

Spelling: Word Lists for Pupils to Learn

During the Early Years and in key stage 1, spelling is underpinned by pupils' developing phonic knowledge, together with a sight vocabulary of "tricky" words that are phonically irregular.

The 100 high frequency words below are important for young children to learn to read and spell so if parents and carers can help them to practice at home they will make really speedy progress!

the, that, not, look, put, and, with, then, don't, could,
a, all, were, come, house, to, we, go, will, old, said, can,
little, into, too, in, are, as, back, by, he, up, no, from,
day, I, had, mum, children, made, of, my, one, him,
time, it, her, them, Mr, I'm, was, what, do, get, if, you,
there, me, just, help, they, out, down, now, Mrs, on,
this, dad, came, called, she, have, big, oh, here, is,
went, when, about, off, for, be, it's, got, asked, at, like,
see, their, saw, his, some, looked, people, make, but,
so, very, you're, an

Please see below the statutory word lists for pupils who are in key stage 2 (years 3 – 6). The lists are taken directly from the National Curriculum and are a mixture of words pupils frequently use in their writing and those which they often misspell. The 100 words in each list will be taught alongside other words that teachers consider appropriate.

Year 3 and Year 4 Word List

accident(ally), actual(ly), address, answer, appear,
arrive

believe, bicycle, breath, breathe, build, busy/business
calendar, caught, centre, century, certain, circle,
complete, consider, continue

decide, describe, different, difficult, disappear

early, earth, eight/eighth, enough, exercise,
experience, experiment, extreme

famous, favourite, February, forward(s), fruit

grammar, group, guard, guide

heard, heart, height, history,

imagine, increase, important, interest, island,
knowledge

learn, length, library, material, medicine, mention,
minute

natural, naughty, notice

occasion(ally), often, opposite, ordinary

particular, peculiar, perhaps, popular, position,
possess(ion), possible, potatoes, pressure, probably,
promise, purpose

quarter, question

recent, regular, reign, remember

sentence, separate, special, straight, strange, strength,
suppose, surprise

therefore, though/although, thought, through

various

weight, woman/women

Year 5 and Year 6 Word List

accommodate, accompany, according, achieve,
aggressive, amateur, ancient, apparent, appreciate,
attached, available, average, awkward

bargain, bruise

category, cemetery, committee, communicate,
community, competition, conscience*, conscious*,
controversy, convenience, correspond, criticise (critic +
ise), curiosity

definite, desperate, determined, develop, dictionary,
disastrous

embarrass, environment, equip (–ped, –ment),
especially, exaggerate, excellent, existence,
explanation

familiar, foreign, forty, frequently

government, guarantee

harass, hindrance

identity, immediate(ly), individual, interfere, interrupt

language, leisure, lightning

marvellous, mischievous, muscle

necessary, neighbour, nuisance

occupy, occur, opportunity

parliament, persuade, physical, prejudice, privilege,
profession, programme, pronunciation

queue

recognise, recommend, relevant, restaurant, rhyme,
rhythm

sacrifice, secretary, shoulder, signature, sincere(ly),
soldier, stomach, sufficient, suggest, symbol, system

temperature, thorough, twelfth

variety, vegetable, vehicle

yacht