

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.

Adding prefixes

Prefixes are a group of letters which are added to the beginning of a word to a root word to change the meaning.

Suggestions:

Try adding the prefixes mis- and re- to these words.

Which words work with which root word? Do any work with both?
 understand read hear
 play behave spell
 act

Try drawing a before and after picture to show how the meaning changes!

How many other words can you find with these prefixes?



Homophones/Near-Homophones

Examples to practise:

brake/ break
 grate/ great
 eight/ ate
 weight/ wait
 sun/ son

Suggestion:

Write some sentences or a story using these homophones. Can you include both words in a pair in one sentence?

Suggestion:

Make a set of matching cards with the homophone words and pictures which match their meaning. Play a matching game with a friend or family member!



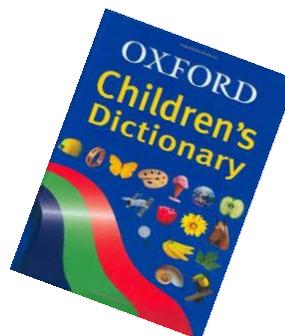
Use the first two letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary

Suggestion:

Give 5 words which start with same letter and challenge your child to put in order, e.g. stream, slow, score, snowy, sunshine.

Suggestion 2:

Play I Spy - give your child the first 2 letters and challenge to find in a paper dictionary.



Year 3 Common Exception Words

Children should regularly practise these so they can confidently read and spell them by the end of year 3.

accident(ally) century February
 length popular strange actual(ly)
 circle forward library potatoes
 thought

address decide fruit minute
 promise through answer describe
 heard naughty purpose weight
 arrive early heart notice quarter
 woman/women believe earth height
 occasion(ally) question

bicycle eight /eighth history often
 reign centre enough learn perhaps
 sentence

Suggestion:

Play hangman with these words - how quickly can you recognise them?

Suggestion:

Write a silly story with as many of these words in as you can.

'dis-' and 'un-' words

'dis' examples to practise:

obey
 agree
 appoint
 approve

'un' examples to practise:

happy
 kind
 usual
 believable

/I/ sound spelled with a y

We know how the letter y usually sounds, but sometimes he likes to pretend and sound like a letter I!

Use these clues to find examples of words that do this.

eigh/aigh/ei/ey words

eigh _____ aigh _____ ei _____ ey _____

weigh straight beige prey

Apostrophes for Contractions

Apostrophes are used when we leave out a letter in a word. It goes in the letter's place

This game shows you the

comfort

tied

Suggestion:

Draw a 'before and after' pair of pictures for each word: what it means without and with the prefix. Remember to label your pictures!



1. I'm a healthy place you go to keep fit.
2. I'm a baby swan.
3. I'm not a legend, but I'm an old story... maybe I'm Greek.
4. The Egyptians built me.
5. I'm a kind of story where we don't know what's happening.
6. I was hiding in question 4!

Can you find any other words where the letter y makes an /I/ sound? Can you make up your own clues for the words you find?



How many other eigh/aigh/ei/ey words can you think of or find?

Can you sort them into their spelling families. Do you spot any patterns?



words without any apostrophes in them. Your job is to split the word and put the apostrophe in!

<https://www.learninggamesforkids.com/vocabulary-games/contractions/where-does-the-apostrophe-go.html>

Suggestion:

You could make an offline version of this game by making an apostrophe out of play dough and using scissors to chop the words!