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|  | **Spelling** | **Statutory requirements** | **Rules and guidance (non-statutory)** |  |
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|  | **Revision of work from previous years** **Year5/6 spellings will be introduced in Year 5 and consolidated in Y6 with exception of Word List which has been split into two separate year groups.** |
| **1** | **-cious** | **Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt –cious or –tious.** | Not many common words end like this.If the root word ends in –ce, the /?/ sound is usually spelt as c – e.g. vice – vicious, grace – gracious, space – spacious, malice – malicious.Exception: anxious | vicious precious conscious delicious malicious suspicious ambitious cautious **unconscious spacious gracious subconscious ferocious judicious vivacious luscious atrocious precocious tenacious auspicious audacious**  |
| **2** | **-tious** | fictitious infectious nutritious**ambitious cautious contentious conscientious pretentious superstitious propitious vexatious fractious ostentatious facetious surreptitious unpretentious**  |
| **3** | **-cial** | **Endings which sound like /ʃəl/** | –cial is common after a vowel letter  | official special artificial **social financial commercial crucial judicial provincial racial beneficial superficial unofficial facial glacial especial psychosocial sacrificial prejudicial antisocial multiracial**  |
| **4** | **-tial** | –tial after a consonant letter.Exceptions: initial, financial, commercial, provincial (the spelling of the last three is clearly related to finance, commerce and province). | partial confidential essential **potential initial substantial residential presidential influential differential spatial martial sequential impartial preferential consequential celestial existential circumstantial prudential torrential referential exponential palatial inertial inconsequential insubstantial interstitial experiential quintessential evidential deferential**  |
| **5** | **-ant** | **Words ending in –ant, –ance/–ancy, –ent, –ence/–ency** | 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.observant, observance, (observation), expectant (expectation), hesitant, hesitancy (hesitation), tolerant, tolerance (toleration), substance (substantial)  | observant expectant hesitant tolerant assistant **important significant defendant servant constant sergeant relevant tenant pleasant peasant consultant merchant giant infant applicant brilliant participant accountant dominant warrant instant distant covenant unpleasant elephant pregnant protestant reluctant elegant inhabitant variant ant irrelevant attendant descendant claimant migrant occupant informant ignorant dependant extravagant pollutant triumphant**  |
| **6** | **-ance** | observance assistance **performance importance finance distance insurance balance advance appearance circumstance dance glance significance resistance alliance entrance substance allowance acceptance instance enhance assurance appliance attendance stance ambulance relevance guidance compliance inheritance disturbance ignorance renaissance romance nuisance utterance clearance surveillance tolerance resemblance abundance reassurance annoyance avoidance elegance grievance reliance maintenance**  |
| **7** | **-ancy** | **pregnancy fancy redundancy consultancy tenancy expectancy discrepancy vacancy accountancy occupancy infancy truancy malignancy conservancy ascendancy constancy militancy hesitancy poignancy vibrancy buoyancy**  |
| **8** | **-ent** | Use –ent and –ence/–ency after soft c (/s/ sound), soft g (/dʒ/ sound) and qu, or if there is a related word with a clear /?/ sound in the right position.There are many words, however, where the above guidelines don’t help. These words just have to be learnt. | decent innocent frequent confident obedient independent **government development different went moment management present department president patient movement event student agreement environment treatment parent statement investment employment argument extent represent parliament equipment element comment prevent client current document recent payment accident assessment content involvement commitment requirement agent arrangement spent improvement appointment settlement experiment incident establishment component rent sent**  |
| **9** | **-ence** | innocence confidence obedience independence **experience evidence difference influence defence science conference reference presence sentence existence silence audience absence consequence violence sequence offence licence intelligence preference hence essence fence residence incidence competence correspondence conscience interference pence dependence negligence occurrence emergence obedience coincidence convenience commence insistence excellence inference prominence patience prevalence**  |
| **10** | **-ency** | decency frequency **agency emergency currency efficiency tendency frequency constituency presidency consistency deficiency urgency dependency contingency insolvency potency decency inconsistency sufficiency transparency regency proficiency complacency delinquency latency solvency insurgency expediency insufficiency indecency residency fluency immunodeficiency competency excellency leniency patency clemency inefficiency**  |
| **11** | **-able** | **Words ending in –able and –ible****Words ending in –ably and –ibly** | The –able/–ably endings are far more common than the –ible/–ibly endings.As with –ant and –ance/–ancy, the –able ending is used if there is a related word ending in –ation.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.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 –ible ending is common if a complete root word can’t be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word can be heard (e.g. sensible).possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly | adorable applicable considerable tolerable changeable noticeable dependable comfortable understandable reasonable enjoyable reliable **advisable agreeable avoidable capable breakable comfortable disposable employable fashionable identifiable inexcusable manageable miserable noticeable portable probable remarkable replaceable respectable sociable valuable vegetable**  |
| **12** | **-ible** | possible forcible legible horrible terrible incredible sensible **accessible audible credible destructible edible flexible impossible indestructible invincible responsible reversible susceptible visible**  |
| **13** | **-ably** | **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**  |
| **14** | **-ibly** | possibly horribly terribly visibly incredibly sensibly **audibly forcibly ostensibly imperceptibly impossibly plausibly irresistibly indelibly invisibly responsibly flexibly perceptibly**  |
| **15** | **Suffixes** | -ferstressed | **Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer** | The r is doubled if the –fer is still stressed when the ending is added. | referring preferring transferring **conferring deferring inferring misinferring misreferring retransferring**  |
| referred preferred transferred **conferred deferred inferred misinferred misreferred retransferred**  |
| referral **conferral deferral transferral** |
| **16** | -ferunstressed | The r is not doubled if the –fer is no longer stressed.referee | referencing refereeing preferencing buffering chaffering coffering differing goffering offering proffering reoffering suffering chamfering interfering pilfering  |
| buffered chaffered chamfered coffered differed goffered interfered offered pilfered proffered reoffered suffered unbuffered conferencing |
| feral transferal |
| transference preference **circumference conference countertransference deference difference indifference inference interference misreference nonconference non-interference reference teleconference videoconference**  |
| **17** | **-**hyphen | **Use of the hyphen** | Hyphens can be used to join a prefix to a root word, especially if the prefix ends in a vowel letter and the root word also begins with one.Compounds with these prefixes are sometimes (but not always) hyphenated to avoid doubling a vowel or tripling a consonant, and sometimes even to prevent initial misreading or mispronunciation. 1. To avoid doubling a vowel: anti-art anti-administration co-opt (but cooperation) de-emphasize 2. To avoid tripling a consonant: shell-like 3. To prevent initial reading or mispronunciation: re-cover vs. recover (I will re-cover the sofa when I recover from the flu.) | co-ordinate re-enter co-operate co-own  |
| **18** | **ee:ei** | **Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c** | The ‘i before e except after c’ rule applies to words where the sound spelt by ei is /i:/.Exceptions: protein, caffeine, seize (and either and neither if pronounced with an initial /i:/ sound). | deceive conceive perceive receive ceiling **conceit receipt conceited deceit**  |
| **19** | **-ough** | or | **Words containing the letter-string ough** | **ough is one of the trickiest spellings in English – it can be used to spell a number of different sounds.** | 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 |
| **20,****21,****22** | **silent** | **Words with ‘silent’ letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)** | Some letters which are no longer sounded used to be sounded hundreds of years ago: e.g. in knight, there was a /k/ sound before the /n/, and the gh used to represent the sound that ‘ch’ now represents in the Scottish word loch. | doubt island lamb solemn thistle knight **a - artistically logically musically romantically,** **b -bomb dumb lamb numb thumb doubt debt climb comb crumbs numb subtle tomb** **c - abscess ascend ascent conscience conscious crescent descend descent disciple fascinate fluorescent incandescent isosceles luminescent miscellaneous muscle obscene resuscitate scenario scene scent scissors****d - Wednesday sandwich handsome edge bridge handkerchief****e – breathe****g – sign champagne gnaw reign align assign benign campaign cologne consign design feign foreign gnarl gnash gnat gnaw gnome gnu resign** **h - honest ghost heir hour what whether rhubarb rhyme ache anchor archaeology architect archives chaos character characteristic charisma chemical chemist chemotherapy chlorine choir cholera chord choreograph chorus Christian Christmas chrome echo leprechaun loch mechanical melancholy monarch monochrome orchestra orchid psychic scheme school stomach technical technique technology****i - business****k - knead knife knock knot know knack knapsack knave knead knee kneel knell knew knickers knife knit knob knoll knot knowledge knuckle****l – would should calf half salmon talk yolk folk calm calf half****m – mnemonic** **n - autumn column condemn damn hymn solemn****o – colonel****p - corps coup pneumonia psychology receipt pseudo psychiatrist psychiatry psychotherapy psychotic receipt** **r –** **s- aisle island debris apropos bourgeois****t - asthma ballet castle gourmet listen rapport ricochet soften apostle bristle bustle fasten glisten hustle jostle listen moisten mortgage often \* nestle rustle soften \* trestle whistle wrestle** **u - guess guard guide guilt guitar baguette biscuit build built circuit disguise guest guide guild guile guillotine guilty guise rogue silhouette****w - answer sword two whole wrist write who awry playwright sword wrack wrangle wrap wrapper wrath wreak wreath wreck wreckage wren wrench wrest wrestle wretch wretched wriggle wring wrinkle wrist writ write writhe wrong wrote wrought wrung wry****x – faux pas****z - rendezvous** |
| **23,****24,****25,****26** |  | **Homophones and other words that are often confused** | In these pairs of words, nouns end –ce and verbs end –se. Advice and advise provide a useful clue as the word advise (verb) is pronounced with a /z/ sound – which could not be spelt c. advice/advisedevice/deviselicence/licensepractice/practiseprophecy/prophesy | Alphabeticallyaisle: a gangway between seats (in a church, train, plane)isle: an islandaloud: out loudallowed: permittedaffect: usually a verb (e.g. The weather may affect our plans)effect: usually a noun (e.g. It may have an effect on our plans). If a verb, it means ‘bring about’ (e.g. He will effect changes in the running of the business.).altar: a table-like piece of furniture in a churchalter: to changeascent: the act of ascending (going up)assent: to agree/agreement (verb and noun)bridal: to do with a bride at a weddingbridle: reins etc. for controlling a horsecereal: made from grain (e.g. breakfast cereal)serial: adjective from the noun series – a succession of things one after the othercompliment: to make nice remarks about someone (verb) or the remark that is made (noun)complement: related to the word complete – to make something complete or more complete (e.g. her scarf complemented her outfit)descent: the act of descending (going down)dissent: to disagree/disagreement (verb and noun)desert: as a noun – a barren place (stress on first syllable); as a verb – to abandon (stress on second syllable)dessert: (stress on second syllable) a sweet course after the main course of a mealdraft: noun – a first attempt at writing something; verb – to make the first attempt; also, to draw in someone (e.g. to draft in extra help)draught: a current of airfarther: furtherfather: a male parentguessed: past tense of the verb guessguest: visitorheard: past tense of the verb hearherd: a group of animalsled: past tense of the verb leadlead: present tense of that verb, or else the metal which is very heavy (as heavy as lead)morning: before noonmourning: grieving for someone who has diedpast: noun or adjective referring to a previous time (e.g. In the past) or preposition or adverb showing place (e.g. he walked past me)passed: past tense of the verb ‘pass’ (e.g. I passed him in the road)precede: go in front of or before proceed: go onprincipal: adjective – most important (e.g. principal ballerina) noun – important person (e.g. principal of a college)principle: basic truth or beliefprofit: money that is made in selling thingsprophet: someone who foretells the futurestationary: not movingstationery: paper, envelopes etc.steal: take something that does not belong to yousteel: metalwary: cautiousweary: tiredwho’s: contraction of who is or who haswhose: belonging to someone (e.g. Whose jacket is that?) |

Autumn Term

Spring Term

Summer Term

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| **Year 5 Statutory Word List** | **Year 6 Statutory Word List** |
| according achieve aggressive ancient attached average awkward bargain bruise cemeterycommunicate community competition curiosity desperate determined develop dictionary disastrous exaggerate excellent existence familiar forty guarantee identity  | individual interfere leisure marvellous muscle neighbour occupy opportunity physical profession programme recognise recommend restaurant sacrifice shoulder signature soldier stomach suggest system temperature twelfth variety vegetable vehicle | accommodateaccompanyamateurapparentappreciateavailablecategorycommitteeconscienceconsciouscontroversyconveniencecorrespondcriticisedefinitedeterminedembarrassenvironmentequippedequipmentespeciallyexistenceexplanationforeignfrequentlygovernmentharass | hindranceimmediatelyinterruptlanguagelightningmischievousnecessarynuisanceoccurparliamentpersuadeprejudiceprivilegepronunciationqueuerelevantrhymerhythmsecretarysincerelysufficientsymbolthoroughyacht |

**Year 5 Termly Spelling Test**

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| **Autumn Term** | **Spring Term** | **Summer Term** |
| 1. vicious
2. infectious
3. special
4. confidential
5. hesitant
6. importance
7. decent
8. obedience
9. emergency
10. adorable
11. possible
12. probably
13. unbelievably
14. horribly
15. referred
16. offered
17. preference
18. deceive
19. rough
20. island
21. aisle
22. according
23. awkward
24. forty
25. competition
 | 1. precious
2. nutritious
3. official
4. partial
5. tolerant
6. observant
7. innocent
8. independence
9. decency
10. comfortable
11. sensible
12. preferably
13. incredibly
14. preferring
15. suffered
16. circumference
17. co-ordinate
18. perceive
19. although
20. doubt
21. lamb
22. leisure
23. physical
24. guarantee
25. excellent
 | 1. delicious
2. fictitious
3. artificial
4. essential
5. assistant
6. insurance
7. confident
8. innocence
9. frequency
10. reasonable
11. incredible
12. remarkably
13. visibly
14. transferred
15. differed
16. conference
17. co-operate
18. receive
19. thorough
20. solemn
21. climb
22. recommend
23. signature
24. temperature
25. twelfth
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