



Spelling Progression Y2-6

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
The ge and dge sound at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in the words before e, i and y	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words with more than 1 syllable	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words with more than 1 syllable	Cious/tious	Cious/tious
The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y	The /i/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words	The /i/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words	Cial/tial	Cial/tial
The /n/ sound spelt kn and gn at the beginning of words	Ou sound	Ou sound	Ant/ent Ancy/ency Ance/ence	Ant/ent Ancy/ency Ance/ence
The /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words	Prefixes	Prefixes	Able/ible Ably/ibly	Able/ible Ably/ibly
The /l/ or /el/ sound spelt el at the end of words	Suffix – ation	Suffix – ation	Ei after c	Ei after c
The /l/ or /el/ sound spelt al at the end of words	Words with the endings sounding like ure or ture	Words with the endings sounding like ure or ture	Ough	Ough
The words ending 'il'	Endings which sound like sion	Endings which sound like sion	'silent' letters	'silent' letters
The /ai/ sound spelt -y at the end of words	Suffix -ous	Suffix -ous	Suffixes for words ending in -fer	Suffixes for words ending in -fer
Adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in -y	Tion, sion, ssion, cian	Tion, sion, ssion, cian	Use of the hyphen	Use of the hyphen
Adding -ed, ing, -er and -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before it	Words with /k/ sound spelt ch	Words with /k/ sound spelt ch	Homophones	Homophones

Adding -ing, -ed, -er, est and -y to words of one syllable ending in the single consonant letter after a single vowel letter	Words with the 'sh' sound spelt ch	Words with the 'sh' sound spelt ch	Revisit previous spelling rules	Revisit previous spelling rules
Words with the sound spelt a before l and ll	Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt gue and the /k/ sound spelt que	Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt gue and the /k/ sound spelt que		
The variation of the /o/ sound	Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc	Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc		
The /l:/ sound spelt ey	Words with the spelling ei, eight or ey	Words with the spelling ei, eight or ey		
The sound spelt a after w and qu	Possessive apostrophe with plural words	Possessive apostrophe with plural words		
The sound spelt or after w	Homophones or near homophones	Homophones or near homophones		
The sound spelt ar after w				
The sound spelt s				
The suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly				
Contractions				
The possessive apostrophe				
The words ending in -tion				
Homophones and near homophones				

+ Common exception words				
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