

Key Stage 2 SATs past spelling test words (2016 – 2024)

words with 'silent' letters sign island knock straight crumb bruise thumb descendant numb lamb	adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable polishing numbered nationality preference inspiring replacing disobeyed obtained adventurous ordering	the /i/ sound spelt y other than at the end of words gymnastics pyramid sympathetic syrup typical lyrics symbol words with the /s/ sound spelt sc scent descendant scenario muscle scenic	endings –tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian mission division possession navigation passion caution variation optician operation examination percussion solution attention reception	homophones and near homophones (Year 3 and 4) homophones and other words that are often confused (Y5 & 6) loose currant drawer queue prey coarse council banned sighed
prefixes discover disrespect dissolve disagreement disorder misconduct misplaced increase	words ending in –able and –ible words ending in –ably and –ibly edible unavoidably undrinkable washable probable sensibly portable invisible memorable	the suffix –ly ferociously curiously likely originally usually reluctantly accidentally steadily frequently	words with the /ei/ sound spelt ei, eigh or ey sleigh survey lightweight obey weightless veins	adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer offering offered reference suffered transferred preference referring
the /u/ sound spelt ou country courage cousin couple thorough touch trouble young		endings that sound like /jen/ illusion vision television persuasion	endings which sound like /shul/ facial substantial essential social special official	Words with the /i/ sound spelt ei after c ceiling receipt inconceivable protein deceive
words with endings sounding like /yu/ posture measure mixture puncture creature texture	words with the /c/ sound spelt ch words with the /sh/ sound spelt ch monarch machine architect parachute chorus mechanic character chaos	the suffix –ous delicious ominous previous nervous adventurous generous ridiculous glorious famous	words ending in –ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ence, -ency abundance distance brilliant substance violence science excellent preference reluctance	words containing the letter string ough thoughtless toughest dough enough cough thoughtful ought
Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt –gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que vague unique tongue league	endings spelt –cious or –tious cautious nutritious			