



National Curriculum Spelling Skills and Words

Year 3



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.

Digraph revision (sh, ch, th, ng) ■	Linked sounds (ew, ue, oo, u, u-e/ few, glue, book, put, cute) ■	The /ʌ/ sound spelled ou (young) ■	Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words that end in two consonants (burn) ■
Digraph revision (qu) ■	Linked sounds (aw, au, al, or/saw, sauce, walk, form) ■	Adding prefixes dis- ■	Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words with a consonant at the end and two vowels before it (remain) ■
Digraph revision (wh) ■	The /i/ sound spelled y-e or ye (type) ■	Adding prefixes mis- ■	Adding suffixes -ly (mixed words) ■
Linked sounds (ay, ai, a-e/tail, pay, tame) ■	Applying spelling rules 1 ■	Adding prefixes in- ■	Adding suffixes -ee, -er, and -eer (referee) ■
Linked sounds (oy, oi/oil, toy) ■	Applying spelling rules 2 ■	Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to Words ending in a vowel (take) - revision ■	Adding suffixes -th (depth) ■
Linked sounds (oa, ow, oe, o-e/goat, bow, toe, joke) ■	Compound Words 1 ■	Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words ending in a consonant after a vowel (beg) - revision ■	High frequency and statutory words 1 ■
Linked sounds (ou, ow/blouse, brow) ■	Compound words 2 ■	Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words with more than one syllable and a stressed final syllable (begin) ■	High frequency and statutory words 2 ■
Linked sounds (igh, ie, y, i-e/light, tie, cry, kite) ■	Compound words 3 ■	Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words with more than one syllable and an unstressed final syllable (listen) ■	
Linked sounds (ee, ea, ey, e-e, y/ tree, meat, money, concrete, body) ■	Words that start with a /k/ sound (revision) (cub) ■		
	ch pronounced /k/ (chorus) ■		
	/ei/ sound spelled ei, eigh, or ey (rein/eight/grey) ■		

Strands:

- Reception Revision
- Digraphs and Trigraphs
- Common Words
- Spelling Rules
- Word Endings
- Prefixes, Suffixes & Roots
- Strategy Spelling
- Homophones & Confusions
- Building Vocabulary - Topic Words

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.

Digraph revision (sh, ch, th, ng)	cheese
	chess
	rich
	smash
	posh
	mesh
	drench
	finch
	winch
	froth
	teeth
	broth

Digraph revision (qu)	quote
	quaint
	queries
	quell
	quarry
	quay
	quality
	quarrel
	question
	quilt
	quake
	quill

Digraph revision (wh)	wheels
	everywhere
	wheelchair
	whirlwind
	meanwhile
	whack
	whistled
	somewhere
	whispered
	whenever

Linked sounds (ay, ai, a-e/tail, pay, tame)	waist
	fray
	slain
	sway
	quail
	pray
	afraid
	amaze
	escape
	tame
	wade
	flake
	trade

Linked sounds (oy, oi/oil, toy)	appoint
	moisture
	ointment
	tabloid
	rejoice
	toilet
	turmoil
	destroy
	employ
	voyage
	loyal
	royal
	convoy

Linked sounds (oa, ow, oe, o-e/ goat, bow, toe, joke)	oatmeal
	broach
	loaves
	loathe
	bloats
	croaky
	growth
	meadow
	willow
	borrow
	mellow
	billow
	oboe
	toecap
	toenail
	explode
	envelope
	joke
antelope	

Linked sounds (ou, ow/blouse, brow)	blouse
	mountain
	mouse
	trousers
	fountain
	bounce
	thousand
	grouse
	lounge
	hound
	eyebrow
	browse
	trowel
	flower
	powder
	shower
	towel
	tower
	howl
	prowl
scowl	
crowd	
blackout	

Linked sounds (igh, ie, y, i-e/ light, tie, cry, kite)	prize
	quiet
	fried
	denied
	highlight
	twilight
	tonight
	right
	mighty
	brighten
	spotlight
	invite
	inside
	deny
pylon	
occupy	
multiply	

Linked sounds (ee, ea, ey, e-e, y/tree, meat, money, concrete, body)	spooky
	weed
	empty
	team
	twenty
	grease
	teacher
	body
	ably
	anchovy
	athlete
	concrete
	Chinese
	Japanese
precede	

Linked sounds (ew, ue, oo, u-e/ few, glue, book, cute)	interview
	curfew
	mildew
	renew
	chewed
	newcomer
	newspaper
	viewpoint
	influence
	blueprint
	valueless
	superglue
	untrue
	truly
	tulip
	music
	pursue
	continue
	tissue
	virtue
	avenue
	statue
	barbeque
	spook
	snooker
	computer
	costume
	dilute
include	
volume	



Linked sounds (aw, au, al, or/ saw, sauce, walk, form)	squawk
	scrawny
	spawn
	drawn
	audition
	applaud
	auction
	applause
	audience
	saucepan
	overhaul
	aeronaut
	autonomy
	gawking
	bylaw
	awful
	brawn
	jawbone
	drawback
	stalk

The /i/ sound spelled y-e or ye (type)	hype
	type
	style
	byte
	dye
	rye
	goodbye
	tyre
	stye

Applying spelling rules 1	counting
	river
	thirteen
	dragged
	healthiest
	holiday
	difficult
	march
	may
	angrier
	staircase
	cockroach
	pleasant
	pheasant
	wealth

Applying spelling rules 2	actual
	downside
	appear
	calendar
	consider
	royalty
	woman
	treason
	toadstool
	discovery
	operate
	hurries
	shrugged
	graphic

Compound Words 1	playtime
	birthday
	background
	ballroom
	baseball
	cupcake
	doorway
	eardrum
	evergreen
	chairman
	patchwork
	driveway
	dishcloth
	blackmail
	sunflower

Compound words 2	blackboard
	afternoon
	password
	anytime
	wildcat
	hamburger
	lipstick
	classmate
	pothole
	runaway
	moonlight
	heartbeat
	sunrise

Compound words 3	sunshine
	goldfish
	anymore
	raindrop
	myself
	skateboard
	seaside
	gentleman
	earring
	jigsaw
	overflow
	eyeball

Words that start with a /k/ sound (revision) (cub)	cabin
	cob
	cub
	cop
	canter
	coffee
	client
	course
	kiln
	kiwi
	kerb
	kelp
	kiosk

ch pronounced /k/ (chorus)	ache
	echo
	chaos
	chord
	orchid
	anchor
	chrome
	chorus
	scholar
	chasm
	stomach
	chemist
	scheme
	mechanic
	schedule
monarch	
character	
charisma	

/ei/ sound spelled ei, eigh, or ey (rein/eight/ grey)	rein
	vein
	veil
	beige
	eight
	neigh
	weigh
	weight
	freight
	eighty
	eighteen
	sleigh
	neighbour
	grey
	obey
whey	
prey	

The /ʌ/ sound spelled ou (young)	young
	touch
	double
	trouble
	couple
	country
	cousin
	courage
	encourage
	flourish
nourish	
southern	

Adding prefixes dis-	dislike
	display
	disease
	disuse
	disown
	disarm
	dismay
	disconnect
	discover
	disagree
	disappoint
	disappear
	disengage
	displease
	disinfect
disable	

Adding prefixes mis-	mistreat
	mistrust
	mismatch
	misspelled
	mislead
	misguided
	misbehave
	mistaken
	misinform
	mislaid
	misfire
	misfortune
	misread
	misprint

Adding prefixes in-	inactive
	incorrect
	intolerant
	informal
	indecent
	indefinite
	insufficient
	insecure
	invisible
	incomplete
	insane
	inexpensive



Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words ending in a vowel (take) - revision	decided
	taking
	serving
	writing
	making
	driving
	shaking
	baked
	famed
	giving
	tiled
	stored
	using
	dancer
	server

Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words ending in a consonant after a vowel (beg) - revision	begged
	swimming
	wrapping
	snapped
	splitting
	grabbing
	sitting
	shopping
	dripped
	topped
	skipped
	skipping
	wrapped
	begging
	snapping

Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words with more than one syllable and a stressed final syllable (begin)	forgetting
	beginning
	beginner
	preferring
	preferred
	deferred
	deferring
	referred
	referring

Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words with more than one syllable and an unstressed final syllable (listen)	differed
	differing
	gardening
	gardener
	limiting
	limited
	visiting
	visited
	listening
	listened
	happening
	happened

Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words that end in two consonants (burn)	burned
	burning
	turned
	turning
	started
	starting
	starter
	parted
	parting
	learning
	learner
	sporting
	reporting
	reported
	reporter
	supported
	supporting
	tester
painter	
walker	
preacher	
supporter	

Adding suffixes -ed, -er and -ing to words with a consonant at the end and two vowels before it (remain)	remained
	remaining
	refraining
	refrained
	spraining
	sprained
	boiling
	boiled
	training
	trainer
	trained

Adding suffixes -ly (mixed words)	completely
	bravely
	slowly
	quickly
	unusually
	carefully
	finally
	totally
	weekly
	avidly
	truthfully
	successfully

Adding suffixes -ee, -er, and -eer (referee)	employee
	referee
	trustee
	volunteer
	engineer
	auctioneer
	retiree
	escapee
	nominee
	pioneer

Adding suffixes -th (depth)	depth
	width
	fifth
	truth
	ninth
	hundredth
	eighth
	twelfth
	eighteenth
	eightieth

High frequency and statutory words 1	actually
	strange
	forward
	promise
	possess
	favourite
	women
	minute
	straight
	special
	breathe
	guard
	ordinary
	February
	opposite
address	
notice	
naughty	

High frequency and statutory words 2	windy
	second
	fifteen
	fourteen
	own
	something
	carry
	along
	alongside
	story
	between
	remember
	describe
	away
	answer
potatoes	
although	



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