Programme of Study - Spelling

Year 1

Revision of Reception Work

All letters of the alphabet and the sounds which they most commonly represent

Consonant digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent

Vowel digraphs which have been taught and the sounds which they represent

The process of segmenting spoken words into sounds before choosing graphemes to represent the sounds

Words with adjacent consonants

Guidance and rules which have been taught

Know	Rules	Can Read & Spell
The sounds $f/$, $I/$,	The /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ sounds are	off, well, miss, buzz, back
/s/, /z/ and /k/	usually spelt as ff, ll, ss, zz and ck if they	
spelt ff, ll, ss, zz	come straight after a single vowel letter in	
and ck	short words. Exceptions: if, pal, us, bus, yes.	
The /ŋ/ sound spelt		bank, think, honk, sunk
n before k		
Division of words	Each syllable is like a 'beat' in the spoken	pocket, rabbit, carrot, thunder,
into syllables	word. Words of more than one syllable often	sunset
	have an unstressed syllable in which the	
	vowel sound is unclear.	
-tch	The $/tf/$ sound is usually spelt as tch if it	catch, fetch, kitchen, notch,
	comes straight after a single vowel letter.	hutch
T	Exceptions: rich, which, much, such.	
The /v/ sound at	English words hardly ever end with the letter	have, live, give
the end of words	v, so if a word ends with a /v/ sound, the	
	letter e usually needs to be added after the 'v'.	
Adding a and as to		cata daga ananda washa
Adding s and es to words (plural of	If the ending sounds like /s/ or /z/, it is	cats, dogs, spends, rocks, thanks, catches
nouns and the third	spelt as -s. If the ending sounds like /1z/ and forms an extra syllable or 'beat' in the	durks, cuidles
person singular of	word, it is spelt as -es.	
verbs)	Word, wis spen as es.	
Adding the endings	-ing and -er always add an extra syllable	hunting, hunted, hunter,
-ing, -ed and -er	to the word and -ed sometimes does.	buzzing, buzzed, buzzer,
to verbs where no	The past tense of some verbs may sound as	jumping, jumped, jumper
change is needed to	if it ends in /ɪd/ (extra syllable), /d/ or /t/	
the root word	(no extra syllable), but all these endings are	
	spelt - ed.	
	If the verb ends in two consonant letters (the	
	same or different), the ending is simply	
	added on.	
Adding -er and -	As with verbs (see above), if the adjective	grander, grandest, fresher,
est to adjectives	ends in two consonant letters (the same or	freshest, quicker, quickest
where no change is	different), the ending is simply added on.	



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needed to the root		
word		
ai, oi	The digraphs ai and oi are virtually never	rain, wait, train, paid, afraid
	used at the end of English words.	oil, join, coin, point, soil
ay, oy	ay and oy are used for those sounds at the	day, play, say, way, stay
	end of words and at the end of syllables.	boy, toy, enjoy, annoy
а-е		made, came, same, take, safe
e-e		these, theme, complete
i-e		five, ride, like, time, side
0-e		home, those, woke, hope, hole
u-e	Both the /u:/ and /ju:/ ('oo' and 'yoo')	June, rule, rude, use, tube,
	sounds can be spelt as u-e.	tune
ar		car, start, park, arm, garden
ee		see, tree, green, meet, week
ea (/i:/)		sea, dream, meat, each,
		read (present tense)
ea (/ε/)		head, bread, meant, instead,
		read (past tense)
er (/3:/)		(stressed sound): her, term,
		verb, person
er (/ə/)		(unstressed schwa sound):
		better, under, summer, winter,
		sister
ir		girl, bird, shirt, first, third
ur		turn, hurt, church, burst,
()		Thursday
σσ (/u:/)	Very few words end with the letters oo,	food, pool, moon, zoo, soon
	although the few that do are often words	
	that primary children in year 1 will	
(/ /)	encounter, for example, zoo	bands tands faint considerated
σσ (/υ/)	The discount of the	book, took, foot, wood, good
σα	The digraph oa is very rare at the end of an	boat, coat, road, coach, goal
~~	English word.	t
oe .	The gradu expressed to glick a travel and diving in	toe, goes
ou	The only common English word ending in	out, about, mouth, around, sound
ow (/av/)	ou is you. Both the /u:/ and /ju:/ ('oo' and 'yoo')	now, how, brown, down,
ow (/w/)	sounds can be spelt as u-e, ue and ew. If	town
ue (/30/)	words end in the /oo/ sound, ue and ew	own, blow, snow, grow, show
ew	are more common spellings than oo.	blue, clue, true, rescue,
	a o note continuit specially a limb oo.	Tuesday
		new, few, grew, flew, drew,
		threw
ie (/aɪ/)		lie, tie, pie, cried, tried, dried
ie (/i:/)		chief, field, thief
igh		high, night, light, bright, right
or		for, short, born, horse,
		morning
ore		more, score, before, wore,
		shore
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aw		saw, draw, yawn, crawl
au		author, August, dinosaur,
		astronaut
air		air, fair, pair, hair, chair
ear		dear, hear, beard, near, year
ear (/eə/)		bear, pear, wear
are (/eə/)		bare, dare, care, share, scared
Words ending -y (/i:/ or /ɪ/)		very, happy, funny, party, family
New consonant spellings ph and wh	The /f/ sound is not usually spelt as ph in short everyday words (e.g. fat, fill, fun).	dolphin, alphabet, phonics, elephant, when, where, which, wheel, while
Using k for the /k/ sound	The /k/ sound is spelt as k rather than as c before e, i and y.	Kent, sketch, kit, skin, frisky
Adding the prefix – un	The prefix un— is added to the beginning of a word without any change to the spelling of the root word.	unhappy, undo, unload, unfair, unlock
Compound words	Compound words are two words joined together. Each part of the longer word is spelt as it would be if it were on its own.	football, playground, farmyard, bedroom, blackberry
Common exception words	Pupils' attention should be drawn to the grapheme-phoneme correspondences that do and do not fit in with what has been taught so far.	the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our – and/or others, according to the programme used

Year 2

Know	Rules	Can Read & Spell
The /dz/ 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 $/dz/$ sound at the end of English words. At the end of a word, the $/dz/$ sound is spelt $-dge$ straight after the $/ee/$, $/e/$, $/I/$, $/v/$, $/a/$ and $/v/$ sounds (sometimes called 'short' vowels). After all other sounds, whether vowels or consonants, the $/dz/$ sound is spelt as $-ge$ at the end of a word. In other positions in words, the $/dz/$ sound	badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge age, huge, change, charge, bulge, village gem, giant, magic, giraffe,
	is often (but not always) spelt as g before e, i, and y. The /dz/ sound is always spelt as j before a, o and u.	energy jacket, jar, jog, join, adjust
The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y		race, ice, cell, city, fancy

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The /n/ sound spelt	The 'k' and 'g' at the beginning of these	knock, know, knee, gnat, gnaw
kn and (less often)	words was sounded hundreds of years ago.	
gn at the beginning		
of words		
The /r/ sound spelt	This spelling probably also reflects an old	write, written, wrote, wrong,
wr at the beginning	pronunciation.	wrap
of words		·
The /l/ or /əl/	The -le spelling is the most common	table, apple, bottle, little,
sound spelt -le at	spelling for this sound at the end of words.	middle
the end of words		
The /l/ or /əl/	The –el spelling is much less common than	camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel,
sound spelt – el at	-le.	towel, tinsel
the end of words	The -el spelling is used after m, n, r, s, v, w	
	and more often than not after s.	
The /l/ or /əl/	Not many nouns end in –al, but many	metal, pedal, capital, hospital,
sound spelt – al at	adjectives do.	animal
the end of words		
Words ending -il	There are not many of these words.	pencil, fossil, nostril
The /aɪ/ sound	This is by far the most common spelling for	cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July
spelt -y at the end	this sound at the end of words.	
of words		
Adding -es to	The y is changed to i before —es is added.	flies, tries, replies, copies,
nouns and verbs		babies, carries
ending in		
-y		
Adding -ed, -ing,	The y is changed to i before -ed, -er and -	copied, copier, happier,
-er and -est to a	est are added, but not before -ing as this	happiest, cried, replied
root word ending in	would result in ii. The only ordinary words	but copying, crying, replying
-y with a	with ii are skiing and taxiing.	
consonant before it		
Adding the endings	The $-e$ at the end of the root word is	hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer,
-ing, -ed, -er, -	dropped before -ing, -ed, -er,	nicest, shiny
est and -y to words	–est, –y or any other suffix beginning with	
ending in -e with a	a vowel letter is added. Exception: being.	
consonant before it	The last earne are the training of the contract of the contrac	patting patted levieries
Adding -ing, -ed,	The last consonant letter of the root word is	patting, patted, humming,
-er, -est and -y to	doubled to keep the $/\alpha$ /, $/\epsilon$ /, $/i$ /, $/o$ / and	hummed, dropping, dropped,
words of one	/A/ sound (i.e. to keep the vowel 'short').	sadder, saddest, fatter, fattest,
syllable ending in a	Exception: The letter 'x' is never doubled:	runner, runny
single consonant	mixing, mixed, boxer, sixes.	
letter after a single vowel letter		
	The /a./ cound ('ar') is usually smalt as a	all hall call walk talk
The /ɔ:/ sound spelt a before l and ll	The /ɔ:/ sound ('or') is usually spelt as a before I and II.	all, ball, call, walk, talk, always
The $/\Lambda$ / sound spelt		other, mother, brother,
σ		nothing, Monday
The /i:/ sound spelt	The plural of these words is formed by the	key, donkey, monkey,
-ey	addition of -s (donkeys, monkeys, etc.).	chimney, valley
The /p/ sound spelt	a is the most common spelling for the $/\mathfrak{v}/$	want, watch, wander,
a after w and qu	('hot') sound after w and qu.	quantity, squash

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The /3:/ sound spelt	There are not many of these words.	word, work, worm, world,
or after w		worth
The $/\mathfrak{z}$:/ sound spelt	There are not many of these words.	war, warm, towards
ar after w		
The $\frac{3}{3}$ sound spelt		television, treasure, usual
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The suffixes - ment,	If a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is	enjoyment, sadness, careful,
-ness, -ful, -less	added straight on to most root words	playful, hopeless, plainness
and -ly	without any change to the last letter of	(plain + ness), badly
	those words.	
	Exceptions:	marrimant hannings
	(1) argument (2) root words ending in –y with a	merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily
	consonant before it but only if the root word	pierujui, perumess, rupping
	has more than one syllable.	
Contractions	In contractions, the apostrophe shows where	can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't,
20,0000000	a letter or letters would be if the words were	it's, I'll
	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.	
The possessive		Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the
apostrophe (singular		child's, the man's
nouns)		
Words ending in -		station, fiction, motion,
tion		national, section
Homophones and	It is important to know the difference in	there/their/they're, here/hear,
near-homophones	meaning between homophones.	quite/quiet, see/sea,
		bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee,
		blue/blew, night/knight
Common exception	Some words are exceptions in some accents	door, floor, poor, because,
words	but not in others – e.g. past, last, fast, path	find, kind, mind, behind, child,
VV 01 000	and bath are not exceptions in accents	children*, wild, climb, most,
	where the a in these words is pronounced	only, both, old, cold, gold,
	/œ/, as in cat.	hold, told, every, everybody,
	Great, break and steak are the only common	even, great, break, steak,
	words where the /ex/ sound is spelt ea.	pretty, beautiful, after, fast,
	'	last, past, father, class, grass,
		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
		exception with this been

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		taught so far but is included
		because of its relationship with
		'child'.

Year 3 & 4

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Know	Rules	Can Read & Spell
Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	If the last syllable of a word is stressed and ends with one consonant letter which has just one vowel letter before it, the final consonant letter is doubled before any ending beginning with a vowel letter is added. The consonant letter is not doubled if the syllable is unstressed.	forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred, gardening, gardener, limiting, limited, limitation
The /i/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words	These words should be learnt as needed.	myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery
The $/\Lambda/$ sound spelt ou	These words should be learnt as needed.	young, touch, double, trouble, country
More prefixes	Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling, but see in—below.	dis—: disappoint, disagree, disobey
	Like un—, the prefixes dis— and mis— have negative meanings.	mis—: misbehave, mislead, misspell (mis + spell)
	The prefix in— can mean both 'not' and 'in'/'into'. In the words given here it means 'not'.	in—: inactive, incorrect
	Before a root word starting with l, in—becomes il.	illegal, illegible
	Before a root word starting with m or p, in- becomes im	immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect
	Before a root word starting with r, in- becomes ir re- means 'again' or 'back'.	irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible re–: redo, refresh, return,
	sub— means 'under'.	reappear, redecorate sub—: subdivide, subheading, submarine, submerge
	inter- means 'between' or 'among'.	inter—: interact, intercity, international, interrelated (inter + related)
	super- means 'above'.	super-: supermarket, superman, superstar
	anti- means 'against'.	anti—: antiseptic, anti- clockwise, antisocial
	auto- means 'self' or 'own'.	auto-: autobiography, autograph
The suffix –ation	The suffix – ation is added to verbs to form nouns. The rules already learnt still apply.	information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration

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The suffix -ly	The suffix -ly is added to an adjective to	sadly, completely, usually
Tree saggar ag	form an adverb. The rules already learnt still	(usual + ly), finally (final +
	apply.	ly), comically (comical + ly)
	The suffix —ly starts with a consonant letter,	l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l
	so it is added straight on to most root	
	words.	
	Exceptions:	la mana ili.
	(1) If the root word ends in -y with a	happily, angrily
	consonant letter before it, the y is changed	
	to i, but only if the root word has more than	
	one syllable.	
	(2) If the root word ends with $-le$, the $-le$ is	gently, simply, humbly, nobly
	changed to -ly.	
	(3) If the root word ends with $-ic$,	basically, frantically,
	-ally is added rather than just -ly, except in	dramatically
	the word <i>publicly</i> .	
	(4) The words <i>truly, duly, wholly.</i>	
Words with endings	The ending sounding like /ʒə/ is always	measure, treasure, pleasure,
sounding like /32/	spelt -sure.	enclosure
or/ʧə/	The ending sounding like $/t f_{\theta}/$ is often spelt	creature, furniture, picture,
	-ture, but check that the word is not a root	nature, adventure
	word ending in (t)ch with an er ending –	
	e.g. teacher, catcher, richer, stretcher.	
Endings which	If the ending sounds like /ʒən/, it is spelt as	division, invasion, confusion,
sound like /zən/	-sion.	decision, collision, television
The suffix -ous	Sometimes the root word is obvious and the	poisonous, dangerous,
	usual rules apply for adding suffixes	mountainous, famous, various
	beginning with vowel letters.	tremendous, enormous, jealous
	Sometimes there is no obvious root word.	humorous, glamorous,
	-our is changed to -or before -ous is	vigorous
	added.	courageous, outrageous
	A final 'e' of the root word must be kept if	
	the d_3 / sound of 'g' is to be kept.	serious, obvious, curious
	If there is an /i:/ sound before the	hideous, spontaneous,
	-ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a	courteous
	few words have e.	
Endings which	Strictly speaking, the suffixes are –ion and –	invention, injection, action,
sound like /∫ən/,	ian. Clues about whether to put t, s, ss or c	hesitation, completion
spelt -tion, -sion,	before these suffixes often come from the last	expression, discussion,
-ssion, -cian	letter or letters of the root word.	confession, permission,
	-tion is the most common spelling. It is	admission
	used if the root word ends in t or te.	
	-ssion is used if the root word ends in ss or	expansion, extension,
	-mit.	comprehension, tension
	-sion is used if the root word ends in d or	
	se.	musician, electrician,
	Exceptions: attend – attention, intend –	magician, politician,
	intention.	mathematician
	–cian is used if the root word ends in c or	
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Words with the /k/		scheme, chorus, chemist, echo,
sound spelt ch		character
(Greek in origin)		
Words with the $/\int/$		chef, chalet, machine, brochure
sound spelt ch		_
(mostly French in		
origin)		
Words ending with		league, tongue, antique,
the /g/ sound spelt		unique
-gue and the /k/		·
sound spelt - que		
(French in origin)		
Words with the /s/	In the Latin words from which these words	science, scene, discipline,
sound spelt sc	come, the Romans probably pronounced the	fascinate, crescent
(Latin in origin)	c and the k as two sounds rather than one	
	- /s/ /k/.	
Words with the /er/		vein, weigh, eight, neighbour,
sound spelt ei, eigh,		they, obey
or ey		
Possessive	The apostrophe is placed after the plural	girls', boys', babies', children's,
apostrophe with	form of the word; -s is not added if the	men's, mice's
plural words	plural already ends in	(Note: singular proper nouns
	-s, but is added if the plural does not end in	ending in an s use the 's suffix
	-s (i.e. is an irregular plural - e.g.	e.g. Cyprus's population)
	children's).	

Know	Rules	Can Read & Spell
Homophones and near-homophones		accept/except, affect/effect, ball/bawl, berry/bury, brake/break, fair/fare, grate/great, groan/grown, here/hear, heel/heal/he'll, knot/not, mail/male, main/mane, meat/meet, medal/meddle, missed/mist, peace/piece, plain/plane, rain/rein/reign, scene/seen, weather/whether, whose/who's

Year 3/4 Word List

accident(ally)	disappear	interest	pressure
actual(ly)	early	island	probably
address	earth	knowledge	promise
answer	eight/eighth	learn	purpose
appear	enough	length	quarter

arrive	exercise	library	question
believe	experience	material	recent
bicycle	experiment	medicine	regular
breath	extreme	mention	reign
breathe	famous	minute	remember
build	favourite	natural	sentence
busy/business	February	naughty	separate
calendar	forward(s)	notice	special
caught	fruit	occasion(ally)	straight
centre	grammar	often	strange
century	group	opposite	strength
certain	guard	ordinary	suppose
circle	guide	particular	surprise
complete	heard	peculiar	therefore
consider	heart	perhaps	though/although
continue	height	popular	thought
decide	history	position	through
describe	imagine	possess(ion)	various
different	increase	possible	weight
difficult	important	potatoes	woman/women

Year 5 & 6

Know	Rules	Can Read & Spell
Endings which	Not many common words end like this.	vicious, precious, conscious,
sound like /ʃəs/	If the root word ends in $-ce$, the $/\int/$ sound	delicious, malicious, suspicious
spelt -cious or -	is usually spelt as c - e.g. vice - vicious,	ambitious, cautious, fictitious,
tious	grace – gracious, space – spacious, malice	infectious, nutritious
	– malicious.	
	Exception: anxious.	
Endings which	-cial is common after a vowel letter and -	official, special, artificial,
sound like /ʃəl/	tial after a consonant letter, but there are	partial, confidential, essential
	some exceptions.	
	Exceptions: initial, financial, commercial,	
	provincial (the spelling of the last three is	
	clearly related to finance, commerce and	
\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	province).	-l
Words ending in -	Use – ant and – ance/ – ancy if there is a related word with a /œ/ or /eɪ/ sound in	observant, observance,
ant, – ance/ – ancy,	the right position; —ation endings are often	(observation), expectant (expectation), hesitant,
-ent,	a clue.	hesitancy (hesitation), tolerant,
-ence/-ency	Use -ent and -ence/-ency after soft c (/s/	tolerance (toleration),
a way a way	sound), soft q (/dz/ sound) and qu, or if	substance (substantial)
	there is a related word with a clear $/\epsilon/$	innocent, innocence, decent,
	sound in the right position.	decency, frequent, frequency,
	There are many words, however, where the	confident, confidence
	above quidance does not help. These words	(confidential)
	just have to be learnt.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

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		assistant, assistance, obedient, obedience, independent, independence
Words ending in — able and —ible Words ending in — ably and —ibly	The -able/-ably endings are far more common than the -ible/-ibly endings. As with -ant and -ance/-ancy, the -able ending is used if there is a related word ending in -ation. If the -able 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 a of the -able ending. The -able ending is usually but not always used if a complete root word can be heard before it, even if there is no related word	adorable/adorably (adoration), applicable/applicably (application), considerable/considerably (consideration), tolerable/tolerably (toleration) changeable, noticeable, forcible, legible
	ending in -ation. The first five examples opposite are obvious; in reliable, the complete word rely is heard, but the y changes to i in accordance with the rule. The -ible ending is common if a complete root word can't be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word can be heard (e.g. sensible).	dependable, comfortable, understandable, reasonable, enjoyable, reliable possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly
Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –	The r is doubled if the -fer is still stressed when the ending is added. The r is not doubled if the -fer is no longer	referring, referred, referral, preferring, preferred, transferring, transferred reference, referee, preference,
fer Use of the hyphen	stressed. Hyphens can be used to join a prefix to a root word, especially if the prefix ends in a vowel letter and the root word also begins with one.	transference co-ordinate, re-enter, co-operate, co-own
Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c	The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to words where the sound spelt by ei is /i:/. Exceptions: protein, caffeine, seize (and either and neither if pronounced with an initial /i:/ sound).	deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling
Words containing the letter-string ough	ough is one of the trickiest spellings in English – it can be used to spell a number of different sounds.	ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought rough, tough, enough cough though, although, dough through thorough, borough plough, bough

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Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)	Some letters which are no longer sounded used to be sounded hundreds of years ago: e.g. in knight, there was a /k/ sound before the /n/, and the gh used to represent the sound that 'ch' now represents in the Scottish word loch.	doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight
Homophones and other words that are often confused	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.	advice/advise device/devise licence/license practice/practise prophecy/prophesy
	More examples: aisle: a gangway between seats (in a church, train, plane).	farther: further father: a male parent guessed: past tense of the verb
	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). complement: related to the word complete – to make something complete or more complete (e.g. her scarf complemented her outfit).	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
Homophones and other words that are often confused (continued)	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)	principal: adjective – most important (e.g. principal ballerina) noun – important person (e.g. principal of a college) principle: basic truth or belief

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	dessert: (stress on second syllable) a sweet	profit: money that is made in
	course after the main course of a meal.	selling things
	draft: noun – a first attempt at writing	prophet: someone who foretells
	something; verb – to make the first attempt;	the future
	also, to draw in someone (e.g. to draft in	stationary: not moving
	extra help)	stationery: paper, envelopes
	draught: a current of air.	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?)

Year 4/5 Word List

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accommodate	correspond	identity	queue
accompany	criticise (critic + ise)	immediate(ly)	recognise
according	curiosity	individual	recommend
achieve	definite	interfere	relevant
aggressive	desperate	interrupt	restaurant
amateur	determined	language	rhyme
ancient	develop	leisure	rhythm
apparent	dictionary	lightning	sacrifice
appreciate	disastrous	marvellous	secretary
attached	embarrass	mischievous	shoulder
available	environment	muscle	signature
average	equip (-ped, -	necessary	sincere(ly)
awkward	ment)	neighbour	soldier
bargain	especially	nuisance	stomach
bruise	exaggerate	occupy	sufficient
category	excellent	occur	suggest
cemetery	existence	opportunity	symbol
committee	explanation	parliament	system
communicate	familiar	persuade	temperature
community	foreign	physical	thorough
competition	forty	prejudice	twelfth
conscience*	frequently	privilege	variety
conscious*	government	profession	vegetable
controversy	guarantee	programme	vehicle
convenience	harass	pronunciation	yacht
	hindrance		