Programme of Study - Spelling

Year 1

Revision of Reception Work

All letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent

Consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent

Vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent

The process of segmenting spoken words into sounds before choosing graphemes to represent the sounds Words with adjacent consonants

Guidance and rules which have been taught

Know	Rules	Can Read & Spell
The sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck	The /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ sounds are usually spelt as ff, ll, ss, zz and ck if they come straight after a single vowel letter in short words. Exceptions: if, pal, us, bus, yes.	off, well, miss, buzz, back
The /ŋ/ sound spelt n before k		bank, think, honk, sunk
Division of words into syllables	Each syllable is like a 'beat' in the spoken word. Words of more than one syllable often have an unstressed syllable in which the vowel sound is unclear.	pocket, rabbit, carrot, thunder, sunset
-tch	The /tʃ/ sound is usually spelt as tch if it comes straight after a single vowel letter. Exceptions: rich, which, much, such.	catch, fetch, kitchen, notch, hutch
The /v/ sound at the end of words	English words hardly ever end with the letter v, so if a word ends with a /v/ sound, the letter e usually needs to be added after the 'v'.	have, live, give
Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs)	If the ending sounds like /s/ or /z/, it is spelt as —s. If the ending sounds like /ɪz/ and forms an extra syllable or 'beat' in the word, it is spelt as —es.	cats, dogs, spends, rocks, thanks, catches
Adding the endings – ing, –ed and –er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word	 -ing and -er always add an extra syllable to the word and -ed sometimes does. The past tense of some verbs may sound as if it ends in /id/ (extra syllable), /d/ or /t/ (no extra syllable), but all these endings are spelt -ed. If the verb ends in two consonant letters (the same or different), the ending is simply added on. 	hunting, hunted, hunter, buzzing, buzzed, buzzer, jumping, jumped, jumper
Adding –er and –est to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word	As with verbs (see above), if the adjective ends in two consonant letters (the same or different), the ending is simply added on.	grander, grandest, fresher, freshest, quicker, quickest
ai, oi	The digraphs ai and oi are virtually never used at the end of English words.	rain, wait, train, paid, afraid oil, join, coin, point, soil
ay, oy	ay and oy are used for those sounds at the end of words and at the end of syllables.	day, play, say, way, stay boy, toy, enjoy, annoy
a–e		made, came, same, take, safe

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e–e		these, theme, complete
i–e		five, ride, like, time, side
о–е		home, those, woke, hope, hole
u–e	Both the /u:/ and /ju:/ ('oo' and 'yoo') sounds can be spelt as u-e.	June, rule, rude, use, tube, tune
ar		car, start, park, arm, garden
ee		see, tree, green, meet, week
ea (/i:/)		sea, dream, meat, each, read (present tense)
ea (/ε/)		head, bread, meant, instead, read (past tense)
er (/ɜ:/)		(stressed sound): her, term, verb, person
er (/ə/)		(unstressed schwa sound): better, under, summer, winter, sister
ir		girl, bird, shirt, first, third
ur		turn, hurt, church, burst, Thursday
oo (/u:/)	Very few words end with the letters oo, although the few that do are often words that primary children in year 1 will encounter, for example, zoo	food, pool, moon, zoo, soon
oo (/ʊ/)		book, took, foot, wood, good
oa	The digraph oa is very rare at the end of an English word.	boat, coat, road, coach, goal
oe		toe, goes
ou	The only common English word ending in ou is you.	out, about, mouth, around, sound
ow (/aʊ/)	Both the /u:/ and /ju:/ ('oo' and 'yoo') sounds	now, how, brown, down, town
ow (/əʊ/)	can be spelt as u-e, ue and ew. If words end in	own, blow, snow, grow, show
ue	the /oo/ sound, ue and ew are more common	blue, clue, true, rescue, Tuesday
ew	spellings than oo.	new, few, grew, flew, drew, threw
ie (/aɪ/)		lie, tie, pie, cried, tried, dried
ie (/i:/)		chief, field, thief
igh		high, night, light, bright, right
or		for, short, born, horse, morning
ore		more, score, before, wore, shore
aw		saw, draw, yawn, crawl
au		author, August, dinosaur, astronaut
air		air, fair, pair, hair, chair
ear		dear, hear, beard, near, year
ear (/ɛə/)		bear, pear, wear
are (/εə/)		bare, dare, care, share, scared
Words ending –y (/i:/ or /ɪ/)		very, happy, funny, party, family
,	The /f/ sound is not usually spelt as ph in short	dolphin alphabet phonics
New consonant	The /i/ sound is not usually spelt as pri in short	dolphin, alphabet, phonics,

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spellings ph and wh	everyday words (e.g. fat, fill, fun).	elephant, when, where, which, wheel, while
Using k for the /k/ sound	The /k/ sound is spelt as k rather than as c before e, i and y.	Kent, sketch, kit, skin, frisky
Adding the prefix – un	The prefix un— is added to the beginning of a word without any change to the spelling of the root word.	unhappy, undo, unload, unfair, unlock
Compound words	Compound words are two words joined together. Each part of the longer word is spelt as it would be if it were on its own.	football, playground, farmyard, bedroom, blackberry
Common exception words	Pupils' attention should be drawn to the grapheme-phoneme correspondences that do and do not fit in with what has been taught so far.	the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our – and/or others, according to the programme used

Year 2

Know	Rules	Can Read & Spell
The /dʒ/ sound spelt	The letter j is never used for the /dʒ/ sound at	
as ge and dge at the	the end of English words.	
end of words, and	At the end of a word, the /dʒ/ sound is spelt –	badge, edge, bridge, dodge,
sometimes spelt as g	dge straight after the $/æ/$, $/ε/$, $/1/$, $/ρ/$, $/Λ/$ and	fudge
elsewhere in words	/σ/ sounds (sometimes called 'short' vowels).	
before e, i and y	After all other sounds, whether vowels or	
	consonants, the /dʒ/ sound is spelt as –ge at the end of a word.	age, huge, change, charge,
	In other positions in words, the /dʒ/ sound is	bulge, village
	often (but not always) spelt as g before e, i,	gem, giant, magic, giraffe,
	and y. The /dʒ/ sound is always spelt as j	energy
	before a, o and u.	jacket, jar, jog, join, adjust
The /s/ sound spelt c	,	race, ice, cell, city, fancy
before e, i and y		
The /n/ sound spelt	The 'k' and 'g' at the beginning of these words	knock, know, knee, gnat, gnaw
kn and (less often) gn	was sounded hundreds of years ago.	
at the beginning of		
words		
The /r/ sound spelt	This spelling probably also reflects an old	write, written, wrote, wrong,
wr at the beginning	pronunciation.	wrap
of words		
The /l/ or /əl/ sound	The –le spelling is the most common spelling	table, apple, bottle, little,
spelt –le at the end	for this sound at the end of words.	middle
of words	The all coefficients of the land of the land	
The /l/ or /əl/ sound	The —el spelling is much less common than —le.	camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel,
spelt –el at the end	The –el spelling is used after m, n, r, s, v, w and	towel, tinsel
of words	more often than not after s.	

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The /I/ or /əI/ sound	Not many nouns end in –al, but many	metal, pedal, capital, hospital,	
spelt –al at the end	adjectives do.	animal	
of words			
Words ending –il	There are not many of these words.	pencil, fossil, nostril	
The /aɪ/ sound spelt	This is by far the most common spelling for	cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July	
–y at the end of	this sound at the end of words.		
words			
Adding –es to nouns	The y is changed to i before –es is added.	flies, tries, replies, copies,	
and verbs ending in		babies, carries	
-у			
Adding –ed, –ing, –er	The y is changed to i before –ed, –er and –est	copied, copier, happier,	
and –est to a root	are added, but not before –ing as this would	happiest, cried, replied	
word ending in –y	result in ii. The only ordinary words with ii are	but copying, crying, replying	
with a consonant	skiing and taxiing.		
before it			
Adding the endings –	The –e at the end of the root word is dropped	hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer,	
ing, –ed, –er, –est	before –ing, –ed, –er,	nicest, shiny	
and –y to words	−est, −y or any other suffix beginning with a		
ending in –e with a	vowel letter is added. Exception: being.		
consonant before it			
Adding –ing, –ed,	The last consonant letter of the root word is	patting, patted, humming,	
–er, –est and –y to	doubled to keep the $/æ/$, $/ε/$, $/ɪ/$, $/p/$ and $/\Lambda/$	hummed, dropping, dropped,	
words of one syllable	sound (i.e. to keep the vowel 'short').	sadder, saddest, fatter, fattest,	
ending in a single	Exception: The letter 'x' is never doubled:	runner, runny	
consonant letter	mixing, mixed, boxer, sixes.		
after a single vowel			
letter			
The /ɔ:/ sound spelt	The /ɔ:/ sound ('or') is usually spelt as a before	all, ball, call, walk, talk, always	
a before I and II	I and II.		
The $/n/$ sound spelt o		other, mother, brother, nothing,	
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The /i:/ sound spelt	The plural of these words is formed by the	key, donkey, monkey, chimney,	
−ey	addition of –s (donkeys, monkeys, etc.).	valley	
The /p/ sound spelt a	a is the most common spelling for the /p/	want, watch, wander, quantity,	
after w and qu	('hot') sound after w and qu.	squash	
The /3:/ sound spelt	There are not many of these words.	word, work, worm, world,	
or after w	There are not many of these words	worth	
The /ɔ:/ sound spelt	There are not many of these words.	war, warm, towards	
ar after w		tologicion transcura const	
The /ʒ/ sound spelt s	If a cuffix starts with a cancanaut latter it is	television, treasure, usual	
The suffixes –ment, –ness, –ful , –less	If a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is added straight on to most root words without	enjoyment, sadness, careful,	
and –ly	any change to the last letter of those words.	playful, hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), badly	
anu –iy	Exceptions:	(plain + ness), badiy	
	(1) argument		
	(2) root words ending in –y with a consonant	merriment, happiness, plentiful,	
	before it but only if the root word has more	penniless, happiness, pientirui,	
	than one syllable.	релипезз, парриу	
Contractions	In contractions, the apostrophe shows where a	can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't,	
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	letter or letters would be if the words were	it's, I'll	

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	written in full (e.g. can't – cannot). It's means it is (e.g. It's raining) or sometimes it has (e.g. It's been raining), but it's is never used for the possessive.	
The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)		Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the child's, the man's
Words ending in – tion		station, fiction, motion, national, section
Homophones and near-homophones	It is important to know the difference in meaning between homophones.	there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight
Common exception words	Some words are exceptions in some accents but not in others – e.g. past, last, fast, path and bath are not exceptions in accents where the a in these words is pronounced /æ/, as in cat. Great, break and steak are the only common words where the /eɪ/ sound is spelt ea.	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 — and/or others according to programme used. Note: 'children' is not an exception to what has been taught so far but is included because of its relationship with 'child'.

Year 3 & 4

Know	Rules	Can Read & Spell
Adding suffixes	If the last syllable of a word is stressed and	forgetting, forgotten, beginning,
beginning with vowel	ends with one consonant letter which has just	beginner, prefer, preferred,
letters to words of	one vowel letter before it, the final consonant	gardening, gardener, limiting,
more than one	letter is doubled before any ending beginning	limited, limitation
syllable	with a vowel letter is added. The consonant	
	letter is not doubled if the syllable is	
	unstressed.	
The /ɪ/ sound spelt y	These words should be learnt as needed.	myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid,
elsewhere than at		mystery
the end of words		
The $/n/$ sound spelt	These words should be learnt as needed.	young, touch, double, trouble,
ou		country

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More prefixes	Most prefixes are added to the beginning of	dis-: disappoint, disagree,
	root words without any changes in spelling,	disobey
	but see in- below.	
	Like un –, the prefixes dis – and mis – have	mis-: misbehave, mislead,
	negative meanings.	misspell (mis + spell)
	The prefix in— can mean both 'not' and	in-: inactive, incorrect
	'in'/'into'. In the words given here it means 'not'.	
	Before a root word starting with I , in –	illegal, illegible
	becomes il.	megar, megare
	Before a root word starting with m or p , in -	immature, immortal,
	becomes im	impossible, impatient, imperfect
	Before a root word starting with r , in –	irregular, irrelevant,
	becomes ir	irresponsible
	re- means 'again' or 'back'.	re-: redo, refresh, return,
		reappear, redecorate
	sub- means 'under'.	sub -: subdivide, subheading,
		submarine, submerge
	inter- means 'between' or 'among'.	inter—: interact, intercity,
		international, interrelated (inter
		+ related)
	super- means 'above'.	super—: supermarket,
	auti magana (againat)	superman, superstar
	anti- means 'against'.	anti-: antiseptic, anti-clockwise, antisocial
	auto – means 'self' or 'own'.	auto —: autobiography,
	auto-means sen or own.	autograph
The suffix –ation	The suffix –ation is added to verbs to form	information, adoration,
	nouns. The rules already learnt still apply.	sensation, preparation,
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	admiration
The suffix –ly	The suffix –ly is added to an adjective to form	sadly, completely, usually (usual
	an adverb. The rules already learnt still apply.	+ ly), finally (final + ly), comically
	The suffix –ly starts with a consonant letter, so	(comical + ly)
	it is added straight on to most root words.	
	Exceptions:	
	(1) If the root word ends in –y with a	happily, angrily
	consonant letter before it, the y is changed to	
	i, but only if the root word has more than one	
	syllable.	months simple because the control
	(2) If the root word ends with –le , the –le is	gently, simply, humbly, nobly
	changed to -ly.	hasically frantically
	(3) If the root word ends with –ic, –ally is added rather than just –ly, except in	basically, frantically, dramatically
	the word <i>publicly</i> .	diamatically
	(4) The words <i>truly, duly, wholly.</i>	
Words with endings	The ending sounding like /ʒə/ is always spelt –	measure, treasure, pleasure,
sounding like /ʒə/ or	sure.	enclosure
/tʃə/	The ending sounding like /tʃə/ is often spelt –	creature, furniture, picture,
	ture , but check that the word is not a root	nature, adventure
	word ending in (t)ch with an er ending – e.g.	
	teacher, catcher, richer, stretcher.	

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Endings which sound	If the ending sounds like /ʒən/, it is spelt as –	division, invasion, confusion,
like /ʒən/	sion.	decision, collision, television
The suffix –ous	Sometimes the root word is obvious and the usual rules apply for adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters. Sometimes there is no obvious root word. -our is changed to -or before -ous is added.	poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous, various tremendous, enormous, jealous humorous, glamorous, vigorous courageous, outrageous
	A final 'e' of the root word must be kept if the /dʒ/ sound of 'g' is to be kept. If there is an /i:/ sound before the —ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a few words have e.	serious, obvious, curious hideous, spontaneous, courteous
Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion, –cian	Strictly speaking, the suffixes are —ion and — ian. Clues about whether to put t, s, ss or c before these suffixes often come from the last letter or letters of the root word. —tion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t or te. —ssion is used if the root word ends in ss or — mit. —sion is used if the root word ends in d or se. Exceptions: attend — attention, intend — intention. —cian is used if the root word ends in c or cs.	invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission expansion, extension, comprehension, tension musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician
Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin)		scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character
Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)		chef, chalet, machine, brochure
Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt – gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que (French in origin)		league, tongue, antique, unique
Words with the /s/ sound spelt sc (Latin in origin)	In the Latin words from which these words come, the Romans probably pronounced the c and the k as two sounds rather than one – /s//k/.	science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent
Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey		vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey
Possessive apostrophe with plural words	The apostrophe is placed after the plural form of the word; —s is not added if the plural already ends in —s, but is added if the plural does not end in —s (i.e. is an irregular plural — e.g. children's).	girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's (Note: singular proper nouns ending in an s use the 's suffix e.g. Cyprus's population)

Know	Rules	Can Read & Spell
Homophones and near-homophones		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 3/4 Word List

assident/ally)	dicappear	interest	proceuro
accident(ally)	disappear		pressure
actual(ly)	early	island	probably
address	earth	knowledge	promise
answer	eight/eighth	learn	purpose
appear	enough	length	quarter
arrive	exercise	library	question
believe	experience	material	recent
bicycle	experiment	medicine	regular
breath	extreme	mention	reign
breathe	famous	minute	remember
build	favourite	natural	sentence
busy/business	February	naughty	separate
calendar	forward(s)	notice	special
caught	fruit	occasion(ally)	straight
centre	grammar	often	strange
century	group	opposite	strength
certain	guard	ordinary	suppose
circle	guide	particular	surprise
complete	heard	peculiar	therefore
consider	heart	perhaps	though/although
continue	height	popular	thought
decide	history	position	through
describe	imagine	possess(ion)	various
different	increase	possible	weight
difficult	important	potatoes	woman/women
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Year 5 & 6

Know	Rules	Can Read & Spell
Endings which sound	Not many common words end like this.	vicious, precious, conscious,
like /∫əs/ spelt –cious	If the root word ends in -ce, the /ʃ/ sound is	delicious, malicious, suspicious
or –tious	usually spelt as c – e.g. vice – vicious, grace –	ambitious, cautious, fictitious,
	gracious, space – spacious, malice – malicious.	infectious, nutritious
	Exception: anxious.	

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Endings which sound like /ʃəl/	-cial is common after a vowel letter and -tial after a consonant letter, but there are some exceptions.	official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential
	Exceptions: initial, financial, commercial, provincial (the spelling of the last three is clearly related to finance, commerce and province).	
Words ending in – ant, –ance/–ancy, –ent, –ence/–ency	Use –ant and –ance/–ancy if there is a related word with a /æ/ or /eɪ/ sound in the right position; –ation endings are often a clue. Use –ent and –ence/–ency after soft c (/s/ sound), soft g (/dʒ/ sound) and qu, or if there is a related word with a clear /ɛ/ sound in the right position. There are many words, however, where the above guidance does not help. These words just have to be learnt.	observant, observance, (observation), expectant (expectation), hesitant, hesitancy (hesitation), tolerant, tolerance (toleration), substance (substantial) innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency, confident, confidence (confidential) assistant, assistance, obedient, obedience, independent, independence
Words ending in – able and –ible Words ending in – ably and –ibly	The –able/–ably endings are far more common than the –ible/–ibly endings. As with –ant and –ance/–ancy, the –able ending is used if there is a related word ending in –ation. If the –able ending is added to a word ending in –ce or –ge, the e after the c or g must be kept as those letters would otherwise have their 'hard' sounds (as in cap and gap) before the a of the –able ending. The –able ending is usually but not always used if a complete root word can be heard	adorable/adorably (adoration), applicable/applicably (application), considerable/considerably (consideration), tolerable/tolerably (toleration) changeable, noticeable, forcible, legible
	before it, even if there is no related word ending in –ation. The first five examples opposite are obvious; in reliable, the complete word rely is heard, but the y changes to i in accordance with the rule. The –ible ending is common if a complete root word can't be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word can be heard (e.g. sensible).	dependable, comfortable, understandable, reasonable, enjoyable, reliable possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly
Adding suffixes	The r is doubled if the –fer is still stressed	referring, referred, referral,
beginning with vowel letters to words	when the ending is added.	preferring, preferred, transferring, transferred
ending in –fer	The r is not doubled if the –fer is no longer stressed.	reference, referee, preference, transference
Use of the hyphen	Hyphens can be used to join a prefix to a root word, especially if the prefix ends in a vowel	co-ordinate, re-enter, co-operate, co-own

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	letter and the root word also begins with one.	
Words with the /i:/	The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to	deceive, conceive, receive,
sound spelt ei after c	words where the sound spelt by ei is /i:/.	perceive, ceiling
	Exceptions: protein, caffeine, seize (and either	
	and neither if pronounced with an initial /i:/	
	sound).	
Words containing	ough is one of the trickiest spellings in English	ought, bought, thought, nought,
the letter-string ough	– it can be used to spell a number of different	brought, fought
	sounds.	rough, tough, enough
		cough
		though, although, dough through
		thorough, borough
		plough, bough
Words with 'silent'	Some letters which are no longer sounded	doubt, island, lamb, solemn,
letters (i.e. letters	used to be sounded hundreds of years ago:	thistle, knight
whose presence	e.g. in knight, there was a /k/ sound before the	
cannot be predicted	/n/, and the gh used to represent the sound	
from the	that 'ch' now represents in the Scottish word	
pronunciation of the	loch.	
word)		
Homophones and	In the pairs of words opposite, nouns end –ce	advice/advise
other words that are	and verbs end –se. Advice and advise provide a	device/devise
often confused	useful clue as the word advise (verb) is	licence/license
	pronounced with a /z/ sound – which could	practice/practise
	not be spelt c.	prophecy/prophesy
	More examples:	farther: further
	aisle: a gangway between seats (in a church,	father: a male parent
	train, plane).	guessed: past tense of the verb
	isle: an island.	guess
	aloud: out loud.	guest: visitor
	allowed: permitted.	heard: past tense of the verb
	affect: usually a verb (e.g. The weather may	hear
	affect our plans).	herd: a group of animals
	effect: usually a noun (e.g. It may have an	led: past tense of the verb lead
	effect on our plans). If a verb, it means 'bring	lead: present tense of that verb,
	about' (e.g. He will effect changes in the	or else the metal which is very
	running of the business). altar: a table-like piece of furniture in a church.	heavy (as heavy as lead) morning: before noon
	alter: to change.	mourning: grieving for someone
	ascent: the act of ascending (going up).	who has died
	assent: to agree/agreement (verb and noun).	past: noun or adjective referring
	bridal: to do with a bride at a wedding.	to a previous time (e.g. In the
	bridle: reins etc. for controlling a horse.	past) or preposition or adverb
	cereal: made from grain (e.g. breakfast cereal).	showing place (e.g. he walked
	serial: adjective from the noun series – a	past me)
	succession of things one after the other.	passed: past tense of the verb
	compliment: to make nice remarks about	'pass' (e.g. I passed him in the
	someone (verb) or the remark that is made	road)
	(noun).	precede: go in front of or before

Know	Rules	Can Read & Spell
	complement: related to the word complete – to make something complete or more complete (e.g. her scarf complemented her outfit).	proceed: go on
Homophones and other words that are often confused (continued)	descent: the act of descending (going down). dissent: to disagree/disagreement (verb and noun). desert: as a noun – a barren place (stress on first syllable); as a verb – to abandon (stress on second syllable) dessert: (stress on second syllable) a sweet course after the main course of a meal. draft: noun – a first attempt at writing something; verb – to make the first attempt; also, to draw in someone (e.g. to draft in extra help) draught: a current of air.	principal: adjective – most important (e.g. principal ballerina) noun – important person (e.g. principal of a college) principle: basic truth or belief profit: money that is made in selling things prophet: someone who foretells the future stationary: not moving stationery: paper, envelopes etc. steal: take something that does not belong to you steel: metal wary: cautious weary: tired who's: contraction of who is or who has whose: belonging to someone (e.g. Whose jacket is that?)

Year 4/5 Word List

accommodate	correspond identity		queue
accompany	criticise (critic + ise) immediate(ly)		recognise
according	curiosity individual		recommend
achieve	definite interfere		relevant
aggressive	desperate	desperate interrupt	
amateur	determined	language	rhyme
ancient	develop	leisure	rhythm
apparent	dictionary	lightning	sacrifice
appreciate	disastrous	marvellous	secretary
attached	embarrass	mischievous	shoulder
available	environment	muscle	signature
average	equip (–ped, –ment)	necessary	sincere(ly)
awkward	especially	neighbour	soldier
bargain	exaggerate	nuisance	stomach
bruise	excellent	occupy	sufficient
category	existence	occur	suggest
cemetery	explanation	opportunity	symbol
committee	familiar	parliament	system
communicate	foreign	persuade	temperature
community	forty	physical	thorough
competition	frequently	prejudice	twelfth
conscience*	government	privilege	variety

conscious*	guarantee	profession	vegetable
controversy	harass	programme	vehicle
convenience	hindrance	pronunciation	yacht