



National Curriculum Spelling Skills and Words

Year 4



In the Sumdog spelling challenge tool, you can select any of the skills below to generate a spelling list for your class to practise. In the next few pages, you will find the list of words associated with each skill.

Split vowel sounds revision (a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e) ■	Compound Words 2 ■	/zə/ or /tʃə/ spelled sure/ture (measure/mixture) ■	Adding suffixes -tion which sound like /zən/ (division) ■
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Soft c and soft g (revision) ■	Compound Words 4 ■	/g/ sound spelled -gue and the /k/ sound spelled -que (league/cheque) ■	Adding suffixes -cian sound like /zən/ (musician) ■
tch and wr (revision) ■	Tricky words with one syllable ■	Adding prefixes -il, im-, ir- ■	Adding suffixes -ous (poisonous) ■
-ge and -dge at the end of words (revision) ■	Tricky words with two syllables ■	Adding prefixes re-, sub-, inter-, super-, anti-, auto- ■	Adding suffixes -ation (equation) ■
The /ɪ/sound spelled y elsewhere than at the end of words (myth) ■	Tricky words with three syllables ■	Adding prefixes de- ■	Adding suffixes -ically (basically) ■
o for /oa/ sound (mobile) ■	Tricky words with four syllables ■	Adding prefixes non- ■	High frequency and statutory words ■
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Strands:

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HINT:
You can focus learners easily on any skill to match your classroom lesson



Spelling skills are arranged in columns, so are ordered progressively from top to bottom then left to right.

Split vowel sounds revision (a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e)	landscape
	lemonade
	dictate
	expose
	suppose
	handsome
	trapeze
	textile
	inflate
	scale
	oppose
	bagpipe
	surprise
	immune
	intrude
	arrive

ff and ph (revision)	differ
	affair
	toffee
	suffer
	coffin
	puffin
	muffle
	waffle
	sniff
	scruff
	offcut
	whiff
	ruffian
	office
	triumph
	phase
paragraph	

Soft c and soft g (revision)	cent
	census
	cinder
	cellar
	certain
	cement
	celebrate
	cinnamon
	circumference
	germ
	gene
	gymnastic
	geology
	hydrogen
	geometry
	generation
	gesture
gingerly	
genius	

tch and wr (revision)	twitcher
	kitchen
	butcher
	hatchet
	scratchy
	hatchback
	matchbox
	satchel
	ketchup
	stretcher
	wreak
	wroth
	wreath
	wrangled
	wreckage
	wristwatch

-ge and -dge at the end of words (revision)	smidge
	fridge
	dredge
	badger
	budget
	grudge
	widget
	codger
	gadget
	midget
	splodge
	fidgety
	plunge
	challenge
	arrange
	exchange
	orange
gorge	

The /i/ sound spelled y elsewhere than at the end of words (myth)	gym
	myth
	sync
	mystic
	crypt
	lynx
	syrup
	crystal
	system
	abyss
	Egypt
	typical
	mystery
	pyramid
	calypso
	cymbal
symbol	
dynasty	

o for /oa/ sound (mobile)	mobile
	macaroni
	yoga
	bonus
	focus
	programme
	hotel
	local
	moment
	robot
	oval
	rodent
	piano
tornado	
ago	

Words that end in -se (cleanse)	cleanse
	cruise
	dowse
	raise
	tease
	advertise
	appraise
	mayonnaise
	turquoise
	arise
	coarse
	hoarse
	phrase
sense	
practise	

Words that end in -ce (twice)	twice
	spruce
	trace
	embrace
	introduce
	programme
	sentence
	novice
	stance
	trance
	service
	prince
source	
practice	

Compound Words 1	afterlife
	backstage
	caretaker
	daydream
	egghead
	anywhere
	ironwork
	jackpot
	keyboard
	landslide
	doormat
	software
	overboard
sailboat	
earthworm	



Compound Words 2	handbook
	inchworm
	skyscraper
	peanut
	newsroom
	moonstruck
	lifeguard
	keyhole
	eyesight
	forehead
	doorstop
	airmail
	upstage
	rainfall
	superhero

Compound Words 3	railway
	corkscrew
	dishwasher
	downstairs
	elsewhere
	sisterhood
	brotherhood
	motherhood
	raincoat
	everything
	keepsake
	cheesecake

Compound Words 4	lifeboat
	bathroom
	homemade
	earthquake
	flashlight
	anymore
	fingerprint
	globetrotter
	copywriter
	firefighter
	waistcoat
	timetable

Tricky words with one syllable	heart
	fruit
	earth
	learn
	group
	build
	height
	bring
	long
	wolf
	ace
	board
	smile
	down
	bean
	scarce

Tricky words with two syllables	early
	yellow
	Friday
	lady
	monster
	bucket
	kindness
	power
	secret
	hero
	forest
	puppy
	welcome
	jelly
	loving
	unit

Tricky words with three syllables	abandon
	inhabit
	invalid
	establish
	volcanic
	athletic
	Atlantic
	consistent
	fantastic
	disgusted
	minimum
	investment
	basketball
	September
	November

Tricky words with four syllables	January
	experiment
	unexpected
	academic
	transatlantic
	continental
	identical
	activity
	eternity
	generator
	certificate
	disappointment
	remembering
	motorcycle
	magnificent
	diameter

Applying spelling rules 1	often
	particular
	exploited
	perhaps
	popular
	nightmare
	material
	library
	interest
	jockey
	grammar
	important
	boundary
	probably
	memory
	penalty

Applying spelling rules 2	watchfulness
	cauliflower
	weightlifter
	choice
	energetic
	urgent
	criminal
	memories
	flabbergasted
	interesting
	educated
	marshmallow
	stadium
	coconut
	penny
	failure

Homophones and near-homophones	mane
	missed
	mist
	peace
	plain
	plane
	whether
	who's
	heel
	heal
	he'll
	accept

/s/ sound spelled sc (muscle)	descent
	muscle
	scene
	scenic
	science
	choice
	crescent
	scissors
	sceptre
	scenery
	obscene
	fascinating
	scent
	discipline
ascend	



/ʒə/ or /tʃə/ spelled sure/ ture (measure/ mixture)	closure
	enclosure
	fissure
	leisure
	composure
	disclosure
	adventure
	culture
	capture
	lecture
	picture
	mixture
	pasture
	rapture
	vulture
	literature
	miniature
	temperature
	sculpture
signature	

// sound spelled ch (chef)	chef
	chic
	chalet
	chute
	sachet
	crochet
	quiche
	charade
	machine
	brochure
	moustache

/g/ sound spelled -gue and the /k/ sound spelled -que (league/ cheque)	league
	tongue
	fatigue
	vague
	rogue
	antique
	unique
	mosque
	cheque
	critique
	colleague
	dialogue

Adding prefixes -il, im-, ir-	illegal
	illogical
	illusion
	immature
	impossible
	impatient
	imperfect
	irregular
	irrelevant
	irresponsible
	immoral
	imbalance
	immortal
	irrational
	illiterate
	irresistible

Adding prefixes re-, sub-, inter-, super-, anti-, auto-	redo
	refresh
	reappear
	redecorate
	subdivide
	intercity
	interrelated
	supermarket
	superman
	superstar
	antiseptic
	anticlockwise
	antisocial
	autobiography
	autograph
	antiracist
	antibody
	automatic
	automobile
autocorrect	
autoimmune	

Adding prefixes de-	demist
	deform
	defuse
	decamp
	defrost
	defraud
	deflate
	debug
	demote
	devolve
	descend
	derail
	depart
	decrease

Adding prefixes non-	non-stick
	non-iron
	non-verbal
	non-violent
	nonsense
	non-fiction
	non-drip
	non-human
	non-profit
	non-toxic
	non-believer

Adding suffixes -sion which sound like /ʒən/ (division)	division
	invasion
	confusion
	decision
	collision
	conclusion
	omission
	pension
	mansion
	version
	tension
	erosion
	expansion
	extension
comprehension	
fusion	

Adding suffixes -tion which sound like /ʒən/ (attention)	attention
	injection
	invention
	completion
	foundation
	partition
	tradition
	nutrition
	collection
	connection
	satisfaction
	infection
description	

Adding suffixes -ssion endings which sound like /ʒən/ (passion)	passion
	percussion
	profession
	compassion
	permission
	depression
	submission
	transmission
	procession
	impression

Adding suffixes -cian sound like / ʒən/ (musician)	musician
	magician
	optician
	politician
	mathematician
	electrician
	dietician
	technician
	beautician
musicianship	

Adding suffixes -ous (poisonous)	poisonous
	dangerous
	mountainous
	famous
	nervous
	glorious
	various
	tremendous
	enormous
	jealous
	humorous
	glamorous
	vigorous
	courageous
	outrageous
	serious
obvious	
curious	
hideous	
spontaneous	
courteous	

Adding suffixes -ation (equation)	taxation
	equation
	information
	adoration
	sensation
	rotation
	donation
	vacation
	hesitation
	liberation
	preparation
	admiration
	education
	celebration



**Adding suffixes -
ically (basically)**

basically
physically
mythically
cryptically
typically
ethically
comically
logically
tactically
statically

**High frequency
and statutory
words**

accidentally
business
exercise
experience
extreme
guide
history
increase
length
medicine
mention
occasion
occasionally
peculiar
possession
pressure
purpose
quarter
regular
reign
separate
strength
therefore
island



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