, global landscape that students learn in, so children of as many backgrounds as possible can recognize familiar words.
- Word Endings The words in this strand are grouped by common word endings such as '-cial' or '-tial' ('crucial'/'partial') which are not usually considered suffixes.





Although many spelling frameworks and schemes provide educators with a 'bare bones' framework, spelling can be taught very differently from one school to the next and vocabulary considered 'key' can vary hugely. Therefore, rather than attempting to teach elementary school students every word that they might possibly use, our new curriculum helps to equip them with the understanding needed to try and work out how words are spelled for themselves.

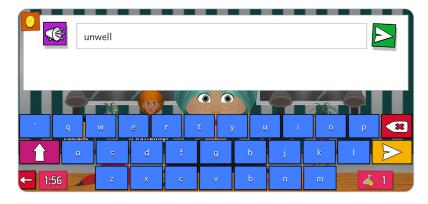
Similarly, If the words that we've chosen for our curriculum don't exactly match your school's lists, or if you're already using a different spelling scheme, there's no need to worry! As your students spell the words in the Sumdog curriculum they will gain the understanding needed to spell the words they are learning in class, and vice versa, boosting their overall vocabulary and their appreciation for the sounds, rules and patterns of the English language.

Many of the skills in Kindergarten and 1st Grade of the curriculum focus on individual grapheme-phoneme correspondences, such as 'ee' or 'igh', to complement the teaching of synthetic phonics. In Grades 3–5, students are then challenged to apply this understanding of individual sounds For example, after hearing that the second 't' is pronounced differently when 'rotate' becomes 'rotation', a student may correctly assume that 'celebration' is spelled in a similar way and may also notice how the words' meanings have changed in a similar way.

In a Sumdog spelling question, students hear an audio clip of the word itself, then a sentence containing that word, highlighting how meaning can change when new rules and patterns are applied. By making clear the link between the phonology and morphology of words, our curriculum will encourage students to recognize recurring patterns and apply their knowledge to new words.

The following pages contain an ordered list of the spelling skills in our new curriculum, categorized by year group and strand, to help you plan your spelling teaching. There is also a planning template on page 12 for you to photocopy and record any work that you have set using Sumdog spelling.





Kindergarten



Phonics review 1	ee (see)	ea (/i:/) (sea)	e-e (even)
Phonics review 2	oa (goat)	-ve (have)	u-e (June)
Phonics review 3	oi (boil)	ie (lie)	ea (head)
Phonics review 4	oo (moon)	ir (sir)	ie (chief)
Phonics review 5	oo (book)	oy (joy)	are (bare)
ck (sick)	ow (owl)	ay (day)	ow (grow)
ff, ll, ss, zz sounds	ar (car)	aw (paw)	Words ending in −y (very)
qu (quest)	air (fair)	ue (blue)	Adding prefixes un-
ch (chip)	ear (dear)	wh (when)	Splitting words into syllables
sh (ship)	ear (pear)	ph (phone)	-tch (watch)
th (this/thin)	er (term)	ew (few)	Adding -s and -es to make
-ng (hang)	ur (turn)	oe (toe)	plurals
Sight words 1	or (for)	au (cause)	Adding suffixes -ing, -ed and -er
Sight words 2	ore (wore)		Adding suffixes -er and -est
ai (tail)	-nk (ink)	i-e (kite)	Sight words 3
igh (night)	ou (loud)	o-e (home)	Compound words

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Soft c (circle)	/j/ spelled as ge/dge	Adding the suffixes –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to Words ending with one consonant after a vowel	Adding suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly to a word ending in -y with a consant before it (happy/happiness)
Soft g (gem)	at the end of words (badge)		
ey (key)	Homophones and near-homophones	(pat/patting)	
war (warm)	Words ending in -tion (station) Adding the suffixes - ing, -ed, -er,		Apostrophes for possession
/p/ spelled a after w (wasp) and	Words ending -il (pencil)	<pre>-est and -y to Words ending in -e with a consonant before it (hike/</pre>	Contractions
qu (squash)		hiking)	Sight words 1
wor (word)	/l/ or /el/ spelled -al at the end of words (metal)	Adding the suffixes –ing to a word	Sight words 2
The /aɪ/ sound spelled -y (cry)	/l/ or /el/ spelled -el at the end of	the end of ending in -y with a consonant	
/n/ sound spelled o (other)	words (camel)	before it (cry/crying)	
al/all (always/walk/ball)	/l/ or /el/ spelled -le at the end of	Adding the suffixes -ed, -er and - est to a word ending in -y with a consonant before it (copy/	
Silent w (write)	words (apple)		
Silent k (knight)	Adding the suffix -es to nouns and	copied)	
Silent g (gnat)	verbs ending in −y (fly/flies)	Adding the suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly	
Silent b (lamb)		(enjoy/enjoyment)	

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Digraph review (sh, ch, th, ng)	Linked sounds (ew, ue, oo, u, u-e/	The /ʌ/ sound spelled ou (young) ■	Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing	
Digraph review (qu)	few, glue, book, put, cute)	Adding prefixes dis-	words that end in two consonants	
Digraph review (wh)	Linked sounds (aw, au, al, or/saw, sauce, walk, form)	Adding prefixes mis-	(burn) Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing	
Linked sounds (ay, ai, a-e/tail,	The /i/ sound spelled y-e or	Adding prefixes in-	to words with a consonant at the	
pay, tame)	ye (type)	Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to Words ending in a vowel (take) -	end and two vowels before it (remain)	
Linked sounds (oy, oi/oil, toy)	Applying spelling rules 1 ■		Adding suffixes -ly (mixed words)	
Linked sounds (oa, ow, oe, o-e/goat, bow, toe, joke)	Applying spelling rules 2 ■	review Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing	Adding suffixes -ee, -er, and -eer	
Linked sounds (ou, ow/blouse, brow)	Compound Words 1	to words ending in a consonant	(referee)	
	Compound words 2 ■	after a vowel (beg) - review	Adding suffixes -th (depth)	
Linked sounds (igh, ie, y, i-e/light,	Compound words 3	Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words with more than one syllable	Sight words 1	
tie, cry, kite)	Words that start with a /k/ sound	and a stressed final syllable	Sight words 2	
Linked sounds (ee, ea, ey, e-e, y/	(review) (cub)	(begin)		
tree, meat, money, concrete, body)	ch pronounced /k/ (chorus)	Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing		
	/eɪ/ sound spelled ei, eigh, or ey (rein/eight/grey)	to words with more than one syllable and an unstressed final syllable (listen)		

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Split vowel sounds review	Compound Words 2	/ʒə/ or /tʃə/ spelled sure/ture	Adding suffixes -tion which sound like /ʒən/ (division)	
(a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e)	Compound Words 3	(measure/mixture)		
ff and ph (review)	Compound Words 4	/ʃ/ sound spelled ch (chef)	Adding suffixes -ssion endings	
Soft c and soft g (review)	Tricky words with one syllable	/g/ sound spelled –gue and the	which sound like /ʒən/ (passion) Adding suffixes -cian sound like /ʒən/ (musician)	
tch and wr (review)	Tricky words with two syllables	/k/ sound spelled -que (league/ cheque)		
-ge and -dge at the end of words (review)	Tricky words with three syllables	Adding prefixes -il, im-, ir-	Adding suffixes -ous (poisonous)	
The /ɪ/sound spelled y elsewhere	Tricky words with four syllables	Adding prefixes re-, sub-, inter-,	Adding suffixes -ation (equation)	
than at the end of words (myth)	Applying spelling rules 1 ■	super-, anti-, auto-	Adding suffixes –ically (basically)	
o for /oa/ sound (mobile)	Applying spelling rules 2	Adding prefixes de-	Sight words	
Words that end in -se (cleanse)	Homophones and	Adding prefixes non-	O Company	
Words that end in -ce (twice)	near-homophones	Adding suffixes -sion which sound	-	
	/s/ sound spelled sc (muscle)	like /ʒən/ (division)		
Compound Words 1	, ,			

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Plurals of nouns that end -f or	Homophones and often confused	Adding prefixes over/under-	Space
-fe (wolves)	words 1	Vikings	Adding suffixes -ship
ough (ought)	Homophones and often confused words 2	Adding prefixes pro-	Adding suffixes -wise, -ward,
Sport		Adding prefixes out-	-wards, -ways
augh (laugh)	Parts of the body	Under the sea	Mountains
-ge and -dge (review)	Homophones and often confused words 3	Adding prefixes tele-	Adding suffixes - ible/ibly
Halloween	Homophones and often confused	Adding suffixes - tricky -ed	Adding suffixes -al
Double letters (commonly	words 4	words	Olympics
misspelled)	Music	Ancient Romans	Adding suffixes -ful (review)
cc for /k/ sound	Compound words 1	Adding suffixes - tricky -ing words	Adding suffixes -ify/-fy
Geography	Applying spelling rules 1	•	Religious festivals
Silent Letters (review)	Musical instruments	Adding suffixes -ly (review)	Adding commonly confused
Silent letters (t) (listen)	Applying spelling rules 2	History	suffixes -er/-or
Food	Adding prefixes dis- mis- and	Words ending in -able and -ably (review)	Sight words 1
Silent letters (n)(hymn)	in- (review)		Ancient Egypt
Silent letters (l) (calf)	European countries	Adding suffixes -ous and -ious (review)	Sight words 2
Weather	Adding prefixes mid-		

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States	Languages	Adding prefixes anti/pre/fore-	Adding suffixes -ance and -ancy I
Word endings /ʃəl/ spelled -cial	Homophones and often confused	Using a hyphen to join a prefix to a	Adding suffixes -ence and -ency I
or -tial \blacksquare	words 3	root word	Ancient Greece
Word endings /ʃəs/ spelled -cious or -tious	Homophones and often confused words 4	Art	Adding suffixes -acy
World of work	The Titanic	Adding numerical prefixes uni/mono-	Adding suffixes -ate
Words with the /i:/ sound spelled	Compound words	Adding numerical prefixes	Plants
ei after c	Hyphenated compound	bi/di/du- and tri-	Adding suffixes -ist
Silent letters (p)	words (adjectives)	Asian countries	Sight words 1
Palindromes	Health and wellbeing	Adding numerical prefixes (other)■	Sight words 2
Silent letters (u) (guitar)	Applying spelling rules ■	Adding numerical prefixes	African countries
Silent letters (h)	Adding prefixes sub- (small/large numbers)		Transitions
Jobs and occupations	English \blacksquare	Math	UNCRC (United Nations
Homophones and often confused	Adding prefixes inter-	Adding suffixes -tion, -cian, -sion and -ssion (review)	Convention on the Rights of the Child)
words 1	Adding prefixes extra- and post-■	Adding suffixes -ant and -ent	3111637
Homophones and often confused words 2	Science	American countries	

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Teacher Planning Template

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	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3	SEMESTER 4
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Challenges				
Focus Skills				
Sumdog Assessments				
Teacher Notes				
Sumdog Home Learning				



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