

## Years 5 and 6 National Curriculum Spellings

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			

Spelling pattern	Rules for use	Example words
Words ending – cious		vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious
Words ending -tious		ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious
Words ending –cial or -tial	-cial is common after a vowel letter and –tial after a consonant letter. <i>Except initial, financial, commercial, provincial</i>	official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential
Words ending –	-ation endings are often a	observant, observance,

ant/-ance/-ancy  Words ending -ent/-ence/-ency	<p>clue.</p> <p>After soft 'c', soft 'g' and 'qu'</p> <p>There are many words for which the above guidance does not help. These just have to be learnt.</p>	<p>(observation), expectant, (expectation), hesitant, hesitancy, (hesitation), tolerant, tolerance, (toleration), substance, (substantial)</p> <p>innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency, confident, confidence, (confidential)</p> <p>assistant, assistance, obedient, obedience, independent, independence</p>
Words ending -able and -ably	<p>Used if there is a related word ending in -ation.</p> <p>If the -able ending is added to a word ending -ce or -ge, the 'e' must be kept.</p> <p>Usually used if a complete root word can be heard before it, but not always.</p>	<p>adorable, adorably, (adoration), applicable, applicably, (application), considerable, considerably, (consideration), tolerable, tolerably, (toleration)</p> <p>changeable, noticeable</p> <p>dependable, comfortable, understandable, reasonable, enjoyable, reliable</p>
Words ending -ible and -ibly	<p>Less common than -able and -ably.</p> <p>If the -ible ending is added to a word ending -ce or -ge, the 'e' is dropped.</p> <p>Common if a complete root word can't be heard before it.</p> <p><i>Exception sensible/sensibly.</i></p>	<p>forcible, legible</p> <p>possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly</p>
Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer	<p>The 'r' is doubled if the -fer is still stressed when the ending is added.</p> <p>The 'r' is not doubled if the -fer is no longer stressed.</p>	<p>referring, referred, referral, preferring, preferred, transferring, transferred</p> <p>reference, referee, preference, transference</p>
Use of the hyphen	Hyphens can be used to join a prefix to a root word, especially if the prefix ends in a vowel letter and the root word also begins with one.	Co-ordinate, re-enter, co-operate, co-own

Words spelt 'ei' after c.	The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to words where the sound spelt by ei is 'ee'. <i>Except protein, caffeine, seize</i>	deceive, receive, perceive, conceive, ceiling
Words containing 'ough'	Can be used to spell a number of different sounds.	ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought  rough, tough, enough  cough  though, although, dough  through  thorough, borough  plough, bough
Words with 'silent' letters		doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight
Homophones and other words that are often confused	In the pairs of words opposite, nouns end -ce and verbs end -se	advice/advise device/devise licence/license practice/practise prophecy/prophecy  aisle/isle, aloud/allowed, affect/effect, altar/alter, farther/father, guessed/guest, heard/herd, led/lead, morning/mourning, past/passed, precede/proceed, ascent/assent, bridal/bridle, cereal/serial, compliment/complement, descent/dissent, desert/dessert, draft/draught, principal/principle, profit/prophet, steal/steel, stationary/stationery, wary/weary, who's/whose