



Progression in Spelling

***taken from Spelling Shed objectives.**

***To be used at teacher's discretion, children in any year group can access any stage depending on ability.**

Stage 1 (EYFS/Y1 taught through Read Write Inc Phonics Scheme)
Words with set 1 single letter sounds (cv, cvc, cvcc)
Words ending in 'ff', 'll', 'ss', 'zz' and 'ck'
Words other set 1 special friends sounds (sh, th, ch, qu, nk, ng)
Words with the trigraph 'tch'.
Adding -s and -es to make plurals.
Words with set 2 first 6 sounds (ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, oo)
Words with next 6 set 2 sounds. (ar, or, air, ir, ou, oy)
Words with split digraphs (a-e, i-e, o-e, u-e, e-e)
Words with the rest of set 3 sounds in (ea, oi, aw, are, ur, er, ow, ai, oa, ew, ure, ear, ire)
Adding the suffixes '-ing' and '-ed'.
Adding the prefix 'un-' and the suffixes '-er' and '-est'.
Compound words and words with unstressed vowels.
Words ending with 'y' (ee) and 've'.
Words with additional sounds (wh, ph, au, ie, ue)

Stage 2 (Year 1 children on Read Write Inc Comprehension Scheme and Year 2)
Words where 'dge', 'ge' and 'g' make a 'j' sound.
Words where 'c' makes a /s/ sound before 'e' and 'i' and 'y'.
Words where 'kn' and 'gn' make a 'n' sound at the beginning of words.
Words where 'wr' makes an /r/ sound at the beginning of words.
Words ending in 'le' 'el' 'al' 'il'.
Words where 'y' makes an /igh/ sound.
Words where 'es', 'ed', '-er', '-est' are added to words ending in 'y'.
Words where 'ing', '-er', '-est', '-ed' is added to words ending in 'e'.
Words where 'ing' or 'ed' is added to single syllable words.
Words where 'a' makes an /or/ sound.
Words where 'o' makes an /u/ sound.
Words where 'ey' makes an 'ee' sound.



Words where 'a' makes an /o/ sound.
Words where 'or' and 'ar' make an /er/ or /or/ sound
Words where 's' makes a /z/ sound.
Words ending in '-ment', '-ness', '-ful' and '-less'.
Words that are homophones or near homophones.
Words ending in 'tion'.
Words containing an apostrophe for possession.
Words containing an apostrophe for contraction.

Stage 3 (Year 3)
Words where 'ou' makes an /ow/ or /u/ sound.
Words where 'y' makes an /i/ sound.
Words ending in 'sure' or 'ture'.
Words with prefixes 're-', 'mis-' and 'dis-'.
Words where '-ing', '-en' and '-ed' are added to multisyllabic words
Words with 'ai' digraph.
Words with 'ei' digraph.
Words where 'ey' makes an /ai/ sound.
Adding the suffix '-ly'.
Homophones.
Words ending in 'al' or 'le'.
Adding '-ly' when root words end in '-le'.
Adding '-ally' when the root word ends in '-ic'
Adding '-ly' when the words do not follow the spelling patterns
Words ending in '-er' when the root word ends in 'ch'
Words where 'ch' or 'que' make a /k/ sound.
Words where 'sc' makes a /s/ sound.
Words that end in 'sion'.



Stage 4 (Year 4)
Words that are homophones.
Words with prefixes 'im-', 'il-', 'in-', 'ir-', 'sub-', 'inter-'.
Words ending in '-ation'.
Words ending with '-ly' or '-lly'.
Words where 'ch' makes a /sh/ sound.
Words ending in '-sion', '-ous'.
Words where 'i' makes an /ee/ sound.
Words ending in '-ious' and '-eous'.
Words where 'au' makes an /or/ sound.
Words ending in '-tion', '-sion' and '-cian'.
Words that are adverbs of manner.
Words spelled with 'c' before 'i' and 'e'.
Words containing 'sol' and 'real'.
Words containing 'phon' and 'sign'.
Words with prefixes 'super-', 'anti-', 'auto-', 'bi-'
Words containing an apostrophe for possession.

Stage 5 (Year 5)
Words ending in '-tious', '-ious', '-cious'.
Words ending in /shul/, spelled 'cial' and 'tial'.
Words ending in '-ant', '-ance', '-ancy', '-ent', '-ence', '-able', '-ible', '-ably' and '-ibly'.
Words ending in '-able', where the 'e' from the root word remains.
Words that are adverbs of time.
Words ending in '-fer'.
Words with 'silent' first letters.
Words with 'silent' letters.
Words spelled with 'ie' after 'c'.
Words where 'ei' makes an /ee/
Words where 'ough' makes an /or/ sound.
Words containing 'ough'.
Adverbs of possibility and frequency.



Words that are homophones or near homophones.

Words with hyphens.

Stage 6 (Year 6)

Words with the short vowel sound /i/ spelled 'y'.

Words with the long vowel sound /igh/ spelled 'y'.

Adding the prefix 'over-'.

Words with the suffix '-ful'.

Words that can be nouns and verbs.

Words with an /oa/ sound spelled 'ou' or 'ow'.

Words with a 'soft c' spelled 'ce'.

Words with the prefixes 'dis-', 'un-', 'over-' and 'im-'

Words with a /f/ sound spelled 'ph'

Words with origins in other countries and languages

Words with unstressed vowel sounds

Words ending with /shuhl/ spelled 'tial' or 'cial'

Words beginning with 'acc'.

Words with the suffixes '-ably' and '-ible'.

Adding the suffix '-ibly' to create an adverb.

Words ending in '-ent' and '-ence'.

Words ending in '-er', '-ar', '-or'

Adverbs synonymous with determination

Adjectives to describe settings, feelings and characters.