



YEAR 6

A Parent's Guide to Practising Spellings at Home

Why spelling practice matters

In Key Stage 2, the focus is on developing accuracy as well as a range of strategies for spelling.

Although teachers will highlight spelling errors to children, it is important children recognise for themselves when they have made an error and know a range of strategies for correcting inaccuracies. By this stage, children will have a range of spelling strategies that they will have been taught to draw on. Children will use the strategy which best suits their learning style and works best for them.

Helping at Home

Parents can support children by practising any spelling patterns or spelling investigations which are sent home as part of home learning and also by helping children to read and spell the Y5/6 word lists (included in this document).

Children will practise these spellings throughout the week in spelling lessons and will be tested on a Friday using some of the words from each week or others with similar spelling patterns.

We will track your child's progress in spelling through the statutory word lists and half-termly reviews.

Remember to make practising the words enjoyable and not a chore.

The suggestions below may help.

Ideas for how to practise spellings

Make It Daily, Short & Fun  10–15 minutes a day is ideal  Little and often works better than long sessions once a week	Start with These Methods  Look, Cover, Write, Check 1. Look at the word 2. Cover it 3. Write it Check it  Repeat 3–5 times for each word	 Pyramid Words Build the word letter by letter: s sp spe spel spell								
 Spelling Target Practice • Pick 5 tricky words a week • Write each in a sentence Say them out loud and spell them aloud	 Rainbow Write Choose your 3 favourite crayons to rainbow write your spelling words. Write each word first in pencil then trace over each word three times. Each time you trace, you must use a different colour crayon.	Active Games to Make It Stick •  Word Jumble: Mix up the letters of the word – can your child unscramble it? •  Hangman: Classic spelling fun  Silly Songs: Sing the spellings to a tune they know								
Link Words to Meaning Understanding what words mean helps spelling stick. Try: • Drawing a picture for each word • Matching definitions Using each word in a silly or interesting sentence	Practise in Context Let them: • Write short stories or sentences using their spelling words • Spot spelling words in books or homework Create their own mini spelling test	Break Tricky Words into Parts For example: • environment = en–vi–ron–ment • necessary = one collar, two sleeves (funny memory tip!)								
ABC Order Write your spelling words in alphabetical order. Be sure to look at the first letter of each word. If the first letter is the same, look at the second letter.	Spelling Paragraph Write a paragraph using ALL of your spelling words. Be sure to underline your spelling words in your paragraph.	Rhyming Words Choose eight of your spelling words. First write each spelling neatly. Think of a rhyming word for each spelling word. Write the new rhyming word next to your spelling word. *Example: cries, tries								
Spelling Sort Think of a way to sort your spelling words. Write your word sort neatly. You may want to sort your words by: syllables, beginning sounds, part of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, other), vowel sounds The possibilities are endless! Have fun!	Fancy Letters Write each of your spelling words neatly using fancy letters. Your letters can have curly-q’s or dots, for example. Have fun and be creative!	Parts of Speech Sort your spelling words according to their part of speech: Noun, adjective, verb, other Make a chart like the one below: <table><tr><td>Noun</td><td>Adjective</td><td>Verb</td><td>Other</td></tr><tr><td>Apple</td><td>Red</td><td>Eat</td><td>slowly</td></tr></table>	Noun	Adjective	Verb	Other	Apple	Red	Eat	slowly
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Word Shapes Draw around the words making a clear distinction in size where there are ascenders and descenders. Look carefully at the shape of the word and the letters in each box. Now try to write the word making sure that you get the same shape.										

Statutory Spelling Words for Year 5 and 6 from National Curriculum

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

All homophones for KS2

brake/break

grate/great

eight/ate

weight/wait

son/sun

here/hear

knot/not

meat/meet

missed/mist

heard/herd

through/threw

peace/piece

main/mane

fair/fare

scene/seen

male/mail

bawl/ball

whether/weather

affect/effect

medal/meddle

isle/aisle

aloud/allowed

affect/effect

past/passed.

altar/alter

ascent/assent

bridle/bridal

led/lead

steal/steel

cereal/serial

father/farther

guessed/guest

morning/mourning

who's/whose

advice/advise

device/devise

licence/license

practice/practise

compliment/complement

desert/dessert

principal/principle

profit/prophet

stationery/stationary

draft/draught

dissent/descent

precede/proceed

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
<i>Statutory Word List</i>	<i>Words ending able ably</i>	<i>Words ending ible ibly</i>
Can your child spell all of the words on the list above? Pick 10 and practise them.	breakable comfortable enjoyable reliable believable affordable washable adorable valuable acceptable applicable vegetable payable likeable actionable dependable understandable comfortably enjoyably reliably believably affordably adorably valuably acceptably applicably understandably	Visible invisible sensible horrible terrible possible impossible incredible edible legible Visibly invisibly sensibly horribly terribly possibly impossibly incredibly legibly
Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
<i>Adding suffixes beginning with vowels to words ending in -fer</i>	<i>hyphens</i>	<i>Statutory Word List</i>
refer reference referred prefer preference preferred confer conference conferred defer deference deferred offer offered suffer sufferance suffered transfer transference transferred differ differed difference infer inference inferred	co-own re-enter co-ordinate co-ordinator co-operate well-known part-time mother-in-law check-in self-esteem ex-boyfriend well-being two-thirds	Can your child spell all of the words on the list above? Pick 10 and practise them.

Autumn Term 2

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
<i>Statutory Word List</i>	<i>Homophones ce/se</i>	<i>'c' makes the 's' sound</i>
Can your child spell all of the words on the list above? Pick 10 and practise them	advice / advise device / devise practice /practise licence / license peace/piece Use KS2 homophones list above to practise other words.	cemetery excellent criticise convenience existence hindrance necessary prejudice sacrifice sufficient
Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
<i>Words ending in -cious</i>	<i>Words ending in -tious</i>	<i>Statutory Word List</i>
delicious suspicious vicious malicious precious ferocious conscious	ambitious cautious infectious nutritious fictitious repetitious superstitious	Can your child spell all of the words on the list above? Pick 10 and practise them

Spring Term 1

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
<i>Ending in 'ough'</i>	<i>Words ending in -cial</i>	<i>Words ending in -tial</i>
bough cough dough enough fought bought plough though drought sought thought tough toughen thorough rough although brought ought thoughtful	crucial facial official special beneficial artificial superficial commercial glacial social financial racial	partial essential potential substantial confidential residential influential torrential preferential quintessential
Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
<i>SATS Spelling Practise</i>	<i>SATS Spelling Practise</i>	<i>SATS Spelling Practise</i>
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Spring Term 2

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
<i>SATS Spelling Practise</i>	<i>SATS Spelling Practise</i>	<i>Homophones for KS2</i>
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Summer Term 1

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
<i>Words ending in ant, ance ancy</i> Acquaintance abundance acceptance allowance assistance attendance balance circumstance countenance distance perseverance assistance appliance significance elegance abundance performance guidance allowance circumstance inheritance deviance dominance hesitance tolerance endurance insurance resistance appearance clearance forbearance instance	<i>Words ending in ant, ance ancy</i> Acquaintance abundance acceptance allowance assistance attendance balance circumstance countenance distance perseverance assistance appliance significance elegance abundance performance guidance allowance circumstance inheritance deviance dominance hesitance tolerance endurance insurance resistance appearance clearance forbearance instance	<i>SATS Spelling Practise</i> Use the spelling lists below and choose some to practise each night. These words have appeared in previous SATS spelling tests and the patterns rules are commonly repeated
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SATS WEEK		

Summer Term 2

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<i>Statutory Word List</i> Can your child spell all of the words on the list above? Pick 10 and practise them.	<i>Statutory Word List</i>	<i>Words ending in ent, ence, ency</i> adherence coherence inference reference interference conference dependence circumference sequence violence preference transference confidence evidence incidence residence audience excellence silence convenience adolescence indulgence innocence intelligence licence negligence patience sentence consequence existence
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Common Words that appear in SATS Spelling Tests from ExamNinja

stopped	noticeable	despise	treatment	enemies	passenger	include
cruiser	revive	assembly	hoarse	anchors	dictionary	communication
appearance	controversy	newspaper	kneel	threw	graphic	corruptible
honour	aerobatics	conversation	dishes	autobiography	illuminate	spreadsheet
naturally	breakable	illegible	apprehensive	ballet	geography	thistle
lengthened	largest	receive	neighbour	wrist	kangaroo	are
licence	consonant	graph	marry	beautiful	funeral	unnatural
pyjamas	emergency	whistle	adorable	listener	babies	swimming
contest	unbelievable	adjust	letter	descent	autumn	actually
pneumatic	customer	building	competition	knives	challenging	together
surgeon	entirely	regardless	words	smiling	skimmed	devise
funny	worthwhile	describe	stripes	dismayed	phone	control
radiator	hopeful	replaced	truly	familiar	envelope	county
restaurant	participation	enviably	tumble	government	reverse	language
occurred	prevent	gallery	bodies	neighbouring	worldwide	compatible
painful	trapped	microcosm	press	required	impulsive	improper
qualified	designed	marriage	transported	preferably	illuminated	sustain
introduce	medicinal	assistant	chimney	childish	incidentally	through
curiosity	nevertheless	gradually	reply	physical	puzzle	bounty
popular	dilemma	harass	generous	equipment	careless	overrule
rehearsed	fortunately	invention	latitude	ancient	coarse	sprawling
complement	stars	secretary	prehistoric	caring	frequently	survivor
vertical	collapsed	immediate	adopt	suspect	historical	ambitious
hippos	microscope	judgement	inactive	soldier	referee	hymn
reliable	disappointed	binary	hygiene	weight	project	imagination
conscience	transformed	cellos	cuckoos	practise	waist	terrible
publicly	slipped	feeble	interrupt	scorching	countries	aerodrome
conductor	deceitful	married	slaughter	microfilm	either	chinese
still	receipt	prejudice	calves	break	defending	laboratory
assistance	environment	privileged	fulfil	measles	precious	financially
signature	illogical	wonderful	horse	disobey	scarves	judging
aeroplane	reasonable	festival	coloured	bushes	source	slippery
foulest	particularly	miniature	planned	irregular	imitate	supposedly
communicate	ocean	irrational	discovery	embrace	shiny	agreeably
cough	opposition	criticise	document	grateful	patient	character
bruise	biology	where	judged	originally	champagne	knuckle
listen	direction	although	uncoiled	weird	exciting	crystal
poisonous	brought	penalised	exception	abandoned	carried	according

wait	dissatisfied	mysterious	technique	destination	preparation	subtraction
interior	remarkable	knight	rein	finished	luxury	fibres
inverted	schedule	incapable	across	rhyme	bountiful	supply
sensible	immature	centigrade	calendar	cathedral	highly	wear
heir	legible	healthier	disappear	especially	important	application
privilege	should	most	processed	stomach	sacrifice	collapsible
our	destructive	temperature	castle	address	course	vanishing
prefixes	annual	debt	perceive	fascinate	strength	essentially
interesting	necessary	vegetable	disinterested	infectious	license	powered
boundary	peace	professional	chiefs	unsure	materials	aerodynamic
families	skill	perform	majestic	relevant	resign	device
distance	pollution	dimension	faithfully	completion	importantly	reversible
during	considered	attentive	affect	exaggerate	importance	sincerely
headmaster	permanent	gigabytes	scenery	aquarium	exaggeration	crazily
variety	possession	hair	attempts	extensive	experienced	people
wreckage	difference	retreat	countryside	recommend	occasionally	geological
irresistible	surprising	programme	occupy	audition	aquatic	cautious
vicious	doubting	sensibly	possibly	whatever	comfortable	leisure
functional	obstacle	occupation	bargain	original	accuracy	instrument
poverty	realistic	structures	future	correspondence	definition	twelfth
explanatory	enormous	country	suspicion	happiness	impede	preferred
alone	graphically	horizontal	hoist	geology	dismiss	climbing
download	process	agreeable	proactive	microphone	olive	intelligent
stretched	amongst	beginning	examination	sincere	department	visitors
discovered	including	articles	internal	chronic	horrified	difficult
explanation	telegraph	island	appreciate	impact	cultivating	change
large	scissors	february	evident	remember	currency	suspense
unnecessary	therefore	significant	category	tribute	extremely	fictitious
herd	electronic	biggest	origin	clouds	ready	aeronauts
availability	persuasion	jewellery	portion	effectively	binoculars	frightful
comprehension	blizzard	straighten	slowest	easel	autograph	industry
accurate	interfere	almost	destroyed	notwithstanding	surprised	believe
marvellous	inappropriate	mouse	penalties	castles	community	carefully
voluntary	readily	hinderance	reconsider	position	kiwi	dough
zoology	entrance	build	trophies	complicated	story	creatures
varnishing	pierce	unique	evidence	dissimilar	letters	berry
attacking	grabbed	biped	existed	archaeology	occurs	refereeing
excellent	double	exist	disguised	headache	display	distinctive
tomatoes	location	friendly	illegal	musical	definite	illicit
protected	circumference	spreading	relevance	ordinary	stopping	solemn
advantage	memory	definitely	insurance	foreign	previous	proportion
digital	between	hindrance	million	dreadful	gleaming	continually
invitation	division	moving	plough	desperate	crept	impatient
afford	foul	condensation	transfer	disturb	improbable	advice
essential	medicine	throughout	foundations	fowl	last	preferring

bungalow	disappeared	extinguishing	female	inconvenient	enthusiasm	arrived
considerably	seriously	supernatural	pronunciation	propeller	performance	vowel
embarrassed	persuade	farthest	absorbed	computer	torches	enemy
primrose	protection	tune	illiterate	purpose	attached	headquarters
magical	indecent	unusual	continent	acceptable	first	inspecting
information	primary	golf	queue	sight	accommodation	follow
fouled	satisfaction	referral	gently	pamphlet	applicable	general
finally	incredibly	surprise	respiration	piece	amateur	relive
skilful	possible	pheasant	shook	responsible	individuals	heaviest
consequently	quietest	creative	accompany	common	mortgage	primula
stunning	library	humour	squeeze	successful	history	dozen
centre	surrounded	whipped	burger	repeat	wolves	lawyer
belief	embarrassment	convenient	carriages	melodious	furthermore	fastest
compliment	alphabet	expensive	reference	excursion	contestant	interested
extra	funnily	knowledge	achieve	various	addition	opposite
suggestion	carrying	meaning	involved	hedges	irresponsible	respectably
immediately	encouraged	ensure	conscious	immovable	provide	remain
interval	subtle	serious	thoughtful	echoed	corridor	skimming
influence	choice	decline	lightning	immobile	remained	symbol
melody	elephant	increase	aloud	advertise	adventure	enough
sphere	funnier	production	approach	keys	café	foxes
refereed	edible	brake	multiplication	mystery	occur	gulf
attempt	combination	burglary	handsome	effortless	burglar	okay
referred	pieces	however	program	identity	suggest	guitar
scent	answer	nephew	figure	injury	generally	proposition
league	sensation	released	silence	existence	physically	electrical
preview	medal	embarrass	impractical	inaccurate	microbe	valuable
planning	correct	developed	disorder	producer	confess	weather
survey	neither	residence	advise	introduction	national	primate
sufficient	escaping	development	incredible	remainder	autonomy	wrestling
before	probably	approximately	shoulder	penalises	aware	acquire
recognise	potatoes	permission	conclusion	premium	maintenance	amazing
delivered	survive	removal	factory	tuning	settlement	flourish
disease	noisy	forty	waste	superior	notice	genuine
easiest	revolution	longitude	prosecute	cliffs	loaves	abbreviation
ventilation	nonetheless	psychology	moderate	volcanoes	accidentally	seize
family	bought	dingo	mischief	practice	disturbed	boys
injured	cemetery	portable	salmon	lonely	proceed	preserve
judge	drawer	satisfied	thoroughly	committee	several	until
pronounce	mischievous	certificate	finishing	propose	rhythm	tallest
allowed	suspend	sneeze	moment	automatic	destructible	deceive
prominent	adjustment	greatest	accommodate	hardware	aggressive	transferred
education	probable	circumstance	disastrous	usually	guarantee	audio
rough	muscle	tangible	produce	apparatus	nuisance	impossible
musician	delicious	complete	managing	overreact	gingerly	evaporation

thumb	audience	cherries	convenience	scanned	awkward	expedition
healthy	correspond	relieve	reliably	automobile	engines	permissible
raw	photograph	supreme	engulfed	abundant	surrender	inhabitant
plates	cease	wrinkle	care	attention	affection	question
bury	cultivation	relative	widest	lovely	promotion	software
calculator	procession	camped	knee	excited	constructive	order
presence	request	company	holey	raspberry	surround	distant
crawl	site	guide	overseas	apparent	selects	vehicle
alternatively	moral	die	fighting	impolite	determined	participate
presentation	population	moreover	cities	photo	separate	system
profession	postpone	applaud	internet	speculation	develop	misery
audible	protein	despicable	dye	sunny	pigeon	intense
encounter	smoothly	grudge	knock	generation	roar	breeze
punctual	minister	average	poultry	sauce	precise	discontent
known	account	encourage	silent	sociology	besides	yacht
opportunity	perfectly	peninsular	inattentive	heard	colourful	nearest
special	recommended	cultivate	century	roughest	personal	buses
parallel	equip	meanwhile	business	virus	nastiest	inspire
horses	wholly	visible	precede	parliament	swordfish	parrot
massive	capable	similar	prime	journey	individual	themselves
particular	different	dolphin	shepherd	raising	busiest	column
thorough	available	inadvisable	bicycle	criminal	traditionally	sociology
announce	please	whereas	liar	anniversary	effect	yoghurt

