

Year 3 spelling curriculum

Autumn Term

Week	Focus	Spellings
1	The /ow/ sound spelled 'ou'. Found often in the middle of words, sometimes at the beginning and very rarely at the end of words.	mouth around sprout sound spout ouch hound trout found proud
2	The /u/ sound spelled 'ou'. This digraph is only found in the middle of words.	touch double country trouble young cousin enough encourage flourish couple
3	The /i/ sound spelled with a 'y'.	gym myth Egypt pyramid mystery symbol synonym lyrics system gymnastics
4	Words with endings that sound like /ze/, as in measure, are always spelled with '-sure'.	measure treasure pleasure enclosure displeasure composure leisure exposure closure disclosure
5	Words with endings that sound like /ch/ is often spelt '-ture' unless the root word ends in (t)ch.	creature furniture picture nature adventure

		capture future sculpture fracture mixture
6	Challenge words	actual answer bicycle circle earth enough fruit island often popular
7	Words with the prefix 're-'. 're-' means again or back.	redo refresh return reappear redecorate revenge review replay reaction rebound
8	The prefix 'dis-' which has a negative meaning. It often means 'does not' as in does not agree = disagree.	disappoint disagree disobey disable dislike dislocate disappear disadvantage disapprove dislodge
9	The prefix 'mis-'. This is another prefix with negative meanings.	misbehave mislead misspell mistake misplace misread mistrust misunderstanding misuse mislead
10	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letter to words of more than one syllable.	gardening gardened limited limiting

	The consonant letter is not doubled if the syllable is unstressed.	developing developed listening listened covered covering
11	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable. If the last syllable of a word is stressed and ends with one consonant letter which has just one vowel letter before it, the final consonant letter is doubled.	forgetting forgotten beginning preferred permitted regretting committed forbidden propelled equipped
12	Challenge words	centre decide disappear early heart learn minute notice regular therefore
13	The long vowel /a/ sound spelled 'ai'	straight painter fainted waist strainer chained claimed failure snail waiter
14	The long vowel /e/ sound spelled 'ei'	vein weigh eight neighbour sleigh reign freight reins veil eighteen