



## Year 5 & 6 Spelling Rules



<b>Rule</b>	<b>Examples</b>
<b>Endings spelt -cious or -tious</b>	vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious
<b>Endings spelt -al</b>	official, special, artificial, partial, confidential, essential
<b>Words ending in -ant, -ance/-ancy, -ent, -ence/-ency</b>	observant, observance, (observation), expectant (expectation), hesitant, hesitancy (hesitation), tolerant, tolerance (toleration), substance (substantial) innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency, confident, confidence (confidential) assistant, assistance, obedient, obedience, independent, independence
<b>Words ending in -able and -ible</b> <b>Words ending in -ably and -ibly</b>	adorable/adorably (adoration), applicable/applicably (application), considerable/considerably (consideration), tolerable/tolerably (toleration) changeable, noticeable, forcible, legible dependable, comfortable, understandable, reasonable, enjoyable, reliable possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly
<b>Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer</b>	referring, referred, referral, preferring, preferred, transferring, transferred reference, referee, preference, transference
<b>Use of the hyphen</b>	co-ordinate, re-enter, co-operate, co-own
<b>Words with the 'e' sound spelt ei after c</b>	deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling
<b>Words containing the letter-string ough</b>	ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought rough, tough, enough cough though, although, dough through thorough, borough plough, bough
<b>Words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)</b>	doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight
<b>Homophones and other words that are often confused</b>	profit: money that is made in selling things prophet: someone who foretells the future steal: take something that does not belong to you steel: metal who's: contraction of <i>who is</i> or <i>who has</i> whose: belonging to someone (e.g. <i>Whose jacket is that?</i> )



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accommodate	existence	rhyme
accompany	explanation	rhythm
according	familiar	sacrifice
achieve	foreign	secretary
aggressive	forty	shoulder
amateur	frequently	signature
ancient	government	sincere(ly)
apparent	guarantee	soldier
appreciate	harass	stomach
attached	hindrance	sufficient
available	identity	suggest
average	immediate(ly)	symbol
awkward	individual	system
bargain	interfere	temperature
bruise	interrupt	thorough
category	language	twelfth
cemetery	leisure	variety
committee	lightning	vegetable
communicate	marvellous	vehicle
community	mischievous	yacht
competition	muscle	
conscience*	necessary	
conscious*	neighbour	
controversy	nuisance	
convenience	occupy	
correspond	occur	
criticise (critic + ise)	opportunity	
curiosity	parliament	
definite	persuade	
desperate	physical	
determined	prejudice	
develop	privilege	
dictionary	profession	
disastrous	programme	
embarrass	pronunciation	
environment	queue	
equip (-ped, -ment)	recognise	
especially	recommend	
exaggerate	relevant	
excellent	restaurant	