

Masefield Primary School



Spelling Challenge Booklet

Year 3/4

Name: _____

This is a copy of some common exception (tricky) words and other important words for Year 3 and 4. Teachers will quiz them on the relevant lists when they think they can spell the words on the list correctly. (It will **not** be a weekly spelling test – these words will be repeatedly tested throughout the year).

Children will have time in school to practise but would benefit from practising at home as well.

Thank you for your support.



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| <p>LOOK</p>  | <p>Look at the word. How many parts are there? What are the tricky bits? Can you find any spelling patterns?</p> |
| <p>SAY</p>  | <p>Say the word to yourself. Break the word into syllables. How many parts are there? What sounds can you hear?</p> |
| <p>COVER</p>  | <p>Cover up the word so you cannot see it. Picture the word in your mind.</p> |
| <p>WRITE</p>  | <p>Write down the word, remembering how it sounds and what it looks like.</p> |
| <p>CHECK</p>  | <p>Check to see if it is correct. Tick the letters you got correct. Write the word correctly if you made any mistakes.</p> |

List 1

accidentally
actually
address
answer
appear
arrive

List 2

believe
bicycle
breath
breathe
build
busy/business

List 3

calendar
caught
centre
century
certain
circle

List 4

complete
consider
continue
decide
describe
different

List 5

difficult
disappear
early
earth
eight/eighth
enough

List 6

exercise
experience
through
various
weight
woman/women

List 7

occasion(ally)
special
notice
experiment
extreme
famous

List 8

favourite
February
forward(s)
fruit
grammar
often

List 9

opposite
ordinary
particular
peculiar
perhaps
popular

List 10

position
possession
possible
potatoes
pressure
probably

List 11

promise
purpose
quarter
minute
question
recent

List 12

regular
reign
remember
sentence
separate
material



List 13

medicine
increase
important
interest
island
knowledge

List 14

learn
length
library
mention
straight
strange

List 15

strength
suppose
surprise
therefore
though
although

List 16

thought
group
guard
guide
heard
heart

List 17

height
history
imagine
naughty
natural

The following table is a list of sounds, rules and spellings your child will be learning this year and some examples of words you may want to practise.

| Sound or Spelling Rule | Examples of words |
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| Adding suffixes | forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, begging. |
| The sound spelt y within the word | myth, gym, Egypt, mystery, pyramid. |
| The word spelt ou | touch, young, double, trouble, country. |
| Prefixes | dishearten, dislike, dislodge rebound, rebuild, recycle antiseptic, antisocial, anticlockwise, miscount, misdeal, misfire, misfortune, misinform, misread, misbehave, misplace, mistake, unable, unwell, unhappy, untidy, interactive, internet, international, immature, immortal, impossible, irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible superhero, superman, supermarket, autobiography, autograph, automatic, subway, subdivide, subheading. |
| The suffix -ation | Information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration. |
| The suffix -ly | sadly,, completely, usually, finally, comically. |
| The sound spelt -ure | measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure, adventure. |
| The sound spelt -sion | division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision. |
| The suffix -ous | poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous, various. |
| The sound spelt -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian | invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion. |
| The sound spelt ch | scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character. |
| Words ending with the sound spelt -gue and -que | league, tongue, catalogue, dialogue, epilogue. |
| The sound spelt sc | science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent. |
| The sound spelt ei, eigh or ey | sleigh, neigh, eight, weight, neighbour. |
| Possessive apostrophe with plural words | girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's |
| 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 |