



Birkwood Spellings Week by Week 2024-2025

Stage 1	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Objective	Step 1: Words ending in 'ff', 'll', 'ss', 'zz' and 'ck'	Step 32: Words with the digraph 'or' and the trigraph 'ore'	Step 12: Words with the split digraph 'i_e'	Step 26: Words where the digraph 'ow' makes an /ow/ or /oa/ sound	Step 36: Words with the digraphs 'ph' and 'wh'	Step 7: Compound words and words with unstressed vowels
Words	puff, fluff, bell, doll, grass, kiss, buzz, fizz, clock, back	forty, morning, north, torn, horse, more, score, before, wore, shore	five, ride, like, time, side, slide, spike, trike, fire, mine	down, town, frown, how, brown, own, grow, show, blow, snow	dolphin, phonics, alphabet, elephant, wheel, white, when, which, while, why	pocket, balloon, carrot, thunder, sunset, football, playground, farmyard, bedroom, starfish
Objective	Step 2: Words with the /k/ sound spelled 'k' and 'nk' spelling pattern	Step 15: Words with the digraph 'ar'	Step 13: Words with the split digraph 'o_e'	Step 8: Words with the digraphs 'ai' and 'oi'	Step 33: Words where the digraphs 'aw' and 'au' make an /or/ sound	Step 4: Adding '-s' and '-es' to make plurals
Words	bank, honk, tank, pink, think, kit, skin, mask, sketch, basket	car, jar, park, arm, garden, hard, dark, stars, art, shark	home, those, woke, hope, hole, mole, spoke, joke, bone, phone	rain, point, oil, wait, train, coin, join, paid, afraid, soil	saw, yawn, draw, crawl, lawn, drawn, author, autograph, August, astronaut	flowers, boxes, brushes, lunches, cars, foxes, dogs, dishes, boats, churches
Objective	Step 16: Words with the digraph 'ee'	Step 25: Words where the digraph 'ou' makes an /ow/ sound	Step 14: Words with the split digraph 'u_e'	Step 24: Words where the digraphs 'oa' and 'oe' make an /oa/ sound	Step 28: Words with the digraphs 'ue' and 'ew'	Step 5: Adding the suffixes '-ing' and '-ed'
Words	feel, tree, green, meet, week, see, free, sheet, feet, seek	out, mouth, sound, proud, shout, about, around, found, mound, count	June, rude, tube, flume, huge, rule, use, tune, flute, plume	goes, goat, boat, dominoes, woe, toe, doe, road, soap, coat	Tuesday, blue, clue, true, rescue, threw, few, drew, grew, new	looking, looked, buzzing, buzzed, jumping, jumped, helping, helped, fizzing, fizzed

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Objective	Step 31: Words with the trigraph 'igh'	Step 9: Words with the digraphs 'ay' and 'oy'	Step 21: Words with the digraphs 'ir' and 'ur'	Step 34: Words with the trigraphs 'air' and 'ear'	Step 35: Words where the trigraphs 'ear' and 'are' make an /air/ sound	Step 6: Adding the prefix 'un-' and the suffixes 'er' and '-est'
Words	high, night, light, bright, right, sight, tight, mighty, fright, midnight	day, play, cowboy, enjoy, stay, toy, joy, clay, say, way	girl, shirt, third, bird, first, turn, hurt, burst, church, Thursday	air, pair, chair, fairy, hairy, ear, hear, year, near, clear	bear, wear, pear, bare, care, scare, share, hare, mare, dare	fresher, higher, unload, unhappy, hardest, unfair, quicker, darkest, undo, unlock
Objective	Step 22: Words where the digraph 'oo' makes an /oo/ sound	Step 17: Words where the digraph 'ea' makes an /ee/ sound	Step 19: Words where the digraph 'er' is stressed	Step 11: Words with the split digraph 'e_e'	Step 27: Words ending in 'y' /ee/ and 've' /v/	Step 30 Words where 'ie' makes an /ee/ sound
Words	food, pool, moon, zoo, soon, tool, boots, spoon, afternoon, boom	each, peach, reach, teach, lead, leaf, leap, beak, squeak, real	herb, verb, her, term, person, germ, stern, perch, fern, mermaid	even, complete, delete, Chinese, these, evening, eve, athlete, extreme	very, happy, funny, party, family, give, have, love, shove, dove	chief, thief, piece, brief, handkerchief, field, belief, priest, shield, grief
Objective	Step 23: Words where the digraph 'oo' makes an /u/ sound	Step 10: Words with the split digraph 'a_e'	Step 20: Words where the digraph 'er' is unstressed	Step 29: Words where the digraph 'ie' makes an /igh/ sound	Step 3: Words with the 'tch' trigraph	Step 18: Words where the digraph 'ea' makes an /e/ sound
Words	book, cook, foot, wood, good, shook, brook, stood, took, wool	made, take, came, mistake, same, safe, awake, snowflake, rake, plate	better, summer, sister, after, never, under, winter, brother, ever, river	lie, tie, pie, cried, tried, died, spied, fried, dried, tied	catch, fetch, kitchen, switch, hutch, witch, ditch, patch, match, batch	head, bread, meant, instead, wealth, sweat, threat, spread, dead, deaf

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Stage 2	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Objective	Step 1: Words where 'dge' makes a /j/ sound	Step 7: Words where 'wr' makes a /r/ sound at the beginning of words	Step 13: Words where 'y' makes an /igh/ sound	Step 19: Words where '-er', '-est' and '-ed' is added to words ending in 'e'	Step 25: Words where the digraph 'ey' makes an /ee/ sound	Step 31: Words that are homophones
Words	badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge, ridge, smudge, judge, wedge, lodge	write, wriggle, wrap, wrestle, written, wrecked, wrapped, wren, wrong, wrote	cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July, shy, spy, sky, why	nicer, writer, baker, looser, safer, simpler, hoped, loved, largest, closest	key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley, trolley, journey, turkey, jockey, kidney	there, their, here, hear, see, sea, too, two, blue, blew
Objective	Step 2: Words where 'ge' makes a /j/ sound	Step 8: Words ending in 'le'	Step 14: Words where '-es' is added to words ending in 'y'	Step 20: Words where '-ing' is added to single syllable words	Step 26: Words where 'a' makes an /o/ sound	Step 32: Words that are homophones or near homophones
Words	change, charge, range, orange, hinge, strange, dungeon, sponge, pigeon, fringe	table, apple, bottle, little, middle, bubble, cable, uncle, ankle, eagle	tries, replies, cries, spies, supplies, flies, copies, babies, carries, lorries	patting, humming, dropping, running, hopping, clapping, sitting, flipping, wrapping, slipping	want, watch, wander, wand, quality, quad, wasps, squat, quantity, squash	quiet, quite, bare, bear, sun, son, be, bee, night, knight
Objective	Step 3: Words where 'g' makes a /j/ sound	Step 9: Words ending in 'el'	Step 15: Words where '-ed' is added to words ending in 'y'	Step 21: Words where '-ed' is added to single syllable words	Step 27: Words where 'or' and 'ar' make an /er/ or /or/ sound	Step 33: Words ending in '-tion'
Words	gem, gym, giant, magic, giraffe, energy, digit, engine, religion, gentle	camel, tunnel, jewel, travel, tinsel, squirrel, hazel, vowel, angel, towel	copied, replied, spied, fried, applied, relied, identified, multiplied, magnified, supplied	patted, hummed, dropped, clapped, clipped, wrapped, napped, ripped, drummed, dragged	word, work, worm, world, worth, warm, war, towards, warn, warned	station, fiction, motion, nation, education, action, injection, caption, fraction, competition

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Objective	Step 4: Words where 'c' makes a /s/ sound before 'e', 'i' and 'y'	Step 10: Words ending in 'al'	Step 16: Words where '-er' and '-est' are added to words ending in 'y'	Step 22: Words where 'a' makes an /or/ sound	Step 28: Words where 'si' and 's' makes an /zh/ sound	Step 34: Words with an apostrophe for contraction
Words	race, ice, cell, city, fancy, lace, space, circle, circus, rice	metal, petal, capital, hospital, animal, equal, final, pedal, local, magical	happier, happiest, angrier, angriest, drier, driest, tidier, tidiest, funnier, funniest	all, ball, walk, call, talk, always, fall, small, also, bald	television, treasure, usual, measure, pleasure, decision, vision, leisure, version, visual	can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, wasn't, doesn't, mustn't, I'll, she'd
Objective	Step 5: Words where 'kn' and 'gn' make a /n/ sound at the beginning of words	Step 11: Words ending in 'il'	Step 17: Words where '-ing' is added to words ending in 'e'	Step 23: Words where 'o' makes an /u/ sound	Step 29: Words ending in '-ment' and '-ness'	Step 35: Words with an apostrophe for possession
Words	knock, know, knee, knew, kneel, knit, knight, gnome, gnat, gnaw	pencil, fossil, nostril, pupil, April, gerbil, lentil, evil, anvil, basil	hiking, shining, joking, hoping, smiling, surprising, loving, writing, coming, caring	other, mother, brother, nothing, cover, money, some, dozen, wonder, done	payment, enjoyment, agreement, achievement, adjustment, darkness, rudeness, sadness, greatness, kindness	Megan's, Ravi's, Cody's, Sophie's, Sam's, child's, boy's, man's, dog's, lady's
Objective	Step 6: Challenge Words	Step 12: Challenge Words	Step 18: Challenge Words	Step 24: Challenge Words	Step 30: Words ending in '-ful' and '-less'	Step 36: Challenge Words
Words	door, floor, poor, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children, because	wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, hold, gold, told	every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast	last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, rather	careful, playful, thankful, helpful, wonderful, useless, careless, homeless, hopeless, spotless	whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, hour

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Stage 3	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Objective	Step 1: Words where the digraph 'ou' makes an /ow/ sound	Step 7: Words with the prefix 're-'	Step 13: Words with the digraph 'ai' and tetragraph 'aigh'	Step 19: Words ending in 'al'	Step 25: Words with the suffix 'er'	Step 31: Words ending in '-sion'
Words	mouth, sprout, around, sound, spout, ouch, hound, trout, found, proud	redo, return, refresh, redecorate, reappear, review, replay, reaction, rebound, revenge	straight, strainer, fainted, claimed, waist, snail, painter, chained, failure, waiter	arrival, burial, comical, magical, emotional, national, personal, optional, survival, tropical	teacher, stretcher, dispatcher, catcher, butcher, richer, scorcher, preacher, cruncher, watcher	vision, confusion, division, television, invasion, erosion, collision, decision, fusion, revision
Objective	Step 2: Words where the digraph 'ou' makes a /u/ sound	Step 8: Words with the prefix 'dis-'	Step 14: Words with the digraph 'ei' and tetragraph 'eigh'	Step 20: Words ending in 'le'	Step 26: Words where the digraph 'ch' makes a /k/ sound	Step 32: Challenge Words
Words	touch, double, country, trouble, young, cousin, enough, couple, encourage, flourish	disappoint, disobey, disappear, disapprove, disable, dislike, dislocate, disadvantage, dislodge, disagree	freight, vein, weigh, reins, eight, eighteen, reign, veil, neighbour, sleigh	battle, settle, article, humble, struggle, terrible, possible, example, capable, adjustable	scheme, chorus, echo, chemist, character, stomach, monarch, school, anchor, chaos	special, strange, difficult, important, length, perhaps, position, pressure, question, purpose
Objective	Step 3: Words where 'y' makes an /i/ sound	Step 9: Words with the prefix 'mis-'	Step 15: Words where the digraph 'ey' makes an /ai/ sound	Step 21: Words ending in '-ly' where the base word ends in 'le'	Step 27: Words ending in '-gue' and '-que'	Step 33: Revision words

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Words	symbol, gym, myth, synonym, Egypt, lyrics, pyramid, system, mystery, gymnastics	mistake, mislead, misbehave, misspell, misplace, misread, mistrust, misunderstanding, misuse, mislaid	obey, osprey, prey, disobey, they, convey, they, survey, surveyor, conveyor, grey	gently, simply, humbly, nobly, durably, terribly, incredibly, responsibly, wrinkly, possibly	vague, league, plague, fatigue, antique, dialogue, unique, grotesque, plaque, mosque	exactly, bravely, pleasure, dislocate, island, decide, disadvantage, survey, ordinary, promise
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Objective	Step 4: Words ending in '-sure'	Step 10: Words where '-ing', '-er' and '-ed' are added to multisyllabic words	Step 16: Words with the suffix '-ly'	Step 22: Words ending in '-ly' where the base word ends in '-ic'	Step 28: Words where the digraph 'sc' makes a /s/ sound	Step 34: Revision words
Words	treasure, measure, leisure, pleasure, pressure, exposure, enclosure, closure, disclosure, composure	developing, developed, limiting, covering, limited, gardening, gardener, covered, listening, listened	calmly, exactly, deadly, bravely, boldly, gladly, deeply, clearly, hourly, quickly	basically, frantically, logically, tragically, magically, publicly, dramatically, historically, automatically, specifically	science, scene, discipline, scissors, ascends, scented, fascinate, scenery, crescent, descend	freight, hourly, missed, scented, suppose, plaque, grotesque, daily, descend, automatically
Objective	Step 5: Words ending in '-ture'	Step 11: Words where '-ing', '-en' and '-ed' are added to multisyllabic words	Step 17: Words that are homophones	Step 23: Words ending in '-ly'; exceptions	Step 29: Words that are homophones	Step 35: Revision words
Words	adventure, future, picture, nature, creature, furniture, capture, sculpture, fracture, mixture	forgetting, forgotten, beginning, propelled, preferred, permitted, regretting, committed, forbidden, equipped	great, main, grown, missed, meet, grate, mane, groan, mist, meat	truly, slyly, fully, duly, shyly, wholly, drily, coyly, happily, daily	ball, bawl, break, brake, male, mail, fair, fare, berry, bury	teacher, scheme, history, mention, bawl, crescent, eighteen, regular, mane, disable

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Objective	Step 6: Challenge Words	Step 12: Challenge Words	Step 18: Challenge Words	Step 24: Challenge Words	Step 30: Challenge Words	Step 36: Revision words
Words	actual, bicycle, answer, circle, earth, enough, island, fruit, often, popular	centre, disappear, heart, minute, regular, decide, early, learn, notice, therefore	build, describe, imagine, library, natural, ordinary, promise, recent, suppose, weight	address, mention, arrive, occasionally, certainly, probably, experience, reign, history, sentence	accidentally, breathe, century, eight, consider, guard, heard, peculiar, possible, quarter	disappear, specifically, reaction, committed, misunderstanding, forbidden, capable, neighbour, personal, confusion

Stage 4	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Objective	Step 1: Words that are homophones	Step 7: Words ending in '-ation'	Step 13: Words ending in '-sion'	Step 19: Words where 'au' makes an /or/ sound	Step 25: Words that are homophones	Step 30: Words with the prefix 'bi-' meaning 'two'
Words	accept, except, knot, not, peace, piece, plain, plane, weather, whether	information, sensation, preparation, vibration, decoration, donation, duration, registration, population, determination	expansion, extension, comprehension, tension, suspension, exclusion, provision, explosion, erosion, invasion	automatic, August, launch, haul, astronaut, cause, author, applaud, autumn, audience	scene, who's, affect, hear, whose, heal, effect, here, heel, seen	bicycle, biplane, biped, bicentennial, biannual, bilingual, biscuit, biceps, binoculars, bisect
Objective	Step 2: Words with the prefix 'in-' meaning 'not'	Step 8: Words ending in '-ation'	Step 14: Words ending in '-ous'	Step 20: Words ending in '-tion'	Step 26: Words spelled with 'c' before 'i' and 'e'	Step 32: Words that are plurals with possessive apostrophes

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Words	inability, inactive, inadequate, incorrect, incurable, indefinite, inelegant, inflexible, insecure, invisible	adoration, admiration, coronation, detonation, observation, location, generation, exploration, combination, illustration	poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, marvellous, perilous, tremendous, enormous, jealous, precious, disastrous	invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion, stagnation, nomination, migration, communication, selection	circle, century, centaur, circus, princess, voice, medicine, celebrate, celery, pencil	girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's, ladies', cats', women's, geese's
Objective	Step 3: Words with the prefixes 'il-', 'im-' and 'ir-'	Step 9: Words ending '-ly'	Step 15: Words ending in '-ous' incl. those where 'ge' from the base word remains	Step 21: Words ending in '-sion'	Step 27: Words containing 'sol' and 'real'	Step 33: Revision words
Words	illegal, illegible, immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect, irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible	sadly, completely, wildly, bravely, gently, foolishly, proudly, horribly, nervously, happily	courageous, outrageous, nervous, famous, adventurous, disadvantageous, ridiculous, carnivorous, rapturous, torturous	expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission, impression, obsession, procession, omission, concussion	solve, insoluble, real, reality, dissolve, solution, realistic, unreal, realisation, soluble	expression, musician, reluctantly, group, scene, circle, solve, supermarket, bicycle, except

Objective	Step 4: Words with the prefix 'sub-' meaning 'below' or further divided	Step 10: Words ending '-lly'	Step 16: Words where a suffix is added to words ending in 'y'	Step 22: Words ending in '-cian'	Step 28: Words containing 'phon' and 'sign'	Step 34: Revision words
Words	subdivide, subheading, subject, submarine, submerge, submit, substandard, subtitle, subtropical, subway	usually, finally, beautifully, thoughtfully, wonderfully, carefully, faithfully, peacefully, cruelly, generally	merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily, prettiest, nastiness, beautiful, pitiful, silliness	musician, magician, electrician, politician, mathematician, technician, optician, beautician, physician, dietician	signal, telephone, assign, microphone, homophone, sign, phonics, signature, megaphone, design	incorrect, illegible, subject, international, believe, wildly, preparation, coronation, bravely, thoughtfully

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Objective	Step 5: Words with the prefix 'inter-' meaning 'between or among'	Step 11: Words where 'ch' makes a /sh/ sound	Step 17: Words ending in '-ious' and 'eous'	Step 23: Words that are adverbs of manner	Step 29: Words with the prefixes 'super-', 'anti-' and 'auto'	Step 35: Revision words
Words	interact, intercept, interchange, intercity, intercom, interface, interfere, international, internet, interview	chef, chalet, machine, brochure, parachute, chute, chaperone, chandelier, crochet, quiche	serious, obvious, curious, hideous, spontaneous, courteous, furious, various, victorious, gaseous	reluctantly, quickly, generously, unexpectedly, gently, curiously, furiously, seriously, victoriously, courteously	supermarket, superhero, superstar, superhuman, antiseptic, anticlockwise, antisocial, autobiography, autograph, automatic	brochure, famous, tension, penniless, hideous, different, astronaut, completion, admission, mathematician
Objective	Step 6: Challenge Words	Step 12: Challenge Words	Step 18: Challenge Words	Step 24: Challenge Words	Step 31: Challenge Words	Step 36: Revision words
Words	strength, grammar, calendar, women, appear, straight, interest, opposite, increase, believe	favourite, complete, continue, experiment, February, naughty, material, knowledge, remember, famous	extreme, although, breath, caught, different, exercise, medicine, thought, business, possession	surprise, separate, group, height, potatoes, though, particular, through, caught, woman	guide, possess, forwards, accident, eighth, occasion, Wednesday, actually, busy, forward	gently, separate, affect, unexpectedly, potatoes, circus, insoluble, microphone, superhuman, bicentennial

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Stage 5	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Objective	Step 1: Words ending in '-tious' and '-ious'	Step 7: Words ending in '-ant'	Step 13: Words ending in '-able', where the 'e' from the root word remains	Step 19: Words with 'ie' after 'c'	Step 25: Words that are homophones or near homophones	Step 31: Words with hyphens
Words	ambitious, amphibious, curious, devious, fictitious, infectious, notorious, nutritious, repetitious, obvious	abundant, brilliant, constant, distant, dominant, elegant, fragrant, ignorant, tolerant, vacant	agreeable, changeable, irreplaceable, knowledgeable, manageable, microwaveable, noticeable, rechargeable, replaceable, salvageable	society, deficient, efficient, emergencies, glacier, inefficient, science, scientists, species, sufficient	advice, advise, device, devise, licence, license, practice, practise, prophecy, prophesy	co-author, co-operate, co- ordinate, co-own, reeducate, re-energise, re-enter, reevaluate, re-examine, re-explain
Objective	Step 2: Words ending in '-cious'	Step 8: Words ending in '-ance' and '-ancy'	Step 14: Words that are adverbs of time	Step 20: Words where 'ei' can make an /ee/ sound	Step 26: Words that are homophones	Step 32: Challenge Words
Words	atrocious, conscious, delicious, ferocious, gracious, luscious, malicious, precious, spacious, suspicious	abundance, abundancy, brilliance, dominancy, elegance, extravagance, hesitancy, relevancy, tolerance, vacancy	afterwards, earlier, eventually, finally, immediately, previously, recently, tomorrow, whilst, yesterday	caffeine, conceive, deceive, either, neither, perceive, protein, ceiling, receive, seize	aisle, isle, allowed, aloud, altar, alter, ascent, assent, farther, father	afterwards, amateur, ancient, changeable, deceive, doubt, knight, referring, sincere, immediate
Objective	Step 3: Words ending in '-cial'	Step 9: Words ending in '-ent' and '-ence'	Step 15: Words with suffixes where the base word ends in '-fer'	Step 21: Words where 'ough' makes an /or/ sound	Step 27: Words that are homophones	Step 33: Revision words

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Words	artificial, beneficial, crucial, especially, facial, glacial, judicial, multiracial, official, special	competence, confidence, decent, eloquence, emergent, frequent, innocence, intelligence, transparent, violent	conferring, difference, inference, preference, preferred, referee, reference, referring, transference, transferring	afterthought, bought, brought, fought, nought, ought, sought, thought, thoughtfulness, wrought	bridal, bridle, guessed, guest, heard, herd, morning, mourning, passed, past.	accompany, achieve, advice, affect, aisle, bought, cereal, definitely, guessed, though
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Objective	Step 4: Words ending in '-tial'	Step 10: Words ending in '-able' and '-ible'	Step 16: Words with 'silent' first letters	Step 22: Words containing 'ough'	Step 28: Words that are homophones or near homophones	Step 34 Revision words
Words	circumstantial, confidential, essential, impartial, influential, potential, preferential, residential, substantial, torrential	comfortable, dependable, enjoyable, horrible, incredible, possible, reasonable, reliable, terrible, understandable	knife, knight, knowledge, knuckle, mnemonic, pterodactyl, wreath, wreckage, wrestler, writer	although, bough, dough, doughnut, enough, plough, rough, though, tough, toughen	cereal, serial, complement, compliment, principal, principle, stationary, stationery, wary, weary	conscious, constant, controversy, comfortably, earlier, elegance, fictitious, frequent, manageable, understandable
Objective	Step 5: Words ending in '-cial' and '-tial'	Step 11: Words ending in '-ably' and '-ibly'	Step 17: Words with 'silent' letters	Step 23: Adverbs of possibility and frequency	Step 29: Words that are homophones or near homophones	Step 35: Revision words
Words	commercial, controversial, controversially, financial, financially, initial, initially, palatial, provincial, spatial	comfortably, dependably, horribly, incredibly, legibly, possibly, reliably, sensibly, terribly, visibly	ascend, autumn, build, disciple, doubt, island, lamb, receipt, solemn, thistle	certainly, definitely, frequently, infrequently, obviously, occasionally, often, probably, possibly, rarely	affect, effect, dessert, desert, draft, draught, precede, proceed, who's, whose	ascend, awkward, conscience, dough, probably, receive, species, thought, transferring, writer

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Words	appreciate, cemetery, conscious, convenience, environment, immediately, language, sufficient, thorough, vegetable	accommodate, available, controversy, dictionary, marvellous, opportunity, secretary, sincerely, suggest, twelfth	ancient, amateur, awkward, criticise, equipment, excellent, foreign, pronunciation, symbol, yacht	accompany, communicate, conscience, desperate, disastrous, interfere, nuisance, queue, restaurant, rhythm	achieve, apparent, bargain, bruise, community, mischievous, muscle, necessary, vehicle, system	aloud, community, complement, desert, device, heard, muscle, precede, principle, stationary

Stage 6	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Objective	Step 1: Challenge Words	Step 7: Challenge Words	Step 13: Adding the prefix '-over'	Step 19: Words with the /f/ sound spelled 'ph'	Step 25: Words with the suffix 'ably'	Step 31: Adjectives used to describe settings
Words	accommodate, available, competition, determined, existence, identity, muscle, prejudice, rhyme, suggest	ancient, cemetery, criticise, equipped, government, leisure, opportunity, recognise, sincerely, variety	overbalance, overcoat, overcook, overlooked, overpaid, overreact, overslept, overthrow, overtired, overturned	alphabet, elephant, dolphin, graph, pamphlet, pheasant, phone, photo, physical, sphere	adorably, believably, changeably, comfortably, considerably, dependably, noticeably, reasonably, tolerably, valuably	bustling, magnificent, majestic, noiseless, picturesque, regal, sinister, spectacular, tranquil, unsightly
Objective	Step 2: Challenge Words	Step 8: Challenge Words	Step 14: Words with the suffix '-ful'	Step 20: Words with origins in other countries and languages	Step 26: Words with the suffix 'ible'	Step 32: Adjectives used to describe feelings
Words	accompany, average, conscience, develop, explanation, immediately, necessary, privilege, rhythm, symbol	apparent, committee, curiosity, especially, guarantee, lightning, parliament, recommend, soldier, vegetable	beautiful, boastful, doubtful, faithful, fanciful, fearful, merciful, pitiful, plentiful, thankful	ballet, blizzard, bungalow, easel, gymkhana, hoist, origin, pyjamas, restaurant, veranda	forcible, horrible, incredible, legible, possible, responsible, reversible, sensible, terrible, visible	apprehensive, delighted, despondent, euphoric, incensed, jittery, optimistic, positive, sanguine, terrified

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Objective	Step 3: Challenge Words	Step 9: Challenge Words	Step 15: Words that can be nouns and verbs	Step 21: Words with unstressed vowel sounds	Step 27: Words with the suffix 'ibly'	Step 33: Adjectives to describe characters
Words	according, awkward, conscious, dictionary, familiar, individual, neighbour, profession, sacrifice, system	appreciate, communicate, definite, exaggerate, harass, marvellous, persuade, relevant, stomach, vehicle	contest, freeze, impact, increase, object, permit, produce, silence, subject, transport	company, definitely, desperate, environment, explanatory, jewellery, poisonous, reference, secretary, temperature	forcibly, horribly, incredibly, legibly, possibly, responsibly, reversibly, sensibly, terribly, visibly	amiable, courageous, delightful, disagreeable, exquisite, gargantuan, grotesque, obnoxious, repugnant, valiant
Objective	Step 4: Challenge Words	Step 10: Challenge Words	Step 16: Words with an /oa/ sound spelled 'ou' or 'ow'	Step 22: Words with 'cial'/shuhl/ after a vowel	Step 28: Words ending in '-ent' and '-ence'	Step 34: Grammar Vocabulary 1
Words	achieve, bargain, controversy, disastrous, foreign, interfere, nuisance, programme, secretary, temperature	attached, community, desperate, excellent, hindrance, mischievous, physical, restaurant, sufficient, yacht	blown, known, mould, poultry, shallow, shoulder, smoulder, soul, thrown, window	antisocial, artificial, beneficial, crucial, facial, official, racial, social, special, superficial	convenience, convenient, difference, different, evidence, evident, excellence, excellent, silence, silent.	adverb, ambiguity, bracket, clause, cohesion, determiner, modal, parenthesis, pronoun, relative

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Objective	Step 5: Challenge Words	Step 11: Words with the short vowel sound /i/ spelled 'y'	Step 17: Words with a 'soft c' spelled 'ce'	Step 23: Words with 'tial'/shul/	Step 29: Words ending in '-er', '-or' and '-ar'	Step 35: Grammar Vocabulary 2
Words	aggressive, bruise, convenience, embarrass, forty, interrupt, occupy, pronunciation, shoulder, thorough	antonym, crystal, lyrics, mystery, oxygen, rhythm, symbol, symptom, system, typical	celebrate, cemetery, certificate, deceased, December, hindrance, necessary, nuisance, prejudice, sacrifice	confidential, essential, influential, martial, partial, potential, sequential, spatial, substantial, torrential	calendar, computer, customer, interior, particular, popular, radiator, shoulder, soldier, superior	active, antonym, colon, ellipsis, hyphen, object, passive, punctuation, subject, synonym
Objective	Step 6: Challenge Words	Step 12: Words with the long vowel sound /igh/ spelled 'y'	Step 18: Words with the prefixes 'dis-', 'un-', 'over-' and 'im-'	Step 24: Words beginning with 'acc'	Step 30: Adverbs synonymous with determination	Step 36: Mathematical Vocabulary
Words	amateur, category, correspond, environment, frequently, language, occur, queue, signature, twelfth	apply, hygiene, hyphen, identify, multiply, occupy, python, recycle, rhyme, supply	disappointed, dissatisfied, dissimilar, impatient, overreact, overrule, overseas, unnatural, unnecessary, unsure	accentuate, access, accommodate, accompany, accomplish, accost, accrue, accumulate, accuracy, accuse	continually, determinedly, diligently, intently, persistently, purposefully, relentlessly, repeatedly, resolutely, tenaciously	addition, calculation, circumference, diameter, division, horizontal, multiplication, parallel, subtraction, vertical

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