

Spelling Overview
Year 6

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	Less common Graphemes	Compound words	Adding suffixes beginning with a consonant	Adding suffixes beginning with a vowel	Adding prefixes	Apostrophes or Homophones
Term 1	Understanding the origins of silent letters and securing the spellings of words with silent letters	Revise investigating compound words and where they can aid spelling	Revise irregular plurals	Revise adding –ible to verbs to form adjectives	Spell words beginning with the prefixes –il, –im, ir	Spelling homophones and near homophones
Common exception words Yr. 3/4	accidentally, actually, address, answer, appear	believe, bicycle, breath, breathe, build	busy, business, calendar, caught, centre	century, certain, circle, complete, decide	describe, different, difficult, disappear, early	Earth, eighth, enough, exercise, experience
Term 2	Spelling words ending in – cial and -tial		Revise irregular plurals	Revise adding –able to verbs to form adjectives	Spell words beginning with the prefixes -sub, -inter, -super, -and -auto	Revise how use the apostrophe to show omission and possession
Common exception words Yr.3/4	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
Term 3	Spelling words ending in -cious / tious	Use a hyphen in some compound words	Add –ly to words ending in –ible	Add vowel suffixes to verbs ending in single f followed by -er	Use a hyphen to join a prefix to a root word	Spelling homophones and other words that are often confused
Common exception words	accommodate accompany according achieve aggressive	amateur ancient apparent appreciate attached	bargain bruise category cemetery committee communicate	community competition conscience* conscious* controversy convenience	community competition conscience* conscious* controversy convenience (repeat)	correspond criticise (critic + ise) curiosity definite desperate

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Term 4	Spelling words ending in -cious / tious	Use a hyphen in some compound words	Revise adding -ly to words ending in -able	Revise adding -ant, -ance, -ancy	Spell words beginning with the prefixes -sub, -inter, -super, -and -auto	Spelling homophones and other words that are often confused
Common exception words	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
Term 5	Graphic strategies for the year 5/6 common exception words		Revise irregular plurals	Revise adding -ent, -ence, -ency	Use a hyphen to join a prefix to a root word	Revise how to use the apostrophe to show omission and possession
Common exception words	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
Term 6	Year 5/6 common exception words and any other rules which need revision					
Common exception words	Focus on personal lists for each child.					