

Year 5 Spelling Rules

Unit 1: Silent Letters – ‘b’

Words with the silent letter ‘b’ e.g. debt, doubt etc.

Unit 2: ‘Ough’

Words containing letter string ‘ough’ letter string e.g. rough, ought etc.

Unit 3: Suffixes – ‘ible’

‘ible’ added to root word e.g. convert - convertible etc.

Special Focus 1: Homophones

Words with the same sound but different spelling/meaning e.g. cereal and serial etc.

Unit 4: Suffixes – ‘able’

‘able’ added to root word e.g. understand - understandable etc.

Unit 6: Silent Letter – ‘t’

Words containing a silent letter ‘t’ e.g. nestle, whistle etc.

Unit 6: Suffixes – ‘ibly’ and ‘ably’

‘ibly’ and ‘ably’ added to root word e.g. - terribly, suitably etc.

Unit 7: Homophones

Words with the same sound but different spelling/meaning e.g. aloud & allowed, guest & guessed etc.

Unit 6: ‘Ous’

Words ending in ‘ous’ and ‘ous’ used as a suffix e.g. serious, dangerous etc.

Unit 7: Suffixes – ‘ent’

‘ent’ added to root word e.g. - intelligent, frequent etc.

Unit 8: Suffixes – ‘ence’

‘ence’ added to root word e.g. - confidence, violence etc.

Unit 9: ‘ee’ sound spelt ‘ei’

Words containing ‘ei’ for the ‘ee’ sound e.g. ceiling, seize etc.

Unit 10: Homophones

Words with the same sound but different spelling/meaning e.g. accept & except etc.

Unit 11: Suffixes – ‘ant’, ‘ance’ and ‘ancy’

‘ant’, ‘ance’ and ‘ancy’ added to root words e.g. - relevant, relevance, relevancy etc.

Unit 12: ‘shus’ sound spelt ‘cious’

Words containing ‘cious’ letter string e.g. precious, vicious etc.

Unit 13: ‘shus’ sound spelt ‘tious’

Words containing ‘tious’ letter string e.g. ambitious, cautious etc.

Unit 14: ‘shul’ sound spelt ‘cial’ and ‘tial’

Words containing ‘cial’ or ‘tial’ letter string e.g. official, partial etc.