

Our Year 5/6 Spelling Essentials

Spelling editing - have you tried these?

'Dot it, don't dodge it'

As you work, put a dot next to any spellings that you are unsure of. When you finish your writing, go back and carefully check the spelling of each dotted word.

Spelling Spyglass

Read your work from the bottom right hand corner, each word at a time. You are just checking the spelling of each word: does it look right?

ible/able

If you take away the suffix and are left with a complete word, the spelling is often 'able':

invis + ible vs. *understand + able*

terr + ible vs. *comfort + able*

Morphology Matters

If you are struggling to spell a difficult word, think about what you know about its **morphology** – how it is put together. You could try building a word sum:

away pull makes a noun
↑ ↑ ↑
dis + tract + ion

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Check**

<p style="text-align: center;">-ion</p> <p>competition explanation pronunciation profession</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-le words</p> <p>available vegetable vehicle muscle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">prefixes and suffixes</p> <p>according attached criticise (critic + ise) determined equip(-ment, -ped) especially frequently immediate(-ly) (un)necessary sincere(-ly)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">soft c</p> <p>cemetery convenience criticise excellent existence hindrance necessary prejudice sacrifice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ie are adjacent</p> <p>achieve ancient soldier sufficient variety foreign (exception)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">cross-curricular words</p> <p>forty temperature twelfth</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">double consonants</p> <p>accommodate accompany according aggressive apparent appreciate attached committee communicate community correspond immediate occupy occur opportunity recommend suggest</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-ous</p> <p>disastrous marvellous mischievous</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">y makes the 'i' sound</p> <p>physical symbol system</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-ough</p> <p>thorough</p> <p style="text-align: center;">unstressed vowels</p> <p>bruise category definite desperate dictionary embarrass environment exaggerate nuisance parliament privilege secretary vegetable</p>		
other words					
amateur	controversy	harass	leisure	queue	signature
average	curiosity	identity	lightning	recognise	stomach
awkward	develop	individual	neighbour	relevant	rhyme
bargain	familiar	interfere	persuade	restaurant	rhythm
conscience	government	interrupt	programme	shoulder	yacht
conscious	guarantee	language			