

**Key stage 2
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Key stage 2 spellings tested so far – 2016-2026

	National Curriculum PoS		Words so far
Year 3 and 4	- S38 - adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	19	polishing, nationality, inspiring, disobeyed, obtained, suffered, adventurous, offered, ordering, numbered, preference, replacing, referring, rewarded, developed, affordable, differed , examiner , fascinating
	- S39 - the /i/ sound spelt y other than at the end of words	7	sympathetic, typical, pyramid, syrup, lyrics, symbol, crystal
	- S40 - the /u/ sound spelt ou	9	cousin, thorough, trouble, courage, couple, touch, young, flourish, rough
	- S41 – prefixes	9	disorder, misplaced, disagreement, disrespect, undrinkable, misconduct, increase, disappointed, impossible
	- S42 – the suffix -ation	4	sensation, examination, alteration, registration
	- S43 - the suffix -ly	11	ferociously, likely, originally, usually, accidentally, curiously, reluctantly, steadily, frequently, angrily, confidently
	- S44 – words with ending /zhure/ and /chure/	7	mixture, creature, measure, puncture, texture, adventure, pleasure
	- S45 – endings which sound like /zhun/	6	vision, division, television, persuasion, explosion, confusion
	- S46 – the suffix – ous	10	previous, nervous, adventurous, generous, curiously, ridiculous, glorious, famous, jealousy, hazardous
	- S47 - endings which sound like /shun/, spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion, –cian	12	tion, attention, variation, reception, operation, navigation, caution, solution, suggestion –sion, –ssion, passion, percussion, session –cian optician
	- S48 - words with the /k/ sound spelt ch	7	monarch, architect, chorus, character, mechanic, chaos, anchor
	- S49 – words with the /sh/ sound spelt ch	2	machine, machines
	- S50 - words ending with the /g/ sound spelt –gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que	6	gue vague, tongue, league que – unique, plaque, antique
	- S51 – words with the /s/ sound spelt sc	7	science, descendant, muscle, scenic, scenario, scene, fascinating
	- S52 – words with the /ae/ sound spelt as ei, eigh or ey	6	lightweight, weightless, survey, obey, veins, reindeer
Year 5 and 6	- S53 - endings which sound like /shus/ spelt –cious or –tious	3	tious cautious, nutritious cious suspicious
	- S54 - endings which sound like /shul/	8	cial facial, social, special, official, substantial tial essential, residential, potential
	- S55 - words ending in –ant, –ance/–ancy, –ent, –ence/–ency	10	ant, brilliant, elegant –ance/–ancy, distance, substance, reluctance –ent, excellent, confidently –ence/–ency - violence, science, preference
	- S56 - words ending in –able and –ible – words ending in –ably and –ibly	11	–able washable, probable, portable, conceivable, undrinkable, memorable, affordable and –ible invisible, impossible - words ending in –ably probably and –ibly - sensibly
	- S57 – adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer	6	offering, reference, transferred, preference, referring, differed
	- S58 - words with the /ee/ sound spelt ei after c	6	ceiling, inconceivable, deceive, receipt, protein, receiving
	- S59 - words containing the letter-string ough	9	thoughtless, toughest, thorough, dough, enough, cough, ought, through, rough
	- S60 - words with 'silent' letters	12	knock, straight, crumb, bruise, thumb, descendant, numb, scenic, lamb, island, knight, knitting
	- S61 - homophones and near homophones (Year 3 and 4) homophones and other words that are often confused (Year 5 and 6)	11	prey, coarse, council, sighed, banned, currant, queue, through, passed, scene, flour

10+words tested over the ten years

7 - 9 words tested over the ten years

6 or less words tested over the ten years

Statutory words tested so far

Year 3/year 4

accident(ally) actual(ly) address answer appear arrive believe bicycle breath breathe build busy/business calendar caught centre century certain circle complete consider continue decide describe different difficult disappear early earth eight/eighth enough exercise experience experiment extreme famous favourite February forward(s) fruit grammar group guard guide heard heart height history imagine important increase 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 purpose quarter question recent regular reign remember sentence separate special straight strange strength suppose surprise therefore though/although thought through various weight woman/women

Year 5/year 6

accommodate accompany according achieve aggressive amateur ancient apparent appreciate attached available average awkward bargain bruise category cemetery committee communicate community competition conscience* conscious* controversy convenience correspond criticise (critic + ise) curiosity definite desperate determined develop dictionary disastrous embarrass environment equip (–ped, –ment) especially exaggerate excellent 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 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