

Our Year 3/4 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?

When you add a vowel suffix, such as 'ing', check if you should chop, change or double!

Chop – If you add a vowel suffix to a word ending in 'e', you may need to **chop** the 'e' – *make* becomes *making*.

Change – If you add a vowel suffix to a word ending in 'y', you may need to **change** the 'y' to an 'i' – *try* becomes *tried*.

Double – If you add a vowel suffix to a word ending with a short vowel and then a consonant, you may need to **double** the consonant – *hot* becomes *hotter*.

<p>-ible possible</p> <p>split digraph decide describe extreme guide surprise</p> <p>-ough enough though/although thought through</p> <p>unstressed vowels different favourite February interest library ordinary separate</p>	<p>-tion and -sion mention position possess(ion) question</p> <p>soft c bicycle centre century certain circle decide exercise experience medicine notice recent</p> <p>silent k knowledge</p> <p>adverbials therefore</p>	<p>adding prefixes (dis)appear (dis)believe (re)build</p> <p>double consonants address appear arrive difficult grammar occasion opposite pressure suppose</p> <p>suffix -ly accidentally actually occasionally</p> <p>-ous famous various</p>	<p>'ai' sound as ei/eigh eight/eighth reign weight height (exception)</p> <p>'or' sound as augh caught naughty</p> <p>cross-curricular words calendar earth experiment heart history increase minute natural quarter regular strength material length</p>
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other words

answer	complete	forward(s)	often	probably	special
breath	continue	heard	particular	promise	straight
breathe	early	imagine	peculiar	purpose	strange
busy	fruit	important	perhaps	remember	surprise
business	group	island	popular	sentence	woman/women
consider	guard	learn	potatoes		