

Weekly suggested spelling list Year 3

Adjust the weekly program in this overview to suit consolidated sequences of teaching and learning.

	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5	
Unit 1	Diagnostic assessment		Plurals — adding es to words ending in ‘s’, ‘sh’, ‘ss’, ‘x’, ‘ch’ and ‘z’		Comparatives and superlatives		‘r’ influenced vowel patterns — ‘or’, ‘our’, ‘oar’ and ‘ur’		Homophones	
			buses gases wishes dishes classes crosses kisses boxes	waxes matches beaches churches lunches waltzes quizzes* *double last consonant	close closer closest far further furthest rough rougher	roughest healthy healthier healthiest calm calmer calmest	sport short fortnight explore support export flora sour	flour course board soar turn burn nurse	or oar male mail whole hole weather whether	our hour break brake ate eight there their
Unit 2	Silent letters — ‘gn’, ‘wr’ and ‘kn’		Diphthongs and other ambiguous vowels — ‘ou’, ‘ow’, ‘au’ and ‘aw’		Contractions — word + ‘not’, word + ‘is’ and word + ‘had’ or ‘would’		Word endings soft ‘g’ sound – ‘dge’ and ‘ge’		Consolidation	
	gnat gnaw gnarl gnome wrap write wrote wrong	wreck wrist knot know knee knock knight	found about bounce how brown crowd clown plough	pause saucer August crawl straw draw taught	isn’t won’t wasn’t weren’t couldn’t she’s who’s here’s	what’s there’s we’d he’d it’d she’d they’d	lodge ledge fridge wedge judge bridge badge stage	huge cage page change charge orange village		

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Unit 3	Long vowel patterns ā — ‘ei’, ‘eigh’, ‘ey’ and ‘aigh’ ē — ‘ei’, ‘eo’, ‘ey’ and ‘ie’	Long vowel patterns ē — ‘i’, ‘ee’ and ‘ea’ ī — ‘ie’, ‘uy’, ‘iCC*’ and ‘i_e’ <small>*i Consonant Consonant</small>	Long vowel patterns ō — ‘o’, ‘o_e’, ‘oa’ and ‘ough’ ū — ‘u’, ‘ue’ and ‘ew’	Beginning complex consonant patterns — ‘str’, ‘thr’, ‘scr’ and ‘squ’	Consonant patterns — ‘ch’, ‘tch’
	vein receive weigh either sleigh people eighth honey freight trolley eighteen piece they chief grey brief prey believe straight movie	ski lie taxi guy screen buy freeze kind sheep sign please blind clean climb breathe smile scream twice pie quite	open unit ocean music notice human phone student close uniform coast statue coach rescue throat knew though stew dough nephew	strain script straight scrunch strange scratch strawberry scribble stressful scramble three squash thrill squirt squawk threat squirrel thrive squeeze through	much catch teach pitch beach fetch coach match speech watch lunch sketch attach stitch which scratch approach kitchen sandwich butcher
	Diagnostic assessment Unusual past tense	Plurals — ‘f’ to ‘v’, ‘y’ to ‘i’ and words ending in ‘o’	Adding ‘ing’ — drop ‘e’ and doubling	Plurals — no change and mid or end word change	Consolidation
	saw froze fed said lost began felt heard swam found paid knew wore thought kept taught broke bought chose brought	leaves berries lives countries halves duties shelves heroes hooves echoes thieves tomatoes parties videos armies pianos families photos replies radios	dancing winning moving swimming hoping skipping pasting shopping waving quitting causing trimming using gripping smiling stepping tasting dragging closing beginning	sheep men fish feet dirt dice deer mice series women moose teeth bread geese snow children aircraft people homework fungi	

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Unit 4	Homophones — more complex one syllable words		Word endings — ‘le’ or ‘el’		‘r’ influenced vowels — ‘ir’, ‘ur’, ‘er’ and ‘or’		‘r’ influenced vowels — ‘er’, ‘ar’ and ‘or’		Past tense – double final consonant, drop final ‘e’ before adding ‘ed’. Three sounds of the past tense marker (/ɪd/, /t/ and /d/)	
	waist waste plane plain die dye grate great l eye	mail male eight ate fate fete weigh way write right	people title angle little able apple bottle candle cycle ankle	parcel towel travel cancel vowel level model jewel label novel	thirsty birthday circus thirty thirteen further purple hurting curtain player	person certain eraser chapter story worthy homework before wording working	father discover weather other answer mother sister parent party solar	calendar dollar artist garden doctor author motor visitor actor sailor	grabbed sobbed shopped planned dropped spotted jogged wrapped tripped slipped	served agreed loved smiled phoned used pasted shared joked tasted
Unit 5	Final sounds — words ending in ‘rge’, ‘lge’ and ‘nge’		Inflectional endings — words ending in ‘y’ and ‘ly’		Prefixes — ‘un’, ‘re’, ‘up’ and ‘mid’		Suffixes — ‘ian’, ‘y’ and ‘en’		Consolidation	
	urge barge merge large charge recharge discharge emerge bulge indulge	divulge exchange sponge strange lounge change range arrange hinge fringe	easy copy carry hurry duty diary busy many fury memory	softly shortly quietly friendly finally partly badly gladly slowly lately	unable unhappy unusual unclean untie return repeat replace recall remake	recycle upright upgrade upon upset midday midnight midyear midweek midmorning	musician politician pedestrian Australian librarian tricky funny fizzy greasy greedy	hungry speedy sunny shorten straighten strengthen weaken widen flatten golden		

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Unit 6	Unaccented 'a' and 'be' prefixes	Open syllables — ending in long vowel	Closed syllables — short vowel between consonants	Two or more syllable words with silent 'e' — making preceding vowel long	More complex silent letters
	away begin alert below aloud beneath about before agree behave assist believe amuse between allow belong attend behind amount beside	apron tiger basic over paper local table hotel latest motel bacon bonus even locate lever moment recent program final music	letter chicken happen contact kitten contest sudden dentist possum fabric traffic insect rubbish pencil button subject rabbit doctor yellow pumpkin	unsafe admire inhale describe rename remote mistake alone escape tadpole delete postpone complete telephone dislike telescope inside accuse invite costume	tomb dough comb alright climb midnight lamb knight thumb height numb eight crumb freight plumber weight doubt thought debt bought
	Diagnostic assessment Ordinal numbers — revision	Greek roots and Latin stems — 'circ', 'oct', 'dec', 'cent' and 're'	More complex compound words	Dictionary skills and word games	Consolidation
	first eleventh second twelfth third thirteenth fourth fourteenth fifth fifteenth sixth sixteenth seventh seventeenth eighth eighteenth ninth nineteenth tenth twentieth	circle decagon circus cent circuit century circular centipede octagon centimetre octopus centigrade octagonal recall October reset December repeat decade reply	notepaper watercolour screwdriver overview fingerprint understand dishwasher butterflies handwriting peppermint whenever wheelbarrow thunderstorm whichever watermelon takeaway strawberry throwaway everywhere aftershock		