

Spelling Year 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 principal focuses

- Revision of all work in previous years
- Homophones and other words that are often confused

Performance indicator	Example words (& exception words)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endings which sound like / ʃ es/, spelt -cious or -tious 	<i>vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious, ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endings which sound like / ʃ əl/ 	<i>official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words ending in -ant, -ance/ancy, -ent, -ence/ency 	<i>observant, observance, (observation), expectant, (expectation), hesitant, hesitancy, (hesitation), tolerant, tolerance, (toleration), substance, (substantial)</i> <i>innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency, confident, confidence, (confidential)</i> <i>assistant, assistance, obedient, obedience, independent, independence</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words ending in -able • Words ending in -ably and -ibly 	<i>Adorable, adorably, (adoration), applicable, applicably, (application), considerable,</i> <i>considerably, (consideration), tolerable, tolerably, (toleration)</i> <i>changeable, noticeable, forcible, legible</i> <i>dependable, comfortable, understandable, reasonable, enjoyable, reliable</i> <i>possible, possibly</i> <i>horrible, horribly</i> <i>terrible, terribly</i> <i>visible, visibly</i> <i>incredible, incredibly</i> <i>sensible, sensibly</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer 	<i>referring, referred, referral</i> <i>preferring, preferred</i> <i>transfer, transferred</i> <i>reference, referee</i> <i>preference, transference</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of the hyphen 	<i>co-ordinate, re-enter</i> <i>co-operate, co-own</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei and c 	<i>deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words containing the letter string ough 	<i>ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought</i> <i>rough, tough, enough</i> <i>cough</i> <i>though, although, dough</i> <i>through</i>

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	<i>thorough, borough</i>
	<i>plough, bough</i>
• Words with silent letters	<i>doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight</i>
<p>• Homophones and other words that are often confused</p> <p>a) Nouns and verbs</p> <p>b) Further confusions</p> <p><i>father; further</i> <i>guessed; guest</i> <i>heard; herd</i> <i>led; lead</i> <i>morning; mourning</i> <i>past; passed</i> <i>precede; proceed</i> <i>principle; principal</i> <i>profit; prophet</i> <i>stationary; stationery</i> <i>steal; steel</i> <i>wary; weary</i> <i>who's; whose</i></p>	<p><i>advice/advise</i> <i>device/devise</i> <i>licence/license</i> <i>practice/practise</i> <i>prophecy/prophesy</i></p> <p><i>aisle; isle</i> <i>aloud; allowed</i> <i>affect; effect</i> <i>altar; alter</i> <i>ascent; assent</i> <i>bridal; bridle</i> <i>cereal, serial</i> <i>compliment; complement</i> <i>descent; dissent</i> <i>desert; dessert</i> <i>draft; draught</i></p>
<p>Year 5 & 6 important words list</p> <p><i>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, curiosity, define, 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</i></p>	

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Emerging: a minimum of 25% of the objectives met. If less than 25%, use the previous year's objectives

Developing: Broadly 50% of the objectives

Secure: Approximately 80% of the objectives met

Mastery: Broadly 100% of objectives met.