

Spellings Year 2

Spelling	Rule	Words
-ge -dge Pronounced as 'j'.	The letter j is never used for the j sound <u>at the end</u> of English words. After short vowel sounds a/e/i/o/u it is spelt - dge . After all other sounds (vowels or consonants) is it -ge .	badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge age, huge, change, charge, bulge, village
g Pronounced as 'j'	In other positions in words, the j sound is often (but not always) spelt as g before e, i, and y. The j sound is always spelt as j before a, o and u.	gem, giant, magic, giraffe, energy jacket, jar, jog, join, adjust
c pronounced as 's'	The s sound is spelt with a c before e, i and y.	race, ice, cell, city, fancy
kn gn pronounced as 'n'	The 'k' and 'g' at the beginning of these words was sounded hundreds of years ago.	knock, know, knee, gnat, gnaw
wr pronounced as 'r'	This spelling probably also reflects an old pronunciation.	write, written, wrote, wrong, wrap
-le pronounced as 'l'	The -le spelling is the most common spelling for this sound at the end of words.	table, apple, bottle, little, middle
-el Pronounced as 'l'	At the end of words. The -el spelling is much less common than -le. The -el spelling is used after m, n, r, s, v, w and more often than not after s.	camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel, tinsel
-al pronounced as 'l'	Not many nouns end in -al, but many adjectives do.	metal, pedal, capital, hospital, animal
-il Pronounced as 'l'	There aren't many of these words.	pencil, fossil, nostril
-y Pronounced as 'igh'	This is by far the most common spelling for this sound at the end of words	cry, fly, dry, try, reply, July
y add ies	The y is changed to i before -es is added. Recap -s -es from Y1.	flies, tries, replies, copies, babies, carries
y ier/iest/ied	The y is changed to i before -ed, -er and -est are added, but not before -ing as this would result in ii. The only ordinary words with ii are skiing and taxiing.	copied, copier, happier, happiest, cried, replied ...but copying, crying, replying
ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y drop e before adding a suffix starting with a vowel.	The -e at the end of the root word is dropped before -ing, -ed, -er, -est, -y or any other suffix beginning with a vowel letter is added. Exception: being.	hiking, hiked, hiker, nicer, nicest, shiny
a pronounced 'or' before ll and l.	'or' sound, usually spelt as a before ll and l.	all, ball, call, walk, talk, always
o Pronounced 'u'		other, mother, brother, nothing, Monday
a pronounced 'o'	a is the most common spelling for the o sound after w and q	want, watch, wander, quantity, squash

o pronounced as 'er'	There are not many of these words.	word, work, worm, world, worth
ar pronounced as 'or'	Pronounced as 'or' after w. There are not many of these words.	war, warm, towards
s pronounced 'zsh'		television, treasure, usual
-ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly	If a suffix starts with a consonant letter, it is added straight on to most root words without any change to the last letter of those words.	enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness (plain + ness), badly
Exceptions to previous rule.	(1) argument (2) root words ending in -y with a consonant before it but only if the root word has more than one syllable.	merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily
Contractions	In contractions, the apostrophe shows where a letter or letters would be if the words were written in full (e.g. can't - cannot).	can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, I'll
The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns)		Megan's, Ravi's, the girl's, the child's, the man's
-tion		station, fiction, motion, national, section
Homophones and near-homophones	It is important to know the difference in meaning between homophones.	there/their/they're, here/hear, quite/quiet, see/sea, bare/bear, one/won, sun/son, to/too/two, be/bee, blue/blew, night/knight
Common exception words	past, last, fast, path and bath door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children*, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, , father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas	