

Year 3/4 Spelling Patterns

1) Words with an apostrophe to replace letters

**I'm, I'll, I've, he's, you've, she'll, they're, we've, we're, won't don't, doesn't, haven't, couldn't**

2) Doubling consonants for a hard vowel sound

**opposite, appear, arrive, different, grammar, possible, suppose, difficult**

3) Adding suffixes (replacing e and doubling consonants)

**having, playing, stayed, tapping, taping, hopped, hoped, beginner, preferred, forgotten**

4) Words ending in -ous, -ious or -eous

**curious, outrageous, famous, obvious, dangerous, hideous, various**

5) Words ending in -tion, or -ssion

**discussion, question, competition, expression, permission, action, position, possession, mention**

6) Words ending in -sion or -cian

**extension, comprehension, decision, collision, television, magician, musician, electrician**

7) Words ending in -ation

**information, explanation, sensation, preparation, admiration, explanation, pronunciation**

8) Words ending in -ure

**measure, treasure, creature, picture, nature, adventure, pressure, signature, temperature**

9) Words ending in -ue

**league, tongue, antique, unique, catalogue, continue**

10) Words ending in -ly or -ally

**completely, usually, recently, basically, actually, dramatically, occasionally, accidentally**

11) Words with prefixes

**disappoint, misspell, immature, reappear, antisocial, autograph, disappear**

12) Words with y making a soft I sound

**myth, cycle, gym, pyramid, mystery, bicycle, system, symbol**

13) Words with ch making a sh or c sound

**chef, chalet, machine, brochure, chorus, chemist, echo, character**

14) Words with ou making a hard u sound

**young, touch, double, trouble, country, enough**

15) Words with eigh

**weigh, eight, eighth, weight, height, neighbour**

16) Words with gh

caught, enough, straight, though, although, thought, through, naughty

17) Words with a soft C

centre, century, decide, certain, circle, experience, exercise, medicine, sentence, notice,

18) Words with sc

science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent, conscience, conscious

### Tricky words

19) describe, early, earth, experiment, extreme, famous, favourite, February, forwards

20) particular, guard, guide, heard, heart, history, imagine, important, increase, interest

21) island, knowledge, learn, length, library, material, minute, natural, often, ordinary

22) fruit, group, peculiar, perhaps, popular, potatoes, probably, promise, purpose, quarter

23) regular, remember, separate, special, strange, strength, surprise, therefore, woman

24) address, answer, believe, breath, breathe, build, busy, business, calendar, consider

### Homophones

(different words that sound the same)

25) there, their, they're, were, we're, wear, to, too, here, hear

Look over there. It's their ball. They're (they are) so kind. They were nice. We're (we are) going. I wear clothes. Go to the shop. I'll come too (as well). There are too many. Come here. I hear sounds.

26) threw, through, affect, effect, ball, bawl, berry, bury, brake, break

I threw the ball. Go through the hole. Don't let it affect (verb) you. That effect (noun) was strange. Throw the ball. Don't bawl your eyes out. Eat the berry. Bury the body. Press the brake to stop. Don't break it.

27) accept, except, fair, fare, grate, great, groan, grown, weather, whether

I won't accept that. I like everyone except you. That's not fair. Pay the fare. Grate the cheese. It tastes great. I heard a groan. He hasn't grown tall. The weather is nice. I don't know whether to go.

28) knot, not, mail, male, main, mane, meat, meet, medal, meddle

Tie it in a knot. Do not do that. Post the mail. He is a male. That's the main idea. A lion has a mane. Eat your meat. Nice to meet you. I won a medal. Don't meddle with my project.

29) missed, mist, peace, piece, plain, plane, scene, seen, whose, who's

I missed the bus. There's lots of mist. We live in peace. I want a piece of cake. Give me plain paper. I flew on a plane. Read scene 1 in the play. I've seen birds. Whose ball is that? Who's (who is) bigger?

30) heel, heal, he'll, rain, rein, reign

I grazed my heel. The doctor will heal you. He'll (he will) be ok. Rain fell from the sky. Pull the horse's rein. The king will reign over everyone.