



## Year 3 & 4 Spelling Rules



<b>Rule</b>	<b>Examples</b>
<b>Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable</b>	forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred gardening, gardener, limiting, limited, limitation
<b>The sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words</b>	myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery
<b>The sound spelt ou</b>	young, touch, double, trouble, country
<b>More prefixes</b>	<b>dis-</b> : disappoint, disagree, disobey <b>mis-</b> : misbehave, mislead, misspell <b>in-</b> : inactive, incorrect, illegal, illegible <b>re-</b> : redo, refresh, return, reappear, redecorate <b>anti-</b> : antiseptic, anti-clockwise, antisocial
<b>The suffix -ation</b>	information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration
<b>The suffix -ly</b>	sadly, completely, usually, finally, comically, happily, angrily, gently, simply, humbly, nobly, basically, frantically, dramatically
<b>Words ending in -sure, -ture, -cher</b>	measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure teacher, catcher, richer, stretcher
<b>Words ending in -sion</b>	division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television
<b>The suffix -ous</b>	poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous, various tremendous, enormous, jealous humorous, glamorous, vigorous courageous, outrageous serious, obvious, curious hideous, spontaneous, courteous
<b>Words ending in -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian</b>	invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission expansion, extension, comprehension, tension musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician
<b>Words with the sound spelt ch (Greek in origin)</b>	scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character
<b>Words with the sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)</b>	chef, chalet, machine, brochure
<b>Words ending with the sound spelt -gue and the sound spelt -que (French in origin)</b>	league, tongue, antique, unique
<b>Words with the sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey</b>	vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey
<b>Possessive apostrophe with plural words</b>	girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's
<b>Homophones and near-homophones</b>	accept/except, affect/effect, ball/bawl, berry/bury, brake/break, fair/fare, grate/great, groan/grown, here/hear, heel/heal/he'll, knot/not, mail/male, main/mane, meat/meet, medal/meddle, missed/mist, peace/piece, plain/plane, rain/rein/reign, scene/seen, weather/whether, whose/who's



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accident(ally)	fruit	probably
actual(ly)	grammar	promise
address	group	purpose
answer	guard	quarter
appear	guide	question
arrive	heard	recent
believe	heart	regular
bicycle	height	reign
breath	history	remember
breathe	imagine	sentence
build	increase	separate
busy/business	important	special
calendar	interest	straight
caught	island	strange
centre	knowledge	strength
century	learn	suppose
certain	length	surprise
circle	library	therefore
complete	material	though/although
consider	medicine	thought
continue	mention	through
decide	minute	various
describe	natural	weight
different	naughty	woman/women
difficult	notice	
disappear	occasion(ally)	
early	often	
earth	opposite	
eight/eighth	ordinary	
enough	particular	
exercise	peculiar	
experience	perhaps	
experiment	popular	
extreme	position	
famous	possess(ion)	
favourite	possible	
February	potatoes	
forward(s)	pressure	