



## 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)  
actual(ly)  
address  
answer  
appear  
arrive  
believe  
bicycle  
breath  
breathe  
build  
busy/business  
calendar  
caught  
centre  
century  
certain  
circle  
complete  
consider  
continue  
decide  
describe  
different  
difficult  
disappear  
early  
earth  
eight/eighth  
enough  
exercise  
experience  
experiment  
extreme  
famous  
favourite  
February  
forward(s)

fruit  
grammar  
group  
guard  
guide  
heard  
heart  
height  
history  
imagine  
increase  
important  
interest  
island  
knowledge  
learn  
length  
library  
material  
medicine  
mention  
minute  
natural  
naughty  
notice  
occasion(ally)  
often  
opposite  
ordinary  
particular  
peculiar  
perhaps  
popular  
position  
possess(ion)  
possible  
potatoes  
pressure

probably  
promise  
purpose  
quarter  
question  
recent  
regular  
reign  
remember  
sentence  
separate  
special  
straight  
strange  
strength  
suppose  
surprise  
therefore  
though/although  
thought  
through  
various  
weight  
woman/women