

Year 5/6 Spelling Patterns

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

curious, outrageous, famous, obvious, dangerous, hideous, disastrous, marvellous, mischievous

2) Words ending in -cious or -tious

infectious, delicious, malicious, ambitious, suspicious, cautious, conscious

3) Words ending in -cial or -tial

official, special, partial, artificial, confidential, essential,

4) Words ending in -ly or -ally

especially, definitely, frequently, immediately, sincerely, essentially, apparently, confidently

5) Words ending in -ant or -ent,

excellent, restaurant, parliament, independence, government, environment, equipment, relevant

6) Words ending in -ance or -ence

tolerance, innocence, assistance, substance, convenience, existence, hindrance, nuisance

7) Words ending in -able or -ible

reliable, changeable, noticeable, possible, incredible, horrible, available, vegetable

8) Words with ei or ie

believe, leisure, deceive, ceiling, retrieve, receive, inconceivable, achieve, foreign, neighbour

9) Words with silent letters

doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight, thumb, vehicle, yacht, Autumn

10) Words with a soft C

ancient, appreciate, criticise, muscle, necessary, prejudice, sacrifice, sincere, sufficient

11) Words with ough

thought, although, through, bought, thorough, cough, enough, tough, rough

12) Words with ch making a /ck/ sound

chemistry, character, echo, chaos, ache, choir, stomach

Statutory Words

13) **accommodate, accompany, according, aggressive, amateur, attached, average, awkward**

14) **bargain, bruise, category, committee, communicate, community, controversy, correspond**

15) **curiosity, desperate, determined, develop, dictionary, embarrass, exaggerate, variety**

- 16) **familiar, guarantee, harass, identity, individual, interfere, interrupt, language, lightning**
- 17) **occupy, occur, opportunity, persuade, physical, privilege, profession, programme, queue**
- 18) **recognise, recommend, rhythm, rhyme, secretary, shoulder, soldier, suggest, twelfth**

Homophones

(different words that sound the same)

- 19) **advice, advise, device, devise, licence, license, practice, practise, prophecy, prophesy**

c = noun s = verb

That's good advice. I advise you go there. This is a handy device. I'll devise a plan. I have a driving licence. I will licence you to drive. I went to a medical practice. I'll practise my flute. That's a good prophecy. I will prophesy.

- 20) **farther, father, guessed, guest, heard, herd, led, lead, morning, mourning**

I ran farther than you. I love my father. I guessed the answer. He is our guest. I heard a sound. There's a herd of cows. I led them to safety. Bring the dog's lead. Good morning! I am mourning his death.

- 21) **principal, principle, profit, prophet, stationary, stationery, steal, steel, wary, weary**

That's the principal idea. I believe in my principles. I earned a profit. He is God's prophet. I stood stationary. I bought some stationery. Don't steal sweets. It's made of steel. I'm wary around spiders. I feel tired and weary.