

**Key stage 1
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Key stage 1 spellings tested so far – 2016-2024

	National Curriculum PoS	Words so far
Year 1	S1 - the sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt <i>ff, ll, ss, zz</i> and <i>ck</i>	6 stuff, shell, fuss, puzzle, pack, puff
	S2 - the /ŋ/ sound spelt <i>n</i> before <i>k</i>	3 plank, drank, think
	S3 - <i>tch</i>	4 match, pitch, switch, catches
	S4 - the /v/ sound at the end of words	9 glove, drive, above, cave, gave, wave, five, dive, move
	S5 - adding <i>-s</i> and <i>-es</i> to words (plural of nouns and the third-person singular of verbs)	7 rides, bounces, grapes, boxes, dishes, lunches, catches
	S6 adding the endings <i>-ing, -ed</i> and <i>-er</i> to verbs where no change is needed in the root word	4 working (Y2), helping, fixed, worked(Y2)
	S7 - adding <i>-er</i> and <i>-est</i> to adjectives where no change is needed in the root word	3 stronger, longest, coldest
	S8 - vowel digraphs and trigraphs: <i>ai, oi, ay, oy, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e, ar, ee, ea (/i:/), ea (/ɛ/), er (/ɜ:/), er (/ə/), ir, ur, oo (/u:/), oo(/ʊ/), oa, oe, ou, ow (/aʊ/), ow (/əʊ/), ue, ew, ie (/aɪ/), ie (/i:/), igh, or, ore, aw, au, air, ear, ear (/ɛə/), are (/ɛə/)</i>	41 again, cage(Y2), cave, grapes, gave, space(Y2), wave, pancakes, bike, drive, dice (Y2), mice(Y2), pie, five, dive, right, garden, wheel, keep, sea, seat, treasure(Y2), bread, ladder, brother, stronger, later(Y2), dirtiest(Y2), turkey(Y2), bathroom, footprint, boat, loudly(Y2), bounces, mouth, ground, found, hair, pear, ears, hear
	S9 - words ending in <i>-y (/i:/ or /ɪ/)</i>	4 baby, funny, hurry, sorry
	S10 - new consonant spellings <i>ph</i> and <i>wh</i>	6 phone, dolphin, photo, phonics wheel, why
	S11 - using <i>k</i> for the /k/ sound	3 skin, keep, skill
	S12 - compound words	1 bathroom, footprint, pancakes
	S13 - the days of the week	1 Thursday
Year 2	S14 - the /dʒ/ sound spelt as <i>-ge</i> and <i>-dge</i> at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as <i>g</i> elsewhere in words before <i>e, i</i> and <i>y</i>	4 cage, change edge, fudge
	S15 - the /s/ sound spelt <i>c</i> before <i>e, i</i> and <i>y</i>	7 bounces, office, dancing, dice, mice, space, raced, dance
	S16 - the /n/ sound spelt <i>kn-</i> and (less often) <i>gn-</i> at the beginning of words	2 know, knit
	S17 - the /r/ sound spelt <i>wr</i> at the beginning of words	2 wrong, wrist
	S18 - the /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt <i>-le</i> at the end of words	3 gentle, puzzle, uncle
	S19 - the /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt <i>-el</i> at the end of words	1 travel
	S20 - the /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt <i>-al</i> at the end of words	5 final, local, metal, hospital, usual
	S21 - words ending in <i>-il</i>	0
	S22 - the /aɪ/ sound spelt <i>-y</i> at the end of words	4 sky, spy, why, shy
	S23 - adding <i>-es</i> to nouns and verbs ending in <i>-y</i>	2 stories, parties
	S24 - adding <i>-ed, -ing, -er</i> and <i>-est</i> to a root word ending in <i>-y</i> with a consonant before it	5 flying, easier, funniest, dirtiest, tried
	S25 - adding the endings <i>-ing, -ed, -er, -est</i> and <i>-y</i> to words ending in <i>-e</i> with a consonant before it	7 dancing, closed, raced, biker, later, lazy, scary
	S26 - adding <i>-ing, -ed, -er, -est</i> and <i>-y</i> to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter	4 clapped, swimmer, hottest, biggest
	S27 - the /ɔ:/ sound spelt <i>a</i> before <i>l</i> and <i>ll</i>	5 talk, small, fall, wall, also
	S28 - the /ʌ/ sound spelt <i>o</i>	5 glove, above, brother, front, other
	S29 - the /i:/ sound spelt <i>-ey</i>	4 money, turkey, chimney, monkey
	S30 - the /v/ sound spelt <i>a</i> after <i>w</i> and <i>qu</i>	3 wash, swan, want
	S31 - the /ɜ:/ sound spelt <i>or</i> after <i>w</i>	2 working, worm
	S32 - the /ɔ:/ sound spelt <i>ar</i> after <i>w</i>	1 warm
	S33 - the /ɜ/ sound spelt <i>s</i>	2 treasure, usual
S34 - the suffixes <i>-ment, -ness, -ful, -less</i> and <i>-ly</i>	2 useless, loudly	
S35 - words ending in <i>-tion</i>	3 station, fraction, fiction	
S36 - homophones and near-homophones	9 pear, know, right, sea, hair, bread, buy, knit, hear	

7+words tested over the seven years

6 or 5 words tested over the seven years

4 or less words tested over the seven years

Common exception words tested - S37

Year 1 - a, all, are, ask, asked, be, by, come, do, friend, full, go, has, he, here, house, I, is, love, me, my, no, of, once, one, our, pull, push, put, said, says, school, she, so, some, they, there, to, today, was, we, were, where, you, your

Year 2 - after, **again**, any, bath, **beautiful**, because, behind, both, break, busy, child, children, Christmas, class, climb, clothes, **cold**, could, door, even, every, everybody, **eye**, fast, father, find, floor, gold, grass, great, half, hold, hour, improve, kind, last, many, mind, **money**, most, **move**, Mr, Mrs, old, only, parents, pass, past, path, people, plant, poor, **pretty**, prove, should, steak, sugar, sure, told, water, who, whole, wild, would

Key stage 2 spellings tested so far – 2016-2024

	National Curriculum PoS		Words so far
Year 3 and 4	- S38 - adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	13	polishing, nationality, inspiring, disobeyed, obtained, suffered, adventurous, offered, ordering, numbered, preference, replacing, referring
	- S39 - the /i/ sound spelt y other than at the end of words	6	sympathetic, typical, pyramid, syrup, lyrics, symbol
	- S40 - the /u/ sound spelt ou	7	cousin, thorough, trouble, courage, couple, touch, young
	- S41 – prefixes	7	disorder, misplaced, disagreement, disrespect, undrinkable, misconduct, increase
	- S42 – the suffix -ation	2	sensation, examination
	- S43 - the suffix -ly	9	ferociously, likely, originally, usually, accidentally curiously, reluctantly, steadily, frequently
	- S44 – words with ending /zhure/ and /chure/	5	mixture, creature, measure, puncture, texture
	- S45 – endings which sound like /zhun/	4	vision, division, television, persuasion
	- S46 – the suffix – ous	8	previous, nervous, adventurous, generous, curiously, ridiculous, glorious, famous
	- S47 - endings which sound like /shun/, spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion, –cian	10	tion, attention, variation, reception, operation, navigation, caution, solution –sion, –ssion, passion , percussion –cian optician
	- S48 - words with the /k/ sound spelt ch	6	monarch, architect, chorus, character, mechanic, chaos
	- S49 – words with the /sh/ sound spelt ch	1	machine
	- S50 - words ending with the /g/ sound spelt – gue and the /k/ sound spelt -que	4	gue vague, tongue, league que - unique
	- S51 – words with the /s/ sound spelt sc	5	science, descendant, muscle, scenic, scenario
	- S52 – words with the /ae/ sound spelt as ei, eigh or ey	5	lightweight, weightless, survey, obey, veins
Year 5 and 6	- S53 - endings which sound like /shus/ spelt – cious or –tious	2	cautious, nutritious
	- S54 - endings which sound like /shul/	6	facial, essential, special, official, substantial, social
	- S55 - words ending in –ant, –ance/– ancy, – ent, –ence/–ency	8	ant, brilliant –ance/–ancy, distance, substance, reluctance –ent, excellent –ence/–ency - violence, science, preference
	- S56 - words ending in –able and –ible – words ending in –ably and –ibly	8	–able washable, probable, portable, conceivable, undrinkable, memorable and –ible invisible - words ending in –ably and –ibly - sensibly
	- S57 – adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer	5	offering, reference, transferred, preference, referring
	- S58 - words with the /ee/ sound spelt ei after c	5	ceiling, inconceivable, deceive, receipt, protein
	- S59 - words containing the letter- string ough	7	thoughtless, toughest, thorough, dough, enough, cough, ought
	- S60 - words with ‘silent’ letters	10	knock, straight, crumb, bruise, thumb, descendant, numb, scenic, lamb, island
	- S61 - homophones and near homophones (Year 3 and 4) homophones and other words that are often confused (Year 5 and 6)	7	prey, coarse, council, sighed, banned, currant, queue

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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