



National Curriculum Spelling Skills and Words

Year 2



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.

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

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.

Soft c (circle)	race
	ice
	cell
	centre
	cereal
	recent
	except
	city
	circle
	circus
	cinema
	decide
	cycle
	fancy
	bicycle
	Cyprus
	pace
	lace
	space
	mercy
rice	

Soft g (gem)	gel
	gem
	gent
	gentle
	giant
	ginger
	magic
	tragic
	imagine
	giraffe
	energy
	genie
	digit

ey (key)	key
	donkey
	monkey
	chimney
	valley
	alley
	honey
	trolley
	hockey
	kidney
	journey
	barley
	volley

war (warm)	war
	warm
	warmer
	warmth
	warmly
	warmest
	ward
	warn
	towards
	warble
	award
	warden
	warp

/o/ spelled a after w (wasp) and qu (squash)	want
	watch
	wander
	wallet
	wasp
	quantity
	squash
	squad
	wand
	wash
	quad

wor (word)	work
	worm
	world
	worth
	worst
	worthy
	worship
	worthwhile

The /ai/ sound spelled -y (cry)	cry
	fly
	dry
	try
	reply
	July
	sly
	fry
spy	

/ʌ/ sound spelled o (other)	other
	mother
	brother
	nothing
	Monday
	month
	ton
	none
	done
	shovel
	monk
	oven
	wonder
	cover
	dozen
	another
worry	

al/all (always/ walk/ball)	all
	ball
	call
	hall
	fall
	small
	talk
	stalk
	chalk
	balk
	walk
	also
	always
	almost
	alright
	already
	beanstalk

Silent w (write)	write
	written
	wrote
	wrap
	wrong
	wreck
	wring
	wren
	wrist
	wriggle

Silent k (knight)	knock
	know
	knee
	knit
	knot
	knife
	knew
	knob
	kneel

Silent g (gnat)	gnat
	gnaw
	gnash
	gnome
	sign
	design

Silent b (lamb)	lamb
	crumb
	bomb
	comb
	dumb
	tomb
	thumb
	limb
	numb
	plumber
	climb
	doubt

/j/ spelled as ge/dge at the end of words (badge)	badge
	bridge
	dodge
	fudge
	ridge
	judge
	trudge
	wedge
	smudge
	sledge
	edge
	age
	change
	bulge
	village
	charge
	rage
	cage
coverage	
page	
usage	
huge	



Homophones and near-homophones	son
	won
	two
	knight
	quite
	blew

Words ending in -tion (station)	station
	fiction
	motion
	section
	nation
	notion
	action
	option
	lotion
	fraction
	relation
	caption
	position
	junction
	addition

Words ending -il (pencil)	pencil
	fossil
	nostril
	April
	gerbil
	tonsil
	basil
	devil
	evil
	lentil
	pupil
	peril
	stencil
	civil

/l/ or /el/ spelled -al at the end of words (metal)	pedal
	capital
	hospital
	animal
	national
	formal
	metal
	mammal
	signal
	general
	funeral
	rival
	vocal
	total
	petal
regal	
carnival	

/l/ or /el/ spelled -el at the end of words (camel)	camel
	tunnel
	squirrel
	travel
	tinsel
	cancel
	novel
	caramel
	level
	enamel
	vowel
	angel
	gravel
	label
	jewel

/l/ or /el/ spelled -le at the end of words (apple)	apple
	bottle
	candle
	middle
	bubble
	giggle
	nettle
	little
	sizzle
	battle
	handle
	hobble
	cattle
	dazzle
	needle
table	
steeple	
fable	
beetle	

Adding the suffix -es to nouns and verbs ending in -y (fly/flies)	flies
	tries
	copies
	babies
	cries
	armies
	ladies
	parties
	replies
	puppies
	lorries
	bunnies
	cherries
	stories
	poppies
pennies	
trophies	
ferries	
carries	

Adding the suffixes -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words ending with one consonant after a vowel (pat/patting)	patting
	patted
	humming
	hummed
	dropping
	dropped
	running
	runny
	stopped
	stopping
	biggest
	hobble
	clapped
	clapping
	hopped
hopping	
thinner	
thinnest	
rubbed	
rubbing	
saddest	

Adding the suffixes -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before it (hike/hiking)	hiked
	hiker
	nicer
	nicest
	biker
	baker
	timed
	timer
	amazed
	ruled
	completed
	hiking
	shiny
	biking
	bony
baking	
stony	
amazing	
ruling	
completing	

Adding the suffixes -ing to a word ending in -y with a consonant before it (cry/crying)	copying
	crying
	replying
	trying
	spying
	flying
	hurrying
studying	

Adding the suffixes -ed, -er and -est to a word ending in -y with a consonant before it (copy/copied)	copied
	copier
	happier
	happiest
	replied
	funnier
	funniest
	trier
	luckier
	luckiest
chillier	
chilliest	
partied	

Adding the suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly (enjoy/enjoyment)	enjoyment
	sadness
	hopeless
	playful
	badly
	fearless
	freshness
	payment
	joyful
	sadly
	movement
	quickness
	powerful
	gladly
	painful
useful	
careful	
treatment	
truthful	



**Adding suffixes
-ment, -ness, -ful
, -less and -ly to
a word ending in
-y with a consant
before it (happy/
happiness)**

happiness
happily
funnily
beautiful
loneliness
easily
lazily
craziness
steadily
steadiness
nastiness
silliness
clumsiness
merriment
penniless

**Apostrophes for
possession**

lady's
man's
girl's
child's
men's
women's
children's
mother's
father's
daughter's
son's

Contractions

can't
it's
don't
I'm
you've
didn't
you're
we'll
couldn't
wouldn't
haven't
aren't
he'd
she'd
what's
we're
I'll
where's
she'll
should've
would've
shouldn't
could've

**High frequency
words 1**

door
floor
because
find
kind
mind
behind
child
children
wild
called
most
only
both
old
cold
gold
hold
told
every
everybody
great
break
steak
pretty
clothes
bath

**The /z/ sound
spelt s (television)**

measure
pleasure
treasure
television
vision
usual
unusual

**High frequency
words 2**

after
fast
last
past
father
class
grass
pass
plant
path
hour
move
prove
improve
sure
sugar
eye
could
should
would
who
whole
any
many
busy
people
water
Mr
Mrs
basket



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