

Year 6 SATs Tricky Spellings: Commonly Tested Spelling Rules and Word List

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Year 6 SATs: Commonly Tested Spelling Rules

Below are some of the most commonly tested spelling rules found in past Year 6 SATs papers.

Adding 'ing'.

Adding ing to the end of verbs.

- Accord = According
- Trust = Trusting

Dropping the 'e' and adding 'ing'.

Removing the e from the end of a word and replacing it with ing.

- Challengee = Challenging
- Dancee = Dancing

Doubling the final letter and adding 'ing'.

Doubling the last letter of the word before adding ing.

- Begin = Beginning
- Plan = Planning

Plurals: Adding 's'.

Adding s to the end of a word.

- Stay = Stays
- Stop = Stops

Plurals: Swapping the 'y' for an 'i' and adding 'es'.

Removing the y from the end of a word and replacing it with ies.

- Body = Bodies
- Worry = Worries

Superlatives.

Superlatives are adjectives that describe the most or highest degree of a something.

- Tall = Tallest
- Happy = Happiest
- Good = Best
- Bad = Worst

Verb Endings: Adding 'ed'.

Some verbs add an 'ed' to the end in the past tense.

- Play = Played
- Watch = Watched

Verb Endings: Doubling the final letter and adding 'ed'.

Some verbs double the last letter and then add an 'ed' in the past tense.

- Grab = Grabbed
- Swap = Swapped

Verb Endings: Adding 'd'.

Some verbs add a 'd' to the end in the past tense (especially if they end in a vowel).

- Arrive = Arrived
- Trade = Traded

Verb Endings: Changing 'y' to 'i' and adding 'ed'.

Some verbs remove the y from the end of a word and replacing it with ied in the past tense.

- Cry = Cried
- Try = Tried

Adverbs: Ending with 'ly'

Most adverbs end in ly.

- Sad = Sadly
- Slow = Slowly

'C's making 's' sounds.

Some words use a c to make an 's' sound.

- Audience
- Century
- Pence

Common Prefixes.

Some words start with the following common prefixes.

Anti-

Antisocial
Antibiotic

Dis-

Disagree
Dislike

In/Im-

Incorrect
Impossible

Inter-

Interact
International

Pre-

Prehistoric
Preview

Super-

Superhero
Superstar

Mis-

Misspell
Mislead

Re-

Redo
Rewrite

Un-

Unhappy
Unkind

Over-

Overeat
Oversleep

Sub-

Submarine
Subway

Under-

Undercook
Undergrowth

Common Suffixes.

Some words end with the following common suffixes.

-able	Worker <u>e</u> Teacher <u>e</u>	Joy <u>f</u> ul
Re <u>a</u> ble Us <u>a</u> ble	-ful	
-er	Hope <u>f</u> ul	
-ible	-ity	-less
Possib <u>e</u> Divisib <u>e</u>	Sanit <u>y</u> Realit <u>y</u>	Care <u>l</u> ess Motion <u>l</u> ess
-ly	-ment	-ness
Quick <u>l</u> y Slow <u>l</u> y	Argument <u>u</u> Payment <u>u</u>	Happin <u>e</u> ss Kindn <u>e</u> ss
-or	-sion	-tion
Act <u>o</u> r Doct <u>o</u> r	Decis <u>i</u> on Explos <u>i</u> on	Creat <u>i</u> on Educat <u>i</u> on

Silent Letters.

Some words contain silent letters

- Castle
- Knife
- Surprise
- Whhistle

'i' before 'e'.

Most words use 'i' before 'e'.

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|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| • Achie <u>i</u> e | • Belie <u>i</u> e | • Fie <u>i</u> ld |
| • Fie <u>i</u> erce | • Pie <u>i</u> ce | • Thie <u>i</u> f |

'E' before 'i'.

However, there are a lot of exceptions...

- Ceiling
- Heir
- Neighbour
- Protein
- Receipt
- Weird

Compound Words.

Sometimes two words can be combined to create a new word.

- Hair + Cut = Haircut
- Tooth + Brush = Toothbrush
- Rain + Bow = Rainbow
- Sun + Light = Sunlight

Double Letters.

Some words contain double letters.

- Commmon
- Difffferent
- Professssional

Homophones.

Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings.

- To/Too/Two
 - Are/Our
 - Their/They're/There
 - Here/Hear
 - See/Sea
 - Write/Right
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Year 6 SATs: Commonly Tested Spellings List

Accommodate	Business	Country
Achieve	Busy	Course
Acknowledge	Calendar	Curious
Acquaintance	Career	Definitely
Across	Category	Describe
Actually	Caught	Desperate
Address	Cemetery	Develop
Advice (noun)	Centre	Different
Advise (verb)	Certainly	Difficult
Affect	Change	Dilemma
Again	Character	Disappear
Against	Choice	Disappoint
Aisle	Choose	Doctor
Alright	Clothes	Doesn't
Although	Collar	Double
Always	Colour	Doubt
Among	Coming	Early
Answer	Committee	Earth
Apparent	Community	Easy
Appear	Compare	Embarrass
Appreciate	Competition	Environment
Argument	Complex	Especially
Around	Conscience	Exercise
Audience	Conscious	Existence
Beginning	Consequence	Experience
Believe	Continuous	Explanation
Bicycle	Control	Familiar
Bizarre	Could	February

Foreign	Imminent	Necessary
Forty	Important	Neighbour
Friend	Independent	Neither
Further	Indispensable	Nervous
Gauge	Intelligence	Next
Generally	Interest	Ninety
Government	Island	Notice
Grammar	Jealous	Noticeable
Great	Just	Occasionally
Guarantee	Knowledge	Often
Guard	Laid	Opinion
Guess	Language	Opportunity
Half	Laugh	Opposite
Happy	Learn	Ordinary
Harass	Led	Ought
Hardly	Leisure	Parallel
Have	Library	Peace
Health	Licence	People
Hear	Light	Perhaps
Heart	Listen	Physical
Height	Lose	Piece
Here	Marriage	Pleasure
Hinder	Marvellous	Possession
Holiday	Mathematics	Possible
Hour	Maybe	Potatoes
Humour	Meant	Practice (noun)
Hygiene	Medicine	Practise (verb)
Imagine	Minute	Prefer
Immediately	Mischievous	Prejudice

Preparation	Special	Two
Probably	Straight	Understand
Profession	Strange	Until
Programme	Strength	Used
Pronunciation	Stress	Useful
Queue	Study	Usually
Quiet	Studying	Various
Quite	Succeed	Vegetable
Receive	Success	Wednesday
Recognise	Sudden	Weight
Recommend	Surely	Weird
Reference	Surprise	Where
Referred	Temperature	Whether
Religion	Terrible	Which
Religious	Theatre	Whistle
Restaurant	Their	Who's
Rhyme	There	Whole
Rhythm	Therefore	Whose
Said	They're	Women
Science	Though	Would
Seize	Through	Write
Separate	Tired	Writing
Serious	Together	Written
Several	Tomorrow	Wrong
Should	Tongue	Year
Since	Too	Yesterday
Soldier	Trouble	You're
Sometimes	Truly	Young
Source	Tuesday	Your
