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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***
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 | disappoint, disagree, disobey misbehave, mislead, misspellinactive, 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’dwould've, should’ve, could’ve, might’ve, must’veisn'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 |