Cromwell Academy



Y2

Spelling Appendix

This document contains the Y2 Spelling appendix and should be used to support the planning, teaching and learning of Spelling in Year 2.

Spelling – work for year 2

Revision of work from year 1

As words with new GPCs are introduced, many previously-taught GPCs can be revised at the same time as these words will usually contain them.

New work for year 2

| Statutory requirements | Rules and guidance (non-statutory) | Example words (non-statutory) |
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| The /dʒ/ sound spelt as ge and dge at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before e, i and y | The letter j is never used for the $/d3/$ sound at the end of English words. At the end of a word, the $/d3/$ sound is spelt $-\mathbf{dge}$ straight after the $/æ/$, $/ε/$, $/1/$, $/p/$, $/N/$ and $/U/$ sounds (sometimes called 'short' vowels). | badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge |
| | After all other sounds, whether vowels or consonants, the /dʒ/ sound is spelt as -ge at the end of a word. | age, huge, change, charge, bulge, village |
| | In other positions in words, the /dʒ/ sound is often (but not always) spelt as g before e, i, and y. The /dʒ/ sound is always spelt as j before a, o and u. | gem, giant, magic, giraffe, energy jacket, jar, jog, join, adjust |
| The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y | | race, ice, cell, city, fancy |
| The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less often) gn at the beginning of words | The 'k' and 'g' at the beginning of these words was sounded hundreds of years ago. | knock, know, knee, gnat, gnaw |
| The /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words | This spelling probably also reflects an old pronunciation. | write, written, wrote, wrong, wrap |
| The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt —le at the end of words | The –le spelling is the most common spelling for this sound at the end of words. | table, apple, bottle, little, middle |

| Statutory requirements |
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| The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt —el at the end of words |

| Rules and guidance (non-statutory) | Example words (non-statutory) |
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| The -el spelling is much less common than -le . | camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel |

| Statutory requirements | Rules and guidance (non-statutory) | Example words (non-statutory) |
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| | The -el spelling is used after m , n , r , s , v , w and more often than not after s . | |
| The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt —al at the end of words | Not many nouns end in -al , but many adjectives do. | metal, pedal, capital, hospital, animal |
| Words ending –il | There are not many of these words. | pencil, fossil, nostril |
| The /aI/ sound spelt –y at the end of words | This is by far the most common spelling for this sound at the end of words. | cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July |
| Adding –es to nouns and verbs ending in –y | The y is changed to i before –es is added. | flies, tries, replies, copies, babies, carries |
| Adding –ed, –ing, –er and –est to a root word ending in –y with a consonant before it | The y is changed to i before –ed , –er and – est are added, but not before –ing as this would result in ii . The only ordinary words with ii are <i>skiing</i> and <i>taxiing</i> . | copied, copier, happier, happiest, cried, replied but copying, crying, replying |
| Adding the endings –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words ending in –e with a consonant before it | The –e at the end of the root word is dropped before –ing , –ed , –er , –est , –y or any other suffix beginning with a vowel letter is added. Exception : <i>being</i> . | hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer, nicest, shiny |
| Adding –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter | The last consonant letter of the root word is doubled to keep the /æ/, /ɛ/, /ɪ/, /ɒ/ and /ʌ/ sound (i.e. to keep the vowel 'short'). Exception : The letter 'x' is never doubled: <i>mixing</i> , <i>mixed</i> , <i>boxer</i> , <i>sixes</i> . | patting, patted, humming, hummed, dropping, dropped, sadder, saddest, fatter, fattest, runner, runny |
| The /ɔ:/ sound spelt a before l and ll | The /ɔ:/ sound ('or') is usually spelt as a before l and ll . | all, ball, call, walk, talk, always |
| The /// sound spelt o | | other, mother, brother, nothing, Monday |

| Statutory requirements |
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| The /i:/ sound spelt —ey |
| The /p/ sound spelt a after w and qu |
| The /3:/ sound spelt or after w |

| Rules and guidance (non-statutory) | Example words (non-statutory) |
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| The plural of these words is formed by the addition of –s (<i>donkeys</i> , <i>monkeys</i> , etc.). | key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley |
| a is the most common spelling for the /p/ ('hot') sound after w and qu. | want, watch, wander, quantity, squash |
| There are not many of these words. | word, work, worm, world, worth |

| Statutory requirements | Rules and guidance (non-statutory) | Example words (non-statutory) |
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| The /ɔ:/ sound spelt ar after w | There are not many of these words. | war, warm, towards |
| The /3/ sound spelt s | | television, treasure, usual |
| The suffixes –ment, –ness, –ful , –less and –ly | If a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is added straight on to most root words without any change to the last letter of those words. Exceptions: (1) argument | enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), badly |
| | (2) root words ending in – y with a consonant before it but only if the root word has more than one syllable. | merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily |
| Contractions | In contractions, the apostrophe shows where a letter or letters would be if the words were written in full (e.g. $can't - cannot$). It's means it is (e.g. It's raining) or sometimes it has (e.g. It's been raining), but it's is never used for the possessive. | can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll |
| The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns) | | Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the child's, the man's |
| Words ending in –tion | | station, fiction, motion, national, section |
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| Homophones and near-homophones | It is important to know the difference in meaning between homophones. | there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight |
| Common exception words | Some words are exceptions in some accents but not in others – e.g. <i>past</i> , <i>last</i> , <i>fast</i> , <i>path</i> and <i>bath</i> are not exceptions in accents where the a in these words is pronounced /æ/, as in <i>cat</i> . <i>Great</i> , <i>break</i> and <i>steak</i> are the only common words where the /eI/ sound is spelt ea . | door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, |

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| | | pass, plant, path, bath, |
| | | hour, move, prove, |
| | | improve, sure, sugar, eye, |
| | | could, should, would, who, |
| | | whole, any, many, clothes, |
| | | busy, people, water, again, |
| | | half, money, Mr, Mrs, |
| | | parents, Christmas – and/or |
| | | others according to |
| | | programme used. |
| | | Note: 'children' is not an |
| | | exception to what has been |
| | | taught so far but is |
| | | included because of its |
| | | relationship with 'child'. |