

Year 4 spelling					
Week	Spelling	Statutory requirements	Rules and Guidance	Examples	Word List
1	Suffixes : two or more syllables. Double consonant	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable.	If the last syllable of a word is stressed and ends with one consonant letter which has just one vowel letter before it, the final consonant letter is doubled before any ending beginning with a vowel letter is added	Forget Forgetting Forgotten begin Beginning Beginner	accident accidentally actual actually
2	Double consonant	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable.	If the last syllable of a word is stressed and ends with one consonant letter which has just one vowel letter before it, the final consonant letter is doubled before any ending beginning with a vowel letter is added	Prefer Preferred Suffer Suffered	address answer appear arrive
3	Single consonant		The consonant letter is not doubled if the syllable is unstressed.	Garden Gardening gardened Limit Limiting limited limitation. Power Powered Lower lowering	

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4	Prefixes Sub	Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling but see in – below.	sub means under	subdivide subheading submarine submerge subspecies submerge	breathe build busy
5	Inter		Inter means – ‘between’ or ‘among’	Interrupt Interfere Interact Interim Interlude international	business calendar caught
6	Super		super – means above	Supervision Superman Supersonic Superfast Supermarket superstar	centre century certain
7	Anti		Anti - means against	antifreeze anticlockwise antibiotic antiseptic antisocial	circle complete consider
8	Auto		Auto – means ‘self’ or ‘own.’	autograph automobile autopilot automatic autobiography	Continue decide describe
9	In		The prefix in can mean both not and in/into. In the words given here it means not.	inaccurate indecent incapable insignificant incomplete	different difficult disappear

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10	ll		Before a root word starting with l, in- becomes il	Illegal Illegible Illiterate illogical	early earth eight
11	lm		Before a root word starting with m or p, in becomes im	Impatient Impractical Impolite Immovable Important imperfect	eighth enough exercise
12	ir		Before a root word starting with r, in becomes ir-	irregular irresistible irrelevant irritated irresponsible irreparable	experiment extreme famous
13	Review week 1		Match the prefixes to the different meanings. Find examples of words to suit each prefix.	Words taken from the word lists of prefixes. Assess and revisit.	favourite February forward fruit
14	Review week 2		Find examples of words where the final consonant is doubled and when it left as a single consonant.	Words taken from the word lists of suffixes. Assess and revisit.	grammar group guard guide
15	ation	The suffix -ation	The suffix -ation is added to verbs to form nouns. The rules already learnt still apply.		heard heart height
16	Suffix -ly ic to ally	The suffix -ly The suffix -ly is added to an adjective to form an adverb. The rules already learnt still apply.	3) If the root word ends with -ic, -ally is added rather than just -ly except in the word publicly.	magically musically mechanically critically	history imagine increase

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				logically medically	
17	odd		4)The words truly, duly, wholly	truly duly wholly unruly	interest island knowledge
18	our - or	The suffix – ous	-our is changed to –or before –ous is added	glamorous humorous vigorous	learn length library
19	geous		A final e must be kept if the /dz/ sound of ‘g’ is to be kept.	gorgeous courageous outrageous	material medicine mention
20	ious		If there is an /i/ sound before the –ous ending, it is usually spelt as i.	various anxious delicious furious obvious previous serious mysterious	minute natural notice
21	eous		but a few words have e.	hideous righteous nauseous miscellaneous	occasion occasionally often
22	Review week		The suffix ous	Choose the correct ending for the root words.	opposite ordinary particular Perhaps
23	tion	Endings which sound like /ʒen/ spelt –tion, sion, ssion, cian.	Sometimes the root word is obvious and the usual rules	situation operation	popular position

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		Strictly speaking the suffixes are –ion and – ian. Clues about whether to put t, s or ss or c before these suffixes often come from the last letter or letters of the root word.	apply for adding suffixes beginning with the vowel letters.	position description imagination organisation.	possess
24	tion		tion is the most common spelling. It is used if the root word ends in t or te	action invention education affection injection pollution	possession possible potatoes
25	sion		sion is used if the root word ends in d or se. Exceptions : attend- attention, intend - intention	extension tension expansion comprehensions intentions attention	pressure probably promise
26	ssion		-ssion is used if the root word ends in ss or mit.	profession expression discussion mission processions aggression	purpose quarter question
27	cian		-cian is used if the root word ends in c or cs.	optician electrician mathematician musician politician	recent regular reign
28	Review week 1		Review the different ways of spelling shun.	Assess spelling of words from the last few weeks.	remember sentence separate

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29	f: ph			physical paragraph pharaoh phobia symphony photograph telegraph	special straight strength
30	Irregular plurals	Possessive apostrophes with plural words		children's men's child's boys' girls' dogs'	suppose surprise therefore
31	Irregular plurals		Singular proper nouns ending in an s use the suffix 's	Cyprus's Thomas's James's	though although thought
32	Homophones or near homophones			Accept/except Affect/effect Ball/bawl Berry/bury Break/brake Fair/fare	through various weight
33	Homophones or near homophones			great/grate grown/groan gear/here geal/he'll, heal gnot/not gail/male	woman/ women
34	Homophones or near homophones			gissed/mist gho's/whose	

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				geace/piece ghether/ weather Medal/meddle reign/ rein/rain	
35	Tricky words			Definitions of key words. (Call my bluff)	Review tricky words from Y4
36	Tricky words			Mnemonics to remember key words	
37	Tricky words			Spelling bee.	
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