

Please refer to the booklet we sent home: How to Learn Spellings, which is full of ideas of how to learn them. Also available on our website.

### Words ending in -able and -ible

The suffixes '-able' and '-ible' can be tricky because they often sound the same.

#### Examples to practise:

Horrible terrible possible  
adorable forgivable  
disposable incredible  
sensible edible  
reversible invincible  
legible enjoyable  
valuable breakable  
identifiable sensible  
reliable respectable  
agreeable enviable

Practise these words using  
rainbow write or pyramid  
words.

### 'ough' words

Read the poem below and discuss the meaning and pronunciation of each 'ough' words.

*I take it you already know of tough and bough and cough and dough? Others may stumble, but not you, on hiccough, thorough, lough and through? Well done! And now you wish, perhaps, to learn of less familiar traps? Beware of heard, a dreadful word that looks like beard and sounds like bird. And dead: it's said like bed, not bead - for goodness sake don't call it deed! Watch out for meat and great and threat (they rhyme with suite and straight and debt). A moth is not a math in mother, Nor both in bother, broth in brother, And here is not a match for there, nor dear and fear for bear and pear, And then there's dose and rose and lose - Just look them up - and goose and choose, And cork and work and card and ward, And font and front and word and sword, And do and go and thwart and cart - Come, come, I've hardly made a start! A dreadful language? Man alive! I'd mastered it when I was five!*

### Year 5 Common Exception Words

Children should regularly practise these so they can confidently read and spell them by the end of year 5.

apparent rhythm occur  
leisure forty equip  
equipment equipped  
curiosity bruise twelfth  
cemetery amateur secretary  
persuade lightning  
government excellent  
desperate rhyme determined  
communicate ancient  
shoulder physical muscle  
hindrance existence  
vegetable explanation  
develop community available  
soldier programme neighbour  
individual interfere familiar  
dictionary conscience  
average stomach queue  
nuisance occupy language  
foreign environment  
convenience bargain  
temperature recognise

Suggestion 1: Play Hangman with these words.

### Words with silent letters

#### Examples to practise:

doubt island lamb solemn  
thistle knight knickers  
numb autumn whistle  
debt isle



Suggestion: How many times can you write the word in 30 seconds? Can you beat your personal best?

### Homophones

#### Examples to practise:

isle/aisle/ I'll, aloud/allowed, affect/effect, herd/heard, past/passed

Suggestion: silly sentences - create as many silly sentences as you can using each pair of homophones. Share your favourites with Mr Wood.



Suggestion 2: Write words on bits of paper or sticky notes and play snap.