# The Stoke Poges School



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Spelling Appendix

This document contains the Y5/6 Spelling appendix and should be used to support the planning, teaching and learning of Spelling in Year 5/6.

## Spelling – years 5 and 6

## Revise work done in previous years

### New work for years 5 and 6

Statutory	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words
requirements		(non-statutory)
Endings which	Not many common words end like this.	vicious, precious, conscious,
sound like /∫əs/	If the root word ends in <b>-ce</b> , the /ʃ/ sound is	delicious, malicious, suspicious
spelt –cious or –	usually spelt as <b>c</b> – e.g. vice – vicious, grace –	ambitious, cautious, fictitious,
tious	gracious, space – spacious, malice – malicious.	infectious, nutritious
	Exception: anxious.	
Endings which	-cial is common after a vowel letter and -tial	official, special, artificial, partial,
sound like /∫əl/	after a consonant letter, but there are some	confidential, essential
	exceptions.	
	Exceptions: initial, financial, commercial,	
	provincial (the spelling of the last three is clearly related to <i>finance</i> , <i>commerce</i> and	
	province).	
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Words ending in –	Use <b>-ant</b> and <b>-ance/-ancy</b> if there is a related	observant, observance,
ant, –ance/–ancy,	word with a /æ/ or /eI/ sound in the right position; -ation endings are often a clue.	(observ <u>a</u> tion), expectant (expect <u>a</u> tion), hesitant,
ent,	position, attor changs are often a cide.	hesitancy (hesit <u>a</u> tion), tolerant,
-ence/-ency		tolerance (toleration), substance
		(subst <u>a</u> ntial)
	Use <b>-ent</b> and <b>-ence/-ency</b> after soft <b>c</b> (/s/	innocent, innocence, decent,
	sound), soft <b>g</b> (/dʒ/ sound) and <b>qu</b> , or if there	decency, frequent, frequency,
	is a related word with a clear /ɛ/ sound in the	confident, confidence
	right position.	(confidential)
	There are many words, however, where the	assistant, assistance, obedient,
	above guidance does not help. These words	obedience, independent,
	just have to be learnt.	independence
Statutory	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words
requirements		(non-statutory)
Words ending in –	The <b>-able/-ably</b> endings are far more	adorable/adorably (adoration),
able and	common than the <b>-ible/-ibly</b> endings.	applicable/applicably
–ible	As with <b>–ant</b> and <b>–ance/–ancy</b> , the <b>–able</b>	(application),
Words ending in –	ending is used if there is a related word	considerable/considerably
ably and	ending in <b>–ation</b> .	(consideration),

Statutory	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words
requirements		(non-statutory)
–ibly		tolerable/tolerably (toleration)
		changeable, noticeable, forcible,
		legible
	If the <b>-able</b> ending is added to a word ending	
	in -ce or -ge, the e after the c or g must be	
	kept as those letters would otherwise have	
	their 'hard' sounds (as in cap and gap) before	
	the <b>a</b> of the <b>-able</b> ending.	dependable, comfortable,
	The <b>–able</b> ending is usually but not always	understandable, reasonable,
	used if a complete root word can be heard	enjoyable, reliable
	before it, even if there is no related word	
	ending in <b>–ation</b> . The first five examples	
	opposite are obvious; in reliable, the	
	complete word $\mathit{rely}$ is heard, but the $\mathbf{y}$	
	changes to <b>i</b> in accordance with the rule.	possible/possibly,
	The <b>–ible</b> ending is common if a complete	horrible/horribly,
	root word can't be heard before it but it also	terrible/terribly, visible/visibly,
	sometimes occurs when a complete word can	incredible/incredibly,
	be heard (e.g. sensible).	sensible/sensibly
Adding suffixes	The <b>r</b> is doubled if the <b>–fer</b> is still stressed	referring, referred, referral,
beginning with	when the ending is added.	preferring, preferred,
vowel letters to		transferring, transferred
words ending in –	The <b>r</b> is not doubled if the <b>-fer</b> is no longer	reference, referee, preference,
fer	stressed.	transference
Use of the hyphen	Hyphens can be used to join a prefix to a root	co-ordinate, re-enter,
	word, especially if the prefix ends in a vowel	co-operate, co-own
	letter and the root word also begins with one.	
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Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Example words (non-statutory)
Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei	The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to words where the sound spelt by ei is /i:/.	deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling
after c	<b>Exceptions</b> : protein, caffeine, seize (and either and neither if pronounced with an initial /i:/ sound).	
Words containing the letter-string ough	<ul><li>ough is one of the trickiest spellings in English</li><li>– it can be used to spell a number of different sounds.</li></ul>	ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought rough, tough, enough cough though, although, dough

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		through
		thorough, borough
		plough, bough
Words with	Some letters which are no longer sounded	doubt, island, lamb, solemn,
'silent' letters (i.e.	used to be sounded hundreds of years ago:	thistle, knight
letters whose	e.g. in knight, there was a /k/ sound before	
presence cannot	the /n/, and the <b>gh</b> used to represent the	
be predicted from	sound that 'ch' now represents in the Scottish	
the pronunciation	word loch.	
of the word)		

# Statutory requirements

Homophones and other words that are often confused

#### Rules and guidance (non-statutory)

In the pairs of words opposite, nouns end **-ce** and verbs end **-se**. *Advice* and *advise* provide a useful clue as the word *advise* (verb) is pronounced with a /z/ sound – which could not be spelt **c**.

#### More examples:

aisle: a gangway between seats (in a church, train, plane).

isle: an island.
aloud: out loud.

allowed: permitted.

affect: usually a verb (e.g. The weather may

affect our plans).

effect: usually a noun (e.g. It may have an effect on our plans). If a verb, it means 'bring about' (e.g. He will effect changes in the running of the business).

altar: a table-like piece of furniture in a

church.

alter: to change.

ascent: the act of ascending (going up).

assent: to agree/agreement (verb and noun).

bridal: to do with a bride at a wedding. bridle: reins etc. for controlling a horse.

cereal: made from grain (e.g. breakfast cereal).

serial: adjective from the noun series – a succession of things one after the other.

compliment: to make nice remarks about someone (verb) or the remark that is made (noun).

(noun).

complement: related to the word *complete* – to make something complete or more complete (e.g. *her scarf complemented her outfit*).

#### Example words (non-statutory)

advice/advise device/devise licence/license practice/practise prophecy/prophesy

farther: further

father: a male parent

guessed: past tense of the verb

guess

guest: visitor

heard: past tense of the verb hear

herd: a group of animals

led: past tense of the verb *lead* lead: present tense of that verb, or else the metal which is very heavy

(as heavy as lead)

morning: before noon

mourning: grieving for someone

who has died

past: noun or adjective referring to a previous time (e.g. *In the past*) or preposition or adverb showing place (e.g. *he walked past me*) passed: past tense of the verb 'pass' (e.g. *I passed him in the road*)

precede: go in front of or before

proceed: go on

# Statutory requirements

Homophones and other words that are often confused (continued)

#### Rules and guidance (non-statutory)

descent: the act of descending (going down). dissent: to disagree/disagreement (verb and noun).

desert: as a noun – a barren place (stress on first syllable); as a verb – to abandon (stress on second syllable)

dessert: (stress on second syllable) a sweet course after the main course of a meal.

draft: noun – a first attempt at writing something; verb – to make the first attempt; also, to draw in someone (e.g. to draft in extra help)

draught: a current of air.

#### Example words (non-statutory)

principal: adjective – most important (e.g. *principal ballerina*) noun – important person (e.g. *principal of a college*)

principle: basic truth or belief profit: money that is made in

selling things

prophet: someone who foretells

the future

stationary: not moving

stationery: paper, envelopes etc.

steal: take something that does not

belong to you steel: metal wary: cautious weary: tired

who's: contraction of who is or

who has

whose: belonging to someone (e.g.

Whose jacket is that?)

## Word list - years 5 and 6

accommodate

accompany

according

achieve

aggressive

amateur ancient

apparent appreciate

attached

available average

awkward

bargain bruise

category

cemetery

committee

communicate

community

competition

conscience\*
conscious\*

controversy

convenience

correspond

criticise (critic + ise) curiosity

definite

desperate

. determined

develop dictionary

disastrous embarrass

environment
equip (-ped, -ment)

especially

exaggerate

excellent existence

explanation

familiar

foreign forty

frequently

government

guarantee harass

hindrance

identity

immediate(ly)

individual

interfere

interrupt

language

leisure

lightning marvellous

mischievous

muscle

necessary

neighbour

nuisance

occupy occur

opportunity

parliament

persuade

physical

prejudice privilege

profession

programme

pronunciation

queue

recognise

recommend

relevant

restaurant

rhyme

rhythm

sacrifice

secretary

shoulder

signature

sincere(ly) soldier

stomach

sufficient

suggest

symbol

system

temperature

thorough

twelfth

variety

vegetable vehicle

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yacht

#### *Notes and guidance (non-statutory)*

Teachers should continue to emphasis to pupils the relationships between sounds and letters, even when the relationships are unusual. Once root words are learnt in this way, longer words can be spelt correctly if the rules and guidance for adding prefixes and suffixes are also known. Many of the words in the list above can be used for practice in adding suffixes.

Understanding the history of words and relationships between them can also help with spelling.

#### **Examples:**

- Conscience and conscious are related to science: conscience is simply science with the prefix con- added. These words come from the Latin word scio meaning I know.
- The word *desperate*, meaning 'without hope', is often pronounced in English as *desp'rate*, but the *-sper-* part comes from the Latin *spero*, meaning 'I hope', in which the **e** was clearly sounded.
- Familiar is related to family, so the /ə/ sound in the first syllable of familiar is spelt as **a**.