



National Curriculum Spelling Skills and Words

Year 5



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.

Plurals of nouns that end -f or -fe (wolves)	■	Homophones and often confused words 1	■	Adding prefixes mid-	■	Adding suffixes -ship	■
ough (ought)	■	Homophones and often confused words 2	■	Adding prefixes over/under-	■	Adding suffixes -wise, -ward, -wards, -ways	■
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Silent letters (n)(hymn)	■			Adding suffixes -ous and -ious (revision)	■	High frequency and statutory words 2	■
Silent letters (l) (calf)	■			Space	■		
Weather	■						

Strands:

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- Digraphs and Trigraphs
- Word Endings
- Homophones & Confusions
- Common Words
- Prefixes, Suffixes & Roots
- 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.

Plurals of nouns that end -f or -fe (wolves)	wolves	
	shelves	
	elves	
	halves	
	selves	
	leaves	
	thieves	
	sheaves	
	wives	
	knives	
	lives	
	dwarves	
	scarves	
	ough (ought)	ought
		bought
thought		
nought		
brought		
fought		
rough		
tough		
enough		
cough		
though		
dough		
drought		
doughnut		
bough		
borough		
plough		
Sport	softball	
	rugby	
	tennis	
	cricket	
	netball	
	athletics	
	badminton	
	skiing	
	gymnastics	
	hurdles	

ough (laugh)	laugh
	taught
	caught
	laughs
	naught
	laughed
	haughty
	laughter
	haughtily
-ge and -dge (revision)	acknowledge
	partridge
	cartridge
	footbridge
	drawbridge
	dislodge
	diverge
	pillage
Halloween	ghost
	phantom
	costume
	mask
	pumpkin
	October
	broomstick
	cauldron
	vampire
	cemetery

Double letters (commonly misspelled)	committee
	apparent
	attached
	embarrass
	millennium
	occurrence
	generally
	broccoli
	harass
	questionnaire
	personnel
	balloon
cc for /k/ sound	parallel
	dissipate
	recommend
	deterrence
	necessary
	acclaim
	accurate
	accommodate
	accomplish
	accompany
	accuse
	accumulate
account	
accredit	
Geography	coast
	animals
	continents
	countries
	oceans
	atlas
	human
	population
	continent
	globe

Silent Letters (revision)	subtle
	succumb
	wrinkle
	wrangle
	wrought
	campaign
	resign
	gnarled
	knuckle
	knowledge
Silent letters (t) (listen)	knapsack
	known
	knead
	thistle
	whistle
	castle
	bristle
	mortgage
	gristle
	wrestle
glisten	
fasten	
listen	
Christmas	
Food	spaghetti
	lasagne
	vegan
	casserole
	curry
	biryani
	fondue
	noodles
sushi	
vegetarian	
Silent letters (n) (hymn)	vegetarian
	solemn
	column
	hymn
	condemn
autumn	

Weather	typhoon
	hail
	gale
	climate
	sleet
	hurricane
	overcast
	monsoon
	thunderstorm
	downpour
Homophones and often confused words 1	their
	they're
	through
	buy
	bye
	dissent
	farther
	heard
	led
	seller
forwards	
foreword	
Homophones and often confused words 2	desert
	dessert
	principal
	principle
	minors
	miners
	mite
	gait
	gate
	bridle
bridal	
serial	



Parts of the body	face
	fingers
	hamstring
	ankle
	lungs
	shoulder
	skull
	elbow
	torso
	ribcage

Homophones and often confused words 3	aloud
	allowed
	steel
	wary
	wear
	passed
	died
	dyed
	guessed
	guest
	duel
dual	

Homophones and often confused words 4	affect
	effect
	ascent
	assent
	altar
	alter
	proceed
	currant
	current
	aisle
	isle

Music	instrument
	conductor
	harmony
	choir
	orchestra
	melody
	opera
	rap
	rock
	soul

Compound words 1	worldwide
	windfall
	southeast
	freelance
	knighthood
	stockbroker
	grandmother
	grandfather
	bookshelf
	battlefield
	chopsticks
grandchild	
gridlock	

Applying spelling rules 1	sincerely
	permanent
	murmur
	energy
	however
	original
	assessment
	furthermore
	metaphor
	different

Musical instruments	tuba
	trumpet
	violin
	drum
	saxophone
	sitar
	djembe
	clarinet
	tabla
trombone	

Applying spelling rules 2	pronounce
	organisation
	scrounge
	astounded
	transparent
	caution
	ignorance
	alternative
	compulsive
	explosion
	concentrate
vocabulary	
translate	

Adding prefixes dis- mis- and in- (revision)	misjudge
	mismanage
	misconduct
	discontinue
	dishonest
	disloyal
	disobey
	discourage
	inconvenient
	incapable
	inaccurate
inadequate	
inappropriate	

European countries	Ireland
	Poland
	France
	Germany
	Ukraine
	Albania
	Spain
	Portugal
Sweden	
Romania	

Adding prefixes mid-	midyear
	midnight
	midweek
	midfielder
	midway
	midsummer
	mid-air
	midpoint
	midday
	midstream
	midsection
midriff	
midwife	

Adding prefixes over/under-	overwork
	overdue
	overjoyed
	overeat
	overload
	overdose
	overreacting
	underpaid
	underarm
	underage
	underwear
understand	
underneath	

Vikings	shield
	axe
	invader
	horns
	barbarian
	conquest
	Dane
	raiding
helmet	
longship	

Adding prefixes pro-	proactive
	project
	provide
	produce
	protect
	promote
	progress
	proverb
	protractor
	property

Adding prefixes out-	outstanding
	outgrown
	outclass
	outdo
	outwit
	outrun
	outweigh
	outside
	outward
	outdated
	outlook

Under the sea	mollusc
	diver
	seaweed
	squid
	lobster
	aquatic
	coral
	reef
scuba	
seahorse	

Adding prefixes tele-	telephone
	teletext
	telescope
	telecommunication
	telegraph
	teleport
	telepathy
	televise
	teletext
	telepathic



Adding suffixes - tricky -ed words	received
	frightened
	accommodated
	exaggerated
	guaranteed
	interfered
	abducted
	married
	hurried
	misinterpreted
	transferred

Ancient Romans	soldier
	legion
	sword
	centurion
	viaduct
	Rome
	gladiator
	emperor
	empire
	army

Adding suffixes - tricky -ing words	receiving
	frightening
	accommodating
	misunderstanding
	exaggerating
	marrying
	measuring
	manoeuvring
	labelling
	intimidating
	transferring

Adding suffixes -ly (revision)	separately
	angrily
	heavily
	cheekily
	crazily
	clumsily
	gently
	giggly
	wrinkly
	cuddly
	crumbly
	bubbly
	formally
	independently
	faithfully

History	historian
	relic
	ancient
	artifact
	museum
	ancestor
	historical
	timeline
	record
	narrative

Words ending in -able and -ably (revision)	adorable
	adorably
	applicable
	applicably
	considerable
	considerably
	tolerable
	tolerably
	changeable
	changeably
	noticeable
	noticeably
	dependable
	dependably
	comfortable
	comfortably
	understandable
	understandably
	reasonable
	reasonably
enjoyable	
enjoyably	
reliable	
reliably	

Adding suffixes -ous and -ious (revision)	fabulous
	grievous
	rigorous
	amorous
	simultaneous
	monstrous
	tedious
	generous
	dubious
	callous

Space	planet
	astronauts
	stars
	comet
	universe
	asteroid
	meteor
	jupiter
	neptune
	mars

Adding suffixes -ship	championship
	ownership
	dictatorship
	citizenship
	dealership
	mentorship
	workmanship
	authorship
	internship
	membership

Adding suffixes -wise, -ward, -wards, -ways	otherwise
	likewise
	clockwise
	weatherwise
	downward
	backward
	untoward
	sideways
	lengthways
	widthways

Mountains	peak
	altitude
	range
	glacier
	expedition
	Alps
	summit
	ledge
	crag
	elevation

Adding suffixes -ible/ibly	forcible
	forcibly
	legible
	legibly
	possible
	possibly
	horrible
	horribly
	terrible
	terribly
	visible
	visibly
	incredible
incredibly	
sensible	
sensibly	

Adding suffixes -al	autumnal
	natural
	fictional
	burial
	accidental
	logical
	political
	betrayal
	coastal
	global
emotional	
personal	
intentional	
referral	

Olympics	ceremony
	games
	competition
	rings
	runners
	medals
	slalom
	stamina
	sportsmanship
	anthem



Adding suffixes -ful (revision)	cheerful
	wilful
	fearful
	tearful
	hateful
	wishful
	skilful
	mindful
	hopeful
	gleeful
	fateful
	harmful

Adding suffixes -ify/-fy	unify
	modify
	verify
	qualify
	justify
	falsify
	magnify
	solidify
	dignify
	testify
	diversify
	glorify

Religious festivals	Diwali
	Eid
	Hanukkah
	Holi
	Passover
	Easter
	lent
	Ramadan
	fasting
Pentecost	

Adding commonly confused suffixes -er/-or	reader
	councillor
	visitor
	traveller
	narrator
	editor
	builder
	supervisor
	shoplifter
	instructor
	responder
	lender

High frequency and statutory words 1	according
	average
	awkward
	bargain
	correspond
	develop
	equip
	forty
	interrupt
	lightning
	occur
	relevant
	sacrifice
	excellent
	physical
	recognise
	sincere
	sufficient
variety	
vehicle	

Ancient Egypt	Egyptian
	pyramids
	sand
	camels
	pharaoh
	sphinx
	Giza
	obelisk
	Nile
	papyrus

High frequency and statutory words 2	million
	police
	performance
	suddenly
	square
	never
	announcing
	industrial
	especially
	tired



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