

Year 2 Spelling Overview

The following contains the common exception words and spelling rules to be taught through Year2.

Common Exception Words

door	floor	poor	because	find	kind
mind	behind	child	children	wild	climb
most	only	both	old	cold	told
every	everybody	even	great	break	steak
pretty	beautiful	after	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

Statutory Requirements	Examples
The ge and dge sound at the end of words (sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before e, i and y)	badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge age, huge, change, charge, bulge, village gem, giant, magic, giraffe, energy
The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y	race, ice, cell, city, fancy
The -le letters at the end of words	table, apple, bottle, little, middle
The /aɪ/ sound spelt -y at the end of words	cry, fly, dry, try, reply,
Adding -ed, -ing, -er and -est to a root word ending in -y with a consonant before it	copied, copier, happier, happiest, cried, replied ... but copying, crying, replying
Adding the endings -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before it	hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer, nicest, shiny
Adding -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter	patting, patted, humming, hummed, dropping, dropped, sadder, saddest, fatter, fattest, runner,
The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less often) gn at the beginning of words	knock, know, knee, gnat, gnaw
The /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words	write, written, wrote, wrong, wrap
The /l/ sound spelt -el at the end of words	camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel
The 'or' sound spelt a before l and ll	all, ball, call, walk, talk, always
The /ʌ/ sound spelt o	other, mother, brother, nothing, Monday

The /i:/ sound spelt -ey	key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley
The suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly	enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), badly merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily
Words ending -il	pencil, fossil, nostril
The or letters after w	word, work, worm, world, worth
The ar letters after w	war, warm, towards
The /z/ sound spelt s (There are few words with the above patterns)	television, treasure, usual
Adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in -y	flies, tries, replies, copies, babies, carries
Contractions	can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll
The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)	Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the child's, the man's
Words ending in -tion	station, fiction, motion, national, section
Homophones and near-homophones	there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight