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# **Introduction**

This spelling programme is designed to support and guide teachers in delivering the spelling expectations from the National Curriculum.

It is a prescriptive programme that focuses on ensuring children develop an investigative approach to spelling. Within the programme, there is also the focus on the grammar understanding of the words that are the focus of the sessions. Therefore, the words have been colour coded in the sessions to show their function in sentences (see 8-word class sheet that follows). If a word can function in a variety of ways, it has been left without colour to indicate so. In addition to this, rather than children learning the statutory word lists out of context, these have been included throughout the sessions. In the dictated sentences that have been provided as examples, the year 3/4 statutory words have been highlighted and year 5/6 statutory words highlighted

use – there should be an expectation throughout the year that the children should be spelling these correctly.

# The teaching sequence

This sequence comprises of three short sessions (approximately 15 minutes) every week. The sequence is designed to be used flexibly; the number of sessions spent on each part of the sequence will vary according to the needs and ability of the children.

The programme and activities are designed to build the children's spelling vocabulary by introducing new words and giving continual practice of words already introduced.

A detailed teaching approach is outlined in each session, indicating what the teaching practitioner should say highlighted in grey and the expected response from the pupils in yellow.

### **Revise**

The approaches described in the first part of the sequence are activities with two purposes: to revise and secure prior learning and to introduce and explain new learning.

### **Teach**

This second part of the sequence introduces the new learning, using teacher modelling and involving the children in the new learning.

### **Practise**

This part of the sequence provides the children with the opportunity to explore and investigate independently, in pairs or in small groups, using strategies to practise and consolidate the new learning.

### **Apply**

This final part of the sequence gives children the opportunity to apply their learning in writing, both through a short, dictated piece, by composing their own sentence or spelling tests (set out like end of key stage tests).

The key principle is that the children are learning about words rather than given words to learn.

The aim of each unit is that the children understand the patterns and structures of words and can apply their learning to their writing.

### **Spelling Teaching Sequence**

### **Revise**

What do we already know? Activities to confirm prior knowledge.

### **Teach**

How the pattern/rule/structure works.

Model spelling examples.

Define the rules, pattern and conventions.

Whole class/paired/individual spelling practice.

### **Practise**

Range of interactive activities for children to explore and investigate the new learning.

Whole class/paired/individual spelling practice.

# Apply

Apply in writing.

## 8-word classes

Noun - a name given to people, places, events, qualities and ideas	Verb - is a 'doing' or 'being' word
Determiner - specify a noun a, an, the this, that, those my, your, his some, every	Adjective - give more information about pronouns and nouns
Pronoun - replace nouns I, you, he, she, it, me, him, her, we, they, us, them possessive pronoun – mine, his/hers, yours, ours, theirs relative pronoun – who, that, which, where, when, whose	Adverb - give extra meaning to a verb, adjective, another adverb or a whole sentence time – now, then, yesterday manner – slowly, hard, quietly place – outside, everywhere degree – very, quite, really
Preposition - show time (at midnight/during the film/on Friday) - position (at the station/in a field) -direction (to the station/over a fence) - relationship (with me, for the day) - cause/reason(because of, in spite of. instead of, due to)	Conjunction Coordinating - join words, phrases or clauses that are of equal status – and, but, so, or Subordinating - join clauses that are not of equal status - because, if, although, since, before, as, while, whenever, once, when, after

# Statutory Word list – Year 3 and 4

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

## Statutory Word list - Year 5 and 6

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

## National Curriculum Statutory Requirements from Appendix 1

Autumn 1	From Appendix 2 - More prefixes – verb prefixes - Converting nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffixes – -ate, -ify, -ise
Autumn 2	<ul> <li>Words with /ee/ sound spelt ei after c</li> <li>Words containing the letter-string ough</li> <li>Endings which sound like /shus/ spelt -cious or -tious</li> </ul>
Spring 1	- Endings which sound like /shul/ - Homophones and other words that are often confused
Spring 2	<ul> <li>Words ending in -ant, -ance/-ancy</li> <li>Words ending in -ent, -ence/-ency</li> </ul>
Summer 1	<ul> <li>Words ending in -able and -ible</li> <li>Words ending in -ably and -ibly</li> </ul>
Summer 2	- Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer - Words with 'silent' letters

## **Spelling Overview 15-to-20-minute sessions**

Autumn 1				
Week 1	Revise – <b>prefixes</b> – revisit <b>prefixes</b> from Year 3 and 4 – in, il, im,ir	Revise – <b>prefixes</b> – revisit <b>prefixes</b> from Year 3 and 4 – <b>dis, re, pre, mis</b>	Revise – <b>prefixes Prefix</b> grid	
Week 2	Teach – verb prefixes dis, mis, re further understanding of the meaning of these prefixes	Teach – <b>verb prefixes</b> <b>de, over, under</b>	Practise – verb prefixes Prefix grid – how many verbs? dis-, re-, mis-	
Week 3	Practise – verb prefixes Prefix grid – how many verbs? de-, under-, over-	Practise – <b>verb prefixes</b> Find the definition	Practise – verb prefixes Sentence challenge	
Week 4	Apply – <b>verb prefixes</b> Dictation	Apply – <b>verb prefixes</b> Spelling test	Revise – <b>suffixes Suffix</b> grid	
Week 5	Teach – converting <b>nouns</b> into <b>verbs</b> using <b>suffixes</b> – <b>-ate</b> , <b>-en</b> , <b>-ise</b> , <b>-ify</b>	Teach – converting adjectives into verbs using suffixes – -ate, -en, -ise, -ify	Practise – converting nouns into verbs using suffixes – -ate, -en, -ise, -ify Suffix grid	
Week 6	Practise – converting adjectives into verbs using suffixes – -ate, -en, -ise, -ify Suffix grid	Apply - converting <b>nouns</b> and <b>adjectives</b> into <b>verbs</b> using <b>suffixes</b> Spelling test	Apply - converting <b>nouns</b> and <b>adjectives</b> into <b>verbs</b> using <b>suffixes</b> Spelling test	

### Autumn 1 Week 1 Session 1 - Revise

Display Week 1 Revise activities – more **prefixes** sheet.

The prefix in- can mean 'not'.

Before a root word starting with I, in- becomes il-.

Before a root word starting with **m** or **p**, **in**- becomes **im**-.

Before a root word starting with **r**, **in**- becomes **ir**-.

Display Week 1 Revise activities – set 1.

complete, legible, patient, responsible

What word class are these? The words are adjectives.

(complete can be a verb and patient can be a noun but for this unit they are being used as adjectives).

Which **prefix** would add to **complete**? In-. What is the new word? Incomplete. What does it mean? Not complete – not finished.

Which **prefix** would add to **legible**? il-. What is the new word? illegible. What does it mean? Not legible – not able to read.

Which **prefix** would add to **patient?** im-. What is the new word? impatient. What does it mean? Not **patient** – showing no patience.

Which **prefix** would add to **responsible**? **ir-**. What is the new word? **irresponsible**. What does it mean? Not **responsible** not showing a sense of responsibility.

Display Week 1 Revise activities – set 2.

What word class are these when the prefix is added? They are adjectives when the prefix is added.

#### Session 2 – Revise

What is a **prefix**? A **prefix** comes before a word to change its meaning. Display words from Week 1 Revise activities – set 3 the root words. What word class are these? The root words are **verbs**.

(Although play and pay can also be nouns, for this unit they are being used as verbs).

Display words from Week 1 Revise activities – set 4 – prefix added.

What word class are these when the prefix is added? They are verbs when the prefix is added.

What has adding dis- before the verb done to the meaning of the verb? It means not/opposite of.

What has adding **re**- before the **verb** done to the meaning of the **verb**? It means again.

What has adding pre- before the verb done to the meaning of the verb? It means before.

What has adding mis- before the verb done to the meaning of the verb? It means not/opposite of.

Root and write – teacher show root words from Week 1 Revise activities – set 5 one at a time and children show with appropriate **prefix** added – whiteboards/post its. **disagree, revisit, preheat, mislead** 

(Although visit, heat and lead can also be nouns, for this unit they are being used as verbs).

Talk sentences – children choose a root and write word to put into a sentence orally.

Teacher model with like/dislike.

I like broccoli but dislike sprouts.

#### Session 3 - Revise

Children have a **prefix** grid from Week 1 Revise activities. Complete the grid by writing complete word underneath correct column(s).

#### Week 2

### Session 1 – Teach

Introduce further work on verb prefixes.

Display Week 2 Teach activities - set 1.

disbelieve, disconnect, rebuild, reverse, misjudge, misbehave

What word class are these? They are verbs.

One **prefix** at a time.

DIS-

**disbelieve and disconnect**, – Say the complete words. What is the **prefix**? dis-. What could the prefix dis- mean? Not or undoing of an action. Which word is the **prefix** representing not? disbelieve.

What is the definition in the dictionary? (use Oxford English mini dictionary). Verb – unable to believe/not believe.

Which word is the **prefix** representing undoing an action? **disconnect**.

What is the definition in the dictionary? (use Oxford English mini dictionary). Verb – break the connection.

RE-

rebuild and reverse – Say the complete words. What is the prefix? re-. What could the prefix re- mean? Again or back.

Which word is the **prefix** representing again? rebuild.

What is the definition in the dictionary? (use Oxford English mini dictionary). Verb – build again.

Which word is the **prefix** representing back? **reverse**. With the **prefix re-** representing back, it is not always clear of the root word as **vers** is from the Latin root word meaning turned.

What is the definition in the dictionary? (use Oxford English mini dictionary). Verb – move backwards.

MIS-

misjudge and misbehave – Say the complete words. What is the prefix? mis-. What could the prefix mis- mean? Not, badly or wrong/incorrect. Which word is the prefix representing badly? misbehave.

What is the definition in the dictionary? (use Oxford English mini dictionary). Verb – behave badly.

Which word is the **prefix** representing incorrectly? **misjudge**.

What is the definition in the dictionary? (use Oxford English mini dictionary). Verb – form a wrong/incorrect opinion of.