



# Hartshorne C of E Primary School

## Spelling Non-Negotiables - Reception

By the end of Reception, the vast majority of children should be able to spell...

a	get	to	I
is	it	dad	mum
no	yes	me	was
the	cat	said	dog
went	and	up	in
can	come	at	we



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## Spelling Non-Negotiables – Year 1

By the end of Year 1, the vast majority of children should be able to spell words with the following sounds...

Sound (phoneme) or rule	Example words
ff, ll, ss, zz, ck	off, well, miss, buzz, back
nk	bank, think, honk, sunk
syllables	pocket, rabbit, carrot, thunder, sunset
tch	catch, fetch, kitchen, notch, hutch
v (at the end of words)	have, live, give
Plurals (s es)	Cats, dogs, spends, rocks, thanks, catches, itches
Adding ing, ed, er	Hunting, hunted, hunter, buzzing, buzzed, buzzer, jumping, jumped, jumper
Adding er, est	grander, grandest, fresher, freshest, quicker, quickest
ai	rain, wait, train, paid, afraid
oi	oil, join, coin, point, soil
ay	day, play, say, way, stay
oy	boy, toy, enjoy, annoy
a-e	made, came, same, take, safe
e-e	these, theme, complete
i-e	five, ride, like, time, side
o-e	home, those, woke, hope, hole
u-e	June, rule, rude, use, tube, tune
ar	car, start, park, arm, garden
ee	see, tree, green, meet, week
ea	sea, dream, meat, each, read
ea	head, bread, meant, instead, read
er	her, term, verb, person
er	better, under, summer, winter, sister
ir	girl, bird, shirt, first, third
ur	turn, hurt, church, burst, Thursday
oo	food, pool, moon, zoo, soon
oo	book, took, foot, wood, good
oa	boat, coat, road, coach, goal
oe	toe, goes
ou	out, about, mouth, around, sound
ow	now, how, brown, down, town
ow	own, blow, snow, grow, show
ue	blue, clue, true, rescue, Tuesday
ew	new, few, grew, flew, drew, threw
ie	lie, tie, pie, cried, tried, dried
ie	chief, field, thief
igh	high, night, light, bright, right
or	for, short, born, horse, morning
ore	more, score, before, wore, shore
aw	saw, draw, yawn, crawl
au	author, August, dinosaur, astronaut
air	air, fair, pair, hair, chair
ear	dear, hear, beard, near, year
ear	bear, pear, wear
are	bare, dare, care, share, scared
y	very, happy, funny, party, family
ph	dolphin, alphabet, phonics, elephant
wh	when, where, which, wheel, while
k	Kent, sketch, kit, skin, frisky
un	unhappy, undo, unload, unfair, unlock
Compound words	football, playground, farmyard, bedroom, blackberry
Common exception words	the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were, was, is, his, has, I, you, your, they, be, he, me, she, we, no, go, so, by, my, here, there, where, love, come, some, one, once, ask, friend, school, put, push, pull, full, house, our



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## Spelling Non-Negotiables – Year 2

By the end of Year 2, the vast majority of children should be able to spell words with the following sounds and rules...

Sound (phoneme) or rule	Example words
dge	badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge
ge	age, huge, change, charge, bulge, village
g	gem, giant, magic, giraffe, energy jacket, jar, jog, join, adjust
c	race, ice, cell, city, fancy
kn	knock, know, knee
gn	gnat, gnaw
wr	write, written, wrote, wrong, wrap
le	table, apple, bottle, little, middle
el	camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel
al	metal, pedal, capital, hospital, animal
il	pencil, fossil, nostril
ies	flies, tries, replies, copies, babies, carries
ied	copied, copier, happier, happiest, cried, replied
y	copying, crying, replying
Adding the endings –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words ending in –e with a consonant before it	hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer, nicest, shiny
Adding –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter	patting, patted, humming, hummed, dropping, dropped, sadder, saddest, fatter, fattest, runner, runny
or	all, ball, call, walk, talk, always
	other, mother, brother, nothing, Monday
ey	key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley
O (short)	want, watch, wander, quantity, squash
er	word, work, worm, world, worth
ar	war, warm, towards
zh	television, treasure, usual
The suffixes –ment, –ness, –ful, –less and –ly	enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), badly
Contractions	can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll
The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)	Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the child's, the man's
tion	station, fiction, motion, national, section
Homophones and near-homophones	there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight
Common exception words	door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas



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## Spelling Non-Negotiables – Year 3 & 4

By the end of Year 4, the vast majority of children should be able to spell words with the following sounds and rules...

Spelling rule or pattern	Example words
Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred gardening, gardener, limiting, limited, limitation
Y for the i sound	myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery
u spelt ou	young, touch, double, trouble, country
dis	disappoint, disagree, disobey
mis	misbehave, mislead, misspell
in	inactive, incorrect
il	illegal, illegible
im	immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect
ir	irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible
re	redo, refresh, return, reappear, redecorate
sub	subdivide, subheading, submarine, submerge
inter	interact, intercity, international, interrelated
super	supermarket, superman, superstar
anti	antiseptic, anti-clockwise, antisocial
auto	autobiography, autograph
ation	information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration
ly	sadly, completely, usually (usual + ly), finally (final + ly), comically (comical + ly)
Suffix exceptions	happily, angrily, gently, simply, humbly, nobly, basically, frantically, dramatically
ure	measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure, creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure
Sion (zh)	division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television
ous	poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous, various tremendous, enormous, jealous humorous, glamorous, vigorous courageous, outrageous serious, obvious, curious hideous, spontaneous, courteous
tion	invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion
ssion	expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission
sion (sh)	expansion, extension, comprehension, tension
cian	musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician
ch (k)	scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character
ch (sh)	chef, chalet, machine, brochure
gue	league, tongue,
que	antique, unique
sc	science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent
ei, eigh, ey	vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey
Possessive apostrophe with plural words	girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's
Homophones and near-homophones	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
Word list	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



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## Spelling Non-Negotiables – Year 5 & 6

By the end of Year 6, the vast majority of children should be able to spell words with the following sounds and rules...

Spelling rule or pattern	Example words
cious	vicious, precious, conscious, delicious, malicious, suspicious
tious	ambitious, cautious, fictitious, infectious, nutritious
cial	official, special, artificial,
tial	partial, confidential, essential
Words ending in ant – ance/ancy	observant, observance, (observation), expectant (expectation), hesitant, hesitancy (hesitation), tolerant, tolerance (toleration), substance (substantial)
Words ending in ent – ence/ency	innocent, innocence, decent, decency, frequent, frequency, confident, confidence (confidential)
ant/ent	assistant, assistance, obedient, obedience, independent, independence
able	adorable/adorably (adoration), applicable/applicably (application), considerable/considerably (consideration), tolerable/tolerably (toleration) changeable, noticeable, dependable, comfortable, understandable, reasonable, enjoyable, reliable
ible	forcible, legible, possible/possibly, horrible/horribly, terrible/terribly, visible/visibly, incredible/incredibly, sensible/sensibly
fer	referring, referred, referral, preferring, preferred, transferring, transferred reference, referee, preference, transference
The hyphen	co-ordinate, re-enter, co-operate, co-own
ei	deceive, conceive, receive, perceive, ceiling
ough	ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought rough, tough, enough cough though, although, dough through thorough, borough plough, bough
Silent letters	doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight
Homophones	advice/advise device/devise licence/license practice/practise prophecy/prophesy farther: further father: a male parent guessed: past tense of the verb guess guest: visitor heard: past tense of the verb hear herd: a group of animals led: past tense of the verb lead lead: present tense of that verb, or else the metal which is very heavy (as heavy as lead) morning: before noon mourning: grieving for someone who has died past: noun or adjective referring to a previous time (e.g. In the past) or preposition or adverb showing place (e.g. he walked past me) passed: past tense of the verb 'pass' (e.g. I passed him in the road) precede: go in front of or before proceed: go on principal: adjective – most important (e.g. principal ballerina) noun – important person (e.g. principal of a college) principle: basic truth or belief profit: money that is made in selling things prophet: someone who foretells the future stationary: not moving stationery: paper, envelopes etc. steal: take something that does not belong to you steel: metal wary: cautious weary: tired who's: contraction of who is or who has whose: belonging to someone (e.g. Whose jacket is that?)
Word list	accommodate, accompany, according, achieve, aggressive, amateur, ancient, apparent, appreciate, attached, available, average, awkward, bargain, bruise, category, cemetery, committee, communicate, community, competition, conscience*, conscious*, controversy, convenience, correspond, criticise (critic + ise), curiosity, definite, desperate, determined, develop, dictionary, disastrous, embarrass, environment, equip (–ped, –ment), especially, exaggerate, excellent, existence, explanation, familiar, foreign, forty, frequently, government, guarantee, harass, hindrance, identity, immediate(ly), individual, interfere, interrupt, language, leisure, lightning, marvellous, mischievous, muscle, necessary, neighbour, nuisance, occupy, occur, opportunity, parliament, persuade, physical, prejudice, privilege, profession, programme, pronunciation, queue, recognise, recommend, relevant, restaurant, rhyme, rhythm, sacrifice, secretary, shoulder, signature, sincere(ly), soldier, stomach, sufficient, suggest, symbol, system, temperature, thorough, twelfth, variety, vegetable, vehicle, yacht