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| **KS2 Spelling Rules** | **Example Spellings** |
| ***YEAR 2***   1. ***Common exception words*** | door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children\*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas |
| ***YEAR 3 / 4***   1. ***Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable*** | forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred  gardening, gardener, limiting, limited, limitation |
| 1. ***The /i/ sound spelt y other than at the end of words*** | myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery |
| 1. ***The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou*** | young, touch, double, trouble, country |
| 1. ***Prefixes*** 2. ***Prefixes*** | disappoint, disagree, disobey  misbehave, mislead, misspell  inactive, incorrect  illegal, illegible  immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect  irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible  redo, refresh, return, reappear, redecorate  subdivide, subheading, submarine, submerge  interact, intercity, international, interrelated (inter + related)  supermarket, superman, superstar  antiseptic, anti-clockwise, antisocial  autobiography, autograph |
| 1. ***The suffix –ation*** | information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration |
| 1. ***The suffix –ly*** | sadly, completely, usually, finally, comically, happily, angrily, gently, simply, humbly, nobly, basically, frantically, dramatically |
| 1. ***Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/*** | measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure, creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure |
| 1. ***Endings that sound like /ʒən*** | division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television |
| 1. ***The suffix –ous*** | poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous, various, tremendous, enormous, jealous, humorous, glamorous, vigorous, courageous, outrageous, serious, obvious, curious hideous, spontaneous, courteous |
| 1. ***Endings that sound like /ʃən/, spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion, –cian*** | invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion  expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission  expansion, extension, comprehension, tension  musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician |
| 1. ***Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch*** | scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character |
| 1. ***Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch*** | chef, chalet, machine, brochure |
| 1. ***Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt –gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que*** | league, tongue, antique, unique |
| 1. ***Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc*** | science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent |
| 1. ***Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey*** | vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey |
| 1. ***Homophones and near homophones (Years 3 and 4)*** | accept/except, affect/effect, ball/bawl, berry/bury, brake/break, fair/fare, grate/great, groan/grown, here/hear, heel/heal/he’ll, knot/not, mail/male, main/mane, meat/meet, medal/meddle, missed/mist, peace/piece, plain/plane, rain/rein/reign, scene/seen, weather/whether, whose/who’s |
| ***YEAR 5 / 6***   1. ***Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt –cious or –tious*** | vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious  ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious |
| 1. ***Endings which sound like /ʃəl/*** | official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential |
| 1. ***Words ending in –ant, –ance, –ancy, –ent, –ence, –ency*** | observant, observance, expectant, hesitant, hesitancy, tolerant, tolerance, substance, innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency, confident, confidence, assistant, assistance, obedient, obedience, independent, independence |
| 1. ***Words ending in –able and –ible words ending in –ably and –ibly*** | adorable/adorably, applicable/applicably, considerable/considerably, tolerable/tolerably, changeable, noticeable, forcible, legible  dependable, comfortable, understandable, reasonable, enjoyable, reliable, possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly |
| 1. ***Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer*** | referring, referred, referral, preferring, preferred, transferring, transferred, reference, referee, preference, transference |
| 1. ***Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c*** | deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling, protein, caffeine, seize |
| 1. ***Words containing the letter string ough*** | ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought, rough, tough, enough, cough, though, although, dough, thorough, thorough, borough, plough, bough |
| 1. ***Words with ‘silent’ letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)*** | doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight |
| 1. ***homophones and other words that are often confused (Years 5 and 6)*** | advice/advise, device/devise, licence/license, practice/practise, prophecy/prophesy, farther/father, guessed/guest, heard/herd, led/lead, morning/mourning, past/passed, precede/proceed, principal/principle, profit/prophet, stationary/stationery, steal/steel, wary/weary |
| 1. ***Contractions*** | I’m, I’ll, I’d, I’ve, you’re, you’ll, you’d, you’ve, she/he’s, she/he’ll, she/he’d, she/he’s, it’s, it’ll, it’d, we’re, we’ll, we’d, we’ve, they’re, they’ll, they’d, they’ve, that’s, that’ll, that’d, that’s, who’s, who’ll, who’d, what’s, what’re, what’ll, what’d, where’s, where’d, where’ll, when’s, when’ll, when’d, why’s, why’d, why’ll, how’s, how’ll, how’d  would've, should’ve, could’ve, might’ve, must’ve  isn't, aren't, wasn't, weren't, haven't, hasn't, hadn't, won't, wouldn’t, don't, doesn't, didn't, can't, couldn't, shouldn't, mightn't, mustn't, oughtn’t |
| 1. ***Possessive apostrophe with plural words*** | girls’ (plural) / girl’s (singular), boys’ (plural), boy’s (singular), babies’ (plural), baby’s (singular), children’s (plural), child’s (singular), men’s (plural), man’s (singular), mice’s (plural), mouse’s (singular) |
| 1. ***Use of the hyphen*** | co-ordinate, re-enter, co-operate, co-own, re-assemble, re-examine, de-ice, non-smoking, micro-organism, co-star, re-cover |