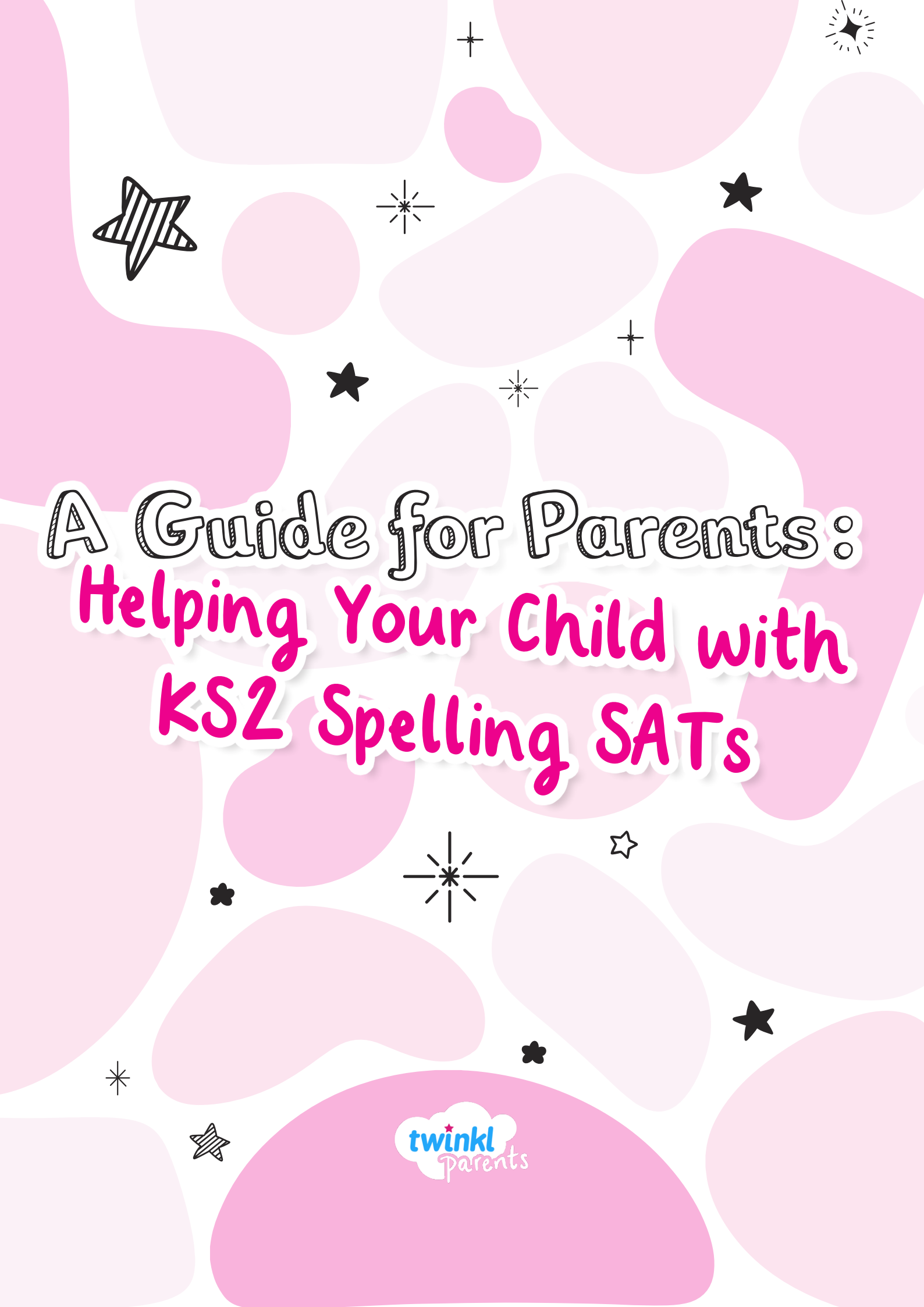


The background is a vibrant pink with large, soft-edged abstract shapes in various shades of pink. Scattered throughout are several decorative elements: a striped star in the top left, a solid black star in the top right, a four-pointed starburst in the top center, a solid black star in the middle left, a four-pointed starburst in the middle center, a solid black star in the middle right, a four-pointed starburst in the bottom center, a solid black star in the bottom right, a striped star in the bottom left, and several smaller four-pointed starbursts and solid black stars.

# A Guide for Parents: Helping Your Child with KS2 Spelling SATs

# Information and Guidance for Parents

Welcome to Twinkl's SATs KS2 (key stage 2) Revision and Practice Guide for Spelling. We're here to support you and your child as you prepare for the year 6 spelling test with these helpful quizzes.

**NB:** Years 3 - 6 are often referred to as key stage 2 (KS2), which is why this test is referred to as the KS2 spelling test.

## What is the KS2 spelling test?

The KS2 spelling test asks children to spell 20 words, all based on the statutory spelling appendix of the 2014 national curriculum. You can explore this appendix [here](#):

### National Curriculum - English Programmes of Study

Since the curriculum spans four years, the test covers all KS2 spelling objectives - not just year 6 content. The test lasts around 15 minutes. Here's how it works:

1. The teacher reads the target word, then reads it in a sentence, then finally repeats the word.
2. Children write the target word in the provided sentence gap.

The quizzes in this pack are designed to mirror the test format, helping your child feel confident and prepared.

## What's not included in the spelling test?

While the KS2 test covers a wide range of spelling rules, three areas from the curriculum are assessed in a separate paper (Paper 1):

- possessive apostrophes with plural words (such as 'the cats' toys' when referring to more than one cat)
- hyphens
- contractions

## How to Use This Pack

We've broken down the curriculum into five bite-sized quizzes, each with five questions. Every quiz includes:

- a focus on specific spelling rules
- explanations of the rules
- answer sheets for easy marking

Here's how you can make the most of this resource:

1. Practice regularly: work through one quiz at a time in the weeks leading up to the SATs.
2. Follow the test style: read the target word, use it in a sentence, then repeat the word. Your child should write it in the space provided.

3. Review and support: use the answer sheet to check their work and identify any tricky areas. Focus on these together to build confidence.

If your child needs extra help with certain spellings, the Twinkl website is full of additional resources to make learning fun. Why not download our SATs Rapid Revision: Spelling Pack?

### SATs Rapid Revision: Spelling Pack

With a little guidance and practice, your child will be ready to tackle the KS2 spelling test with confidence. You've got this!

## Quick Glossary

**Exception Words** - These are words that don't follow the usual spelling rules. For example, the word 'said' doesn't follow the typical pattern for vowel sounds, so it's considered an exception word.

**Homophone** - Words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings, such as 'there', 'their', and 'they're'.

**Key Stage 2 (KS2)** - The primary school years for children aged 7 to 11 (years 3 to 6).

**Letter String** - A group of letters that often appear together in words. For example, the letters 'ight' show up in words like 'light' and 'bright'.

**Prefix** - A letter or a group of letters added to the **beginning** of a word to change its meaning. For example, adding 'un-' to 'happy' makes 'unhappy'.

**Suffix** - A letter or a group of letters added to the **end** of a word to change its form or meaning. For example, adding '-ed' to 'jump' turns it into 'jumped'.

# Pack Contents

## Year 6 SATs Spelling Quizzes

We've created five spelling quizzes to help your child prepare for the year 6 SATs. Each quiz focuses on important spelling rules and patterns, breaking things down into manageable chunks. Here's what each quiz covers:

### Spelling Quiz 1

- Common exception words
- Adding suffixes to longer words (for example, adding '-ing' or '-ed' to words with more than one syllable)
- The /i/ sound spelt with 'y' (for example in 'mystery')
- The /u/ sound spelt with 'ou' (for example in 'young')
- Prefixes (including 'un-' or 're-')

### Spelling Quiz 2

- The suffix '-ation' (for example in 'information')
- The suffix '-ly' (for example in 'happily' or 'quickly')
- Words ending with '-ure' or '-ture' ('treasure' and 'picture')
- Words ending with '-sion' ('invasion')
- The suffix '-ous' ('dangerous' or 'curious')

### Spelling Quiz 3

- Words ending with '-tion', '-sion', '-ssion', or '-cian' (examples include 'action', 'mission', and 'musician')
- Words with the /k/ sound spelt 'ch' (like 'ache' or 'school')
- Words with the /sh/ sound spelt 'ch' (such as 'machine' or 'chef')
- Words with 'gue' and 'que' (for example 'analogue' and 'antique')
- Words with the 'sc' grapheme (like 'science' or 'scene')

## Spelling Quiz 4

- Words with the long /a/ sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh', or 'ey' (including 'eight' and 'they')
  - Words ending with '-cious' or '-tious' (like 'delicious' or 'ambitious')
  - Words ending with '-cial' or '-tial' (such as 'essential' or 'official')
  - Words ending with '-ant', '-ance', '-ancy', '-ent', '-ence', or '-ency' (examples include 'important' and 'frequency')
  - Words with '-able' and '-ible' or '-ably' and '-ibly' (like 'comfortable' or 'incredibly')
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## Spelling Quiz 5

- Adding suffixes to words ending in '-fer' ('preferred')
- The long /e/ sound spelt 'ei' after 'c' (like 'receive')
- Words with the letter string 'ough' (such as 'though', 'rough', and 'thought')
- Silent letters (like 'knight' or 'castle')
- Homophones and confusing words (like 'there' and 'their') or words that are tricky to tell apart (like 'affect' and 'effect').