

Year 5 and 6 Spellings

The National Curriculum is specific about what pupils should learn in the areas of spelling. In Years 5 and 6 the programme of study for spelling consists of learning the spelling rules given below as well as a list of statutory words. These are a combination of words frequently used in their writing and words that are commonly misspelt. Some of these words may form part of the spelling element of Key Stage 2 SATs at the end of Year 6. An additional requirement in Key Stage 2 is using dictionaries to check spellings and meanings, and in upper Key Stage 2 pupils are also expected to use thesauruses.

cious	tious	cial	tial	ant endings
1. vicious	1. nutritious	1. official	1. essential	1. observant
2. precious	2. cautious	2. social	2. potential	2. tolerant
3. delicious	3. ambitious	3. special	3. substantial	3. important
4. conscious	4. infectious	4. crucial	4. residential	4. significant
5. ferocious	5. fictitious	5. artificial	5. partial	5. relevant
6. gracious	6. conscientious	6. commercial	6. torrential	6. pleasant
7. spacious	7. repetitious	7. facial	7. initial	7. participant
8. suspicious	8. pretentious	8. beneficial	8. influential	8. distant
9. luscious	9. superstitious	9. superficial	9. confidential	9. triumphant
10. atrocious	10. scrumptious	10. sacrificial	10. martial	10. disinfectant

ance/ance endings	ancy endings	ent endings	ence endings	ency endings
1. tolerance	1. expectancy	1. confident	1. confidence	1. emergency
2. observance	2. vibrancy	2. government	2. independence	
3. performance	3. infancy	3. environment	3. experience	
4. balance		4. management	4. evidence	
5. finance		5. department	5. difference	
6. advance		6. treatment	6. influence	
7. ambulance		7. equipment	7. conference	
		8. parliament	8. intelligence	
		9. argument	9. residence	
		10. independent	10. indulgence	

able endings	ably endings	ible endings	ibly endings	use of a hyphen
1. adorable	1. considerably	1. responsible	1. responsibly	1. first-class
2. suitable	2. reasonably	2. possible	2. possibly	2. mother-in-law
3. considerable	3. comfortably	3. impossible	3. impossibly	3. fine-tune
4. available	4. Agreeably	4. terrible	4. terribly	4. self-evident
5. reasonable	5. Laughably	5. sensible	5. sensibly	5. all-inclusive
6. comfortable	6. Reliably	6. incredible	6. incredibly	6. cross-reference
7. acceptable	7. Unbearably	7. compatible	7. flexibly	7. well-known
8. desirable	8. Undeniably	8. invisible	8. horribly	8. co-owner
9. vegetable	9. Remarkably	9. illegible	9. visibly	9. self-assured
10. acceptable	10. Admirably	10. edible	10. irresistibly	

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i before e except after c	Exceptions to the rule!	words containing 'ough'	silent letters (not previously covered)
1. deceive	1. protein	1. ought	1. doubt
2. conceive	2. seize	2. bought	2. island
3. ceiling	3. species	3. dough	3. lamb
4. receipt	4. science	4. though	4. solemn
5. believe	5. sufficient	5. through	5. thistle
6. achieve	6. beige	6. rough	6. gnome
7. chief	7. foreign	7. brought	7. knife
8. piece	8. neighbour	8. nought	8. wrapper
9. thief	9. height	9. enough	9. gnash
10. yield	10. vein	10. plough	10. sword

more homophones, words that are easily confused				
1. practise	1. mourning	1. allowed	1. bridal	1. principal
2. practise	2. morning	2. aloud	2. bridle	2. principle
3. device	3. past	3. effect	3. compliment	3. profit
4. devise	4. passed	4. affect	4. complement	4. prophet
5. licence	5. guest	5. altar	5. desert	5. stationery
6. license	6. guessed	6. alter	6. dessert	6. stationary
7. prophecy	7. advise	7. cereal	7. draft	7. steal
8. prophesy	8. advice	8. serial	8. draught	8. steel
9. father	9. isle	9. assent	9. descent	9. wary
10. farther	10. aisle	10. ascent	10. dissent	10. weary
				11. who's
				12. whose