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Y1-Y6 Spelling Progression Overview

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
AUTUMN TERM					
The sounds /f/ and /s/, spelt 'ff' and 'ss'	The sound /n/ spelt 'kn' and (less often) 'gn' at the beginning of words	Words with the long /eɪ/ sound spelt with 'ei'	Words with /aw/ spelt 'augh' and 'au'	Words with endings that sound like /shuhs/ spelt with '-cious'	Ambitious Synonyms: Adjectives
The sounds /l/ and /k/, /z/ spelt 'll', 'zz' and 'ck'	The sound /r/ spelt 'wr' at the beginning of words.	Words with the long /ei/ sound spelt with 'ey'	Adding the prefix in- (meaning 'not' or 'into')	Words with endings that soundlike /shuhs/ spelt with '-tious' or '-ious'	Homophones and near homophones: Nouns that end in -ce/-cy and verbs that end in -se/-sy
Adding the endings -ing, -ed and -er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word	The sound /s/ spelt 'c' before e, i and y	Words with the long /eɪ/ sound spelt with 'ai'	Adding prefix im- (before a root word starting with 'm' or 'p')	Words with short vowel sound /i/ spelt with 'y'	Adjectives ending in -ant into nouns ending in -ance/-ancy
The sound spelt n before g 'ng' The /ŋ/ sound spelt n before k 'nk'	The sound /j/ spelt with '-dge' and '-ge' at the end of words	Words with /ur / sound spelt with 'ear'	Adding prefix il-(before a root word starting with 'l') and the prefix ir- (before a root word starting with 'r')	Words with long vowel sound /i/ spelt with 'y'	Adjectives ending in -ent into nouns ending in -ence/-ency
The sound /ch/ spelt 'ch' The sound /ch/ spelt '-tch'	The sound /j/ often spelt with 'g' before e, I and y. The sound /j/ always spelt with 'j' before a, o and u	Homophones andnear homophones	Homophones and near homophones	Homophones and near homophones	Hyphens: To join a prefix ending in a vowel to a root word starting with a vowel
The sound v The /v/ sound at the end of words spelt with 've'	Common Exception Words	Homophones andnear homophones	Words with /shun/ endings spelt with 'sion' (If root word ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd')	Homophones and near homophones	Hyphens: To join compound adjectives to avoid ambiguity
The digraphs 'ai' and 'oi' (Hardly ever used at the end of English words)	The sound /l/ with '-le' at the end of words	Creating adverbs using the suffix -ly (no change to root word)	Words with a /shuhn/ sound, spelt with 'sion' (if root word ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd')	'Silent' letters	Words ending in -able
The digraphs 'ay' and 'oy' are used for those sounds at the end of words and at the end of syllables	The sound /l/ with '-el' at the end of words	Creating adverbs using suffix -ly (root word ends in '-y' with more than one syllable)	Words with a /shuhn/ sound, spelt with 'ssion' (if root word ends in 'ss' or 'mit')	'Silent' letters	Words ending in -able
The sound /oa/ spelt with the vowel digraphs 'oa', 'ow', 'oe' (oa (Very rare at the end of a word)	The sound /l/ spelt '-il' and '-al' at the end of words	Creating adverbs using suffix -ly (root word ends in '-le')	Words with a /shuhn/ sound, spelt with 'tion'(if root word ends in 'te' or 't' / or has no definite root)	Modal verbs	Words ending in -ably
The sound /ee/ spelt'e' and with the vowel digraph 'ee'	The sound /igh/ spelt with '-y' at theend of words	Creating adverbs using the suffix -ly (root word ends in '-ic'or '-al')	Words with a /shuhn/ sound, spelt with 'cian' (if root word ends in 'c' or 'cs')	Word ending'ment'	Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning
The vowel digraph 'ea'	Adding -ies to nouns and verbs ending in -y	Creating adverbs using suffix ly (exceptions to the rules)	Words with 'ough' to make a long /o/, /oo/ or /or/ sound	Adverbs of possibility andfrequency	Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning
The vowel digraph 'ie' making the /igh/and /ee/ sounds	Common Exception Words	Statutory spelling challenge words	Statutory spellings challenge words	Statutory spelling challenge words	Creating diminutives using prefixes micro- or mini-
SPRING TERM					
The trigraph 'igh'	Adding -ed, -er and -est to a word ending in -y with a consonant before it	Words with short /i/ sound spelt with 'y'	Homophones and near homophones	Creating nounsusing -ity suffix	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer
The vowel digraph 'ar'	Adding -ing to a word ending in -y with a consonant before it	Adding suffixes beginning with a vowel (er/ed/ing) to words with more than one syllable (unstressed last	Homophones and near homophones	Creating nouns using -ness suffix	Words with a long /e/ sound spelt 'ie'or 'ei' after c (and exceptions)

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		syllable - not doubling the final consonant)			
The vowel digraph'er' (unstressed) 'er' (stressed)	Adding -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before it	Adding suffixes beginning with a vowel (er/ed/en/ing) to words with more than one syllable (stressed last syllable – double the final syllable consonant)	Nouns ending insuffix -ation	Creating nouns using -ship suffix	Words with the long /e/ sound spelt 'ie'or 'ei' after c (and exceptions)
The vowel digraph'ir', 'ur'	Adding -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant after a single vowel	Creating negative meanings using prefix mis-	Nouns ending in suffix -ation	Homophones and near homophones	Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning
Adding -er and -est to adjectives where no change is neededto the root word	The sound /or/ spelt'a' before l or ll	Creating negative meanings using prefix dis-	Adding prefix sub- (meaning 'under') and adding prefixsuper- (meaning 'above')	Homophones and near homophones	Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning
Days of the week/Common exception words	Common Exception Words	Words with a /k/ sound spelt with 'ch'	Plural possessive apostrophes with plural words	Homophones and near homophones	Statutory spelling challenge words
The sound /k/ spelt with 'k' not 'c', before e i and y	The sound /u/ spelt with 'o'	Homophones and near homophones	Words with the /s/ sound spelt with 'sc'	Words with an /or/ sound spelt 'or'	Words with endings which sound like /shuhl/ after a vowel letter, commonly spelt '-cial'
The split vowel digraphs 'a-e' and 'e-e'	The sound /ee/ spelt with '-ey'	Homophones and near homophones	Words with a 'soft c' spelt with 'ce'	Words with /or/sound spelt 'au'	Words with endings which sound like /shuhl/ after a consonant letter, commonly spelt '-tial'
The split vowel digraph 'a-e' and 'e-e'	The /o/ sound spelt 'a' after w and qu	Adding the prefix bi- (meaning 'two' or 'twice') Adding the prefix re- (meaning 'again' or 'back')	Words with a 'soft c' spelt with 'ci'	Convert nouns or adjectives intoverbs using suffix -ate	Words with a 'soft c' spelt /ce/
The /yoo/ and /oo/ sounds spelt with the splitdigraph 'u-e'	The stressed /er/ spelt with 'or' after w and the sound /or/ spelt 'ar' after w	Words ending in the /g/ sound spelt '-gue'and the /k/ sound spelt '-que'	Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning	Convert nouns or adjectives intoverbs using suffix -ise	Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning
The vowel digraph 'oo' - very few wordshave oo at the end	The sound /zh/spelt 's'	Words with a /sh/ sound spelt with 'ch'	Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning	Convert nouns or adjectives intoverbs using suffix -ify	Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning
The sounds /oo/ and /yoo/ spelt with'ue' 'ew'	Common Exception Words	Statutory spellings challenge words	Statutory spellings challenge words	Convert nouns or adjectives intoverbs using suffix -en	Statutory spelling challenge words
SUMMER TERM					
The vowel digraphs'ow' and 'ou'	The suffixes -ment, -ness and -ful	Words ending in -ary	Adding the prefix inter- (meaning 'between' or 'among')	Words containing the letter string 'ough'	Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning
Words ending with the sound /e/ spelt with 'y'	The suffixes -less and -ly	Words with a short /u/ sound spelt with 'o'	Adding prefix anti- (meaning 'against')	Words containing letter string 'ough'	Words that can be nouns and verbs
The vowel digraph'or' and the vowel trigraph 'ore'	Words ending in -tion	Words with short /u/ sound spelt with 'ou'	Adding prefix auto- (meaning 'self'or 'own')	Adverbials of time	Words that can be nouns and verbs
The vowel digraphs'aw' and 'au'	Contractions	Word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning	Adding prefix ex- (meaning 'out')	Adverbials of place	Words with a long /o/ sound spelt 'ou'or 'ow'

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The vowel trigraph'air' and 'are'	The possessive apostrophe	Word families - showing how words are related in form and meaning	Adding prefix non- (meaning 'not')	Words with an /ear/ sound spelt 'ere'	Words ending in -ible
The vowel trigraph 'ear'	Common Exception Words	Word families -showing how words are related in form and meaning	Words ending in -ar/-er	Statutory spelling challenge words	Words ending in -ibly
New consonant spelling 'ph' and 'wh'	Homophones and near homophones	Words ending in suffix -al	Adding the suffix -ous (No change to root word)	Unstressed vowels in polysyllabic words	Synonyms and antonyms
Adding the prefix -un without any change to the spelling of the root word	Homophones and near homophones	Words ending with /zhuh/ sound spelt with 'sure'	Adding suffix -ous (No definitive root word)	Adding verb prefixes de- and re-	Synonyms and antonyms
Adding -s and -es to words	Homophones and near homophones	Words ending with /chuh/ sound spelt with 'ture'	Adding suffix -ous (Words ending in 'y' become 'i' and words ending in 'our'become 'or')	Adding verbprefix over-	Synonyms and antonyms
Compound words	Months of theyear	Words ending with / chuh/ sound spelt as 'ture'	Adding suffix -ous (Words ending in 'y' become 'I' and words ending in 'our' become 'or')	Convert nouns or verbs into adjectives using suffix -ful	Synonyms and antonyms
Contracted Words	Time	Silent Letters	Adverbials of frequency andpossibility	Convert nouns or verbs into adjectives using suffix -ive	Synonyms and antonyms
Common Exception Words	Conjunctions and Question Words	Silent Letters	Adverbials of manner	Convert nouns or verbs into adjectives using suffix -al	Synonyms and antonyms