



National Curriculum Spelling Skills and Words

Year 6



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.

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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.

Word endings / fəl/ spelled -cial or -tial	official
	artificial
	partial
	confidential
	essential
	crucial
	glacial
	spatial
	judicial
	financial
	beneficial
	substantial
	social
	controversial
	racial

Word endings / fæs/ spelled -cious or -tious	vicious
	precious
	conscious
	delicious
	malicious
	suspicious
	ambitious
	cautious
	infectious
	nutritious
	fictitious
	scrumptious
	ferocious
	gracious
	audacious

World of work	destination
	career
	labour
	occupation
	employment
	vocation
	industry
	endeavour
	effort
	production

Words with the /i:/ sound spelled ei after c	deceive
	conceive
	receive
	perceive
	ceiling
	conceited
	receipt
	conceit
	deceit

Silent letters (p)	psychology
	psychic
	psychopath
	psychotic
	pneumonia
	pneumatic
	psalm
	cupboard
	raspberry

Palindromes	rotator
	peep
	civic
	madam
	solos
	deified
	reviver
	bib
	minim
	gag

Silent letters (u) (guitar)	guilty
	disguise
	guitar
	guild
	circuit
	guile
	guileless
	baguette
	guess
	guesswork

Silent letters (h)	honest
	honour
	rhyme
	rhythm
	exhibit
	exhibition
	exhaust
	rhubarb
	rhinoceros
	silhouette

Jobs and occupations	doctor
	accountant
	dentist
	lawyer
	cleaner
	manager
	headteacher
	professor
	designer
	journalist

Homophones and often confused words 1	stationary
	stationery
	hangar
	hanger
	ducked
	duct
	hew
	frays
	ail
	ale
boarder	
border	
edition	
manners	
manors	

Homophones and often confused words 2	compliment
	complement
	mourning
	illegible
	eligible
	eliminate
	illuminate
	dense
	dents
	caster
	castor
	flare
	faint
	feint
	berth

Languages	French
	German
	Italian
	Latin
	Swedish
	Mandarin
	Urdu
	Arabic
	Swahili
	Yoruba

Homophones and often confused words 3	arc
	ark
	intense
	intents
	leach
	leech
	airy
	eyrie
	draft
	draught
	medal
	meddle
	marshal
	martial
	heir

Homophones and often confused words 4	licence
	license
	advice
	advise
	device
	devise
	prophecy
	propheesy
	bait
	bate

The Titanic	propeller
	iceberg
	captain
	unsinkable
	survivor
	gargantuan
	colossal
	starboard
	passengers
	shipwreck

Compound words	counterpart
	supernatural
	taskmaster
	horsepower
	taxpayer
	honeymoon
	keystone
	lifesaver
backstroke	



Hyphenated compound words (adjectives)	able-bodied
	runner-up
	clean-cut
	follow-up
	high-tech
	close-up
	father-in-law
	mother-in-law
	life-sized
	king-size
	bad-tempered
	sugar-free
	good-looking

Health and wellbeing	self-worth
	healthy
	meditation
	self-esteem
	relax
	fitness
	mindfulness
	healthiness
	wholeness
	motivation

Applying spelling rules	unavoidable
	automatically
	available
	ourselves
	hibernation
	atmosphere
	memorable
	pollination
	disability
	considerate

Adding prefixes sub-	subtract
	submarine
	submerge
	submit
	submissive
	subheading
	subtitle
	substandard
	subtotal
	subway
	subscribe
sub-zero	

English	consonant
	punctuation
	spelling
	dictionary
	adjective
	conjunction
	thesaurus
	adverb
	pronoun
	preposition

Adding prefixes inter-	interact
	intercept
	interconnect
	interdependent
	interdisciplinary
	intermediate
	intersection
	interaction
	interface
	international

Adding prefixes extra- and post-	extraordinary
	extravagant
	extracurricular
	extraterrestrial
	postpone
	postscript
	postgraduate
	postproduction
	postmark
	postmodern

Science	pipette
	burner
	test
	acid
	chemical
	microscope
	biology
	spatula
	chemistry
	physics

Adding prefixes anti/pre/fore-	antidote
	antifreeze
	antibiotic
	antibacterial
	precaution
	predict
	previous
	premature
	prefix
	prepare
	forewarn
	foretell
	foresight

Using a hyphen to join a prefix to a root word	co-ordinate
	re-enter
	co-operate
	co-own
	re-examine
	ultra-ambitious
	pre-existing
	de-emphasise
	co-writer
	co-pilot
	re-edit
re-educate	
pre-election	
co-worker	

Art	portrait
	brush
	colour
	sculpture
	gallery
	abstract
	photography
	charcoal
	creativity
	masterpiece

Adding numerical prefixes uni/mono-	uniform
	university
	unicorn
	universal
	unicycle
	unified
	monotone
	monograph
	monologue
	monogram

Adding numerical prefixes bi/di/du- and tri-	biannual
	bicarbonate
	bilingual
	direct
	duo
	duplicate
	tricycle
	triathlon
	triad
	tripod
	triple
triangle	

Asian countries	Syria
	China
	India
	Thailand
	Mongolia
	Japan
	Indonesia
	Philippines
	Israel
	Singapore

Adding numerical prefixes (other)	quadrant
	hexagonal
	hexagon
	pentagon
	sextet
	heptagon
	octagon
	octopus
	nonagon
	decimal
	decathlon

Adding numerical prefixes (small/large numbers)	kilo
	kilometre
	megabit
	megabyte
	gigabyte
	microwave
	microphone
	nanoscale
	nanosecond
	polygon
	polyester
	omnivore
	omnibus
	century
	centipede
	centenary
millilitre	
millipede	

Maths	calculator
	subtraction
	perimeter
	multiplication
	measurement
	arithmetic
	calculus
	figures
	digits
	computation



Adding suffixes -tion, -cian, -sion and -ssion (revision)	transfusion
	suspension
	supervision
	conviction
	frustration
	objection
	perfection
	clinician
	statistician
	obsession
	oppression

Adding suffixes -ant and -ent	innocent
	decent
	expectant
	hesitant
	tolerant
	observant
	frequent
	confident
	dependent
	independent
	assistant
	obedient
	brilliant
	elegant
	instant
	resident
	participant
	significant
	indulgent
	competent
nutrient	
intelligent	

American countries	America
	Brazil
	Nicaragua
	Mexico
	Honduras
	Panama
	Canada
	Argentina
	Bolivia
	Chile

Adding suffixes -ance and -ancy	hesitancy
	tolerance
	substance
	observance
	assistance
	brilliance
	expectancy
	elegance
	instance
	importance
	guidance
	insurance

Adding suffixes -ence and -ency	innocence
	decency
	frequency
	confidence
	dependency
	dependence
	independence
	obedience
	residence
	residency
	intelligence
	indulgence
	reference
	transference
	preference

Ancient Greece	democracy
	acropolis
	philosopher
	Zeus
	Athens
	Sparta
	classical
	Hera
	Mediterranean
Athena	

Adding suffixes -acy	privacy
	legitimacy
	legacy
	illegitimacy
	inaccuracy
	diplomacy
	accuracy
	literacy
	supremacy
	conspiracy
	numeracy

Adding suffixes -ate	demonstrate
	evacuate
	navigate
	insulate
	nominate
	activate
	moderate
	collaborate
	tolerate
	estimate
	consolidate
	approximate
	terminate
	exaggerate

Plants	branch
	stem
	chlorophyll
	photosynthesis
	pollen
	greenery
	botanical
	overgrown
	overgrowth
	vegetation

Adding suffixes -ist	cyclist
	harpist
	socialist
	novelist
	geologist
	royalist
	environmentalist
	tourist
	vocalist
	cartoonist
	artist
semi-finalist	

High frequency and statutory words 1	achieve
	aggressive
	amateur
	bruise
	category
	controversy
	definite
	desperate
	familiar
	frequently
	guarantee
	identity
	immediately
	individual
	interfere
	opportunity
	parliament
	persuade
	prejudice
	restaurant
secretary	
yacht	
ochre	
debris	

High frequency and statutory words 2	appreciate
	communicate
	community
	conscience
	convenience
	criticise
	curiosity
	determined
	disastrous
	environment
	equipped
	equipment
	existence
	explanation
	foreign
	government
	hindrance
	language
	immediate
	marvellous
mischievous	
nuisance	
privilege	
pronunciation	
queue	
suggest	
thorough	
vegetable	

African countries	Algeria
	Nigeria
	Tanzania
	Uganda
	Morocco
	Sudan
	Zimbabwe
	Ethiopia
	Kenya
	Madagascar



Transitions	secondary
	transition
	graduation
	friendship
	adolescent
	primary
	nursery
	kindergarten
	apprenticeship
	reception

UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)	rights
	responsibilities
	accord
	alliance
	bilateral
	ally
	convention
	accession
	axis
	protocol



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