Year 4 spelling overview 2024-25

Each week children will be tested on a selection of words from the specified list along with other words following the same rule. They will be asked to write some of the words in sentences to also test their punctuation and grammar.

Autumn 1

Week of 13.09.24	
Rule: Words with /aw/ spelt 'augh' and 'au'	
caught	clause
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naughty	cause
taught	astronaut
daughter	applaud
autumn	author

Week of 20.09.24	
Rule: Adding prefix in- (meaning 'not' or 'into')	
inactive	infinite
incorrect	inedible
inaccurate	inability
indefinite	insecure
incomplete	indecisive

Week of 27.09.24	
Rule: Adding prefix im- before a root word of with 'm' or 'p'	
immature	impatient
immeasurable	immovable
impossible	impolite
immortal	important
imperfect	improper

Week of 04.10.24	
Rule: Adding prefix il- and prefix ir-	
illegal	irregular
illegible	irrelevant
illogical	irresponsible
illiterate	irrational
illicit	irresistible

Week of 11.10.24	
Rule: Homophones and near homophones	
medal	seen
meddle	board
missed	bored
mist	which
scene	witch

Week of 18.10.24	
Rule: Words with /shun/ endings spelt 'sion'	
(root word ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd')	
division	television
invasion	revision
confusion	erosion
decision	inclusion
collision	explosion

Week of 25.10.24	
Rule: Plural possessive apostrophes with plural words	
girls'	women's
boys'	men's
babies'	children's
parents'	people's
teachers'	mice's

Autumn 2

Week of 08.11.24		
Rule: Words with /shuhn/ sound spelt 'sion'		
(root word ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd')		
expansion	supervision	
extension	fusion	
comprehension	conclusion	
tension	persuasion	
corrosion	suspension	

Week of 15.11.24		
Rule: Words with /shuhn/ sound spelt 'ssion'		
(root word ends in 'ss' or 'mit')		
expression	transmission	
discussion	possession	
confession	profession	
permission	depression	
admission	impression	

Week of 22.11.24		
Rule: Words with /shuhn/ sound spelt 'tion'		
(root word ends in 'te', 't' or no definite root)		
invention	attraction	
injection	translation	
action	devotion	
question	position	
mention	solution	

Week of 29.11.24	
Rule: Words with /shuhn/ sound spelt 'cian'	
(root word ends in 'c' or 'cs')	
musician	dietician
politician	optician
electrician	technician
magician	clinician
mathematician	beautician

Week of 06.12.24	
Rule: Words with 'ough' to make a long /o/, /oo/ or /or/ sound	
though	thought
although	bought
dough	brought
through	fought
breakthrough	ought

Week of 13.12.24	
Rule: Statutory Spelling Words	
interest	material
experiment	promise
potatoes	opposite
favourite	minute
imagine	increase

Spring 1

Week of 17.01.25	
Rule: Homophones and near homophones	
accept	allowed
except	weather
affect	whether
effect	whose
aloud	who's

Week of 24.01.25	
Prefix ex- (meaning 'out')	
exit	export
extend	exclaim
explode	expel
excursion	external
exchange	exterior

Week of 31.01.25	
Rule: Nouns ending in suffix -ation	
information	location
creation	exaggeration
vibration	concentration
demonstration	imagination
education	organisation

Week of 07.02.25	
Rule: Words with the /s/ sounds spelt 'sc'	
science	scissors
crescent	ascent
discipline	descent
fascinate	scientist
scent	scenery

Week of 14.02.25	
Rule: Adding prefix sub- (meaning 'under') and prefix super- (meaning 'above')	
submerge	superman
subheading	supervise
submarine	supersede
subordinate	superpower
subway	superhuman

Spring 2

Week of 28.02.25	
Rule: Words with a 'soft c' spelt 'ce'	
centre	sentence
century	notice
certain	celebrate
recent	ceremony
experience	certificate

Week of 07.03.25	
Rule: Words with a 'soft c' spelt with 'ci'	
circle	cinema
decide	decimal
medicine	accident
exercise	city
special	citizen

Week of 14.03.25
No spelling test this week due to Year 4 residential

Week of 21.03.25	
Rule: Words ending -ar and -er	
calendar	popular
grammar	consider
regular	remember
particular	quarter
peculiar	manager

Week of 28.03.25	
Rule: Statutory Spelling Words	
length	difficult
strength	separate
purpose	suppose
history	therefore
different	knowledge

Summer 1

Week of 25.04.25	
Rule: Prefix inter- (meaning 'between' or 'among')	
interact	internet
interfere	intergalactic
intercity	interrupt
international	intervene
intermediate	intercept

Week of 02.05.24	
Rule: Prefix anti- (meaning 'against')	
antiseptic	antivenom
anticlockwise	anti-ageing
antisocial	antifreeze
antidote	antibody
antibiotic	antigravity

Week of 09.04.25	
Rule: Prefix auto- (meaning 'self' or 'own')	
auta mada	
autograph	autopilot
autobiography	autorotate
automatic	automobile
autofocus	autonomy
autocorrect	autocue

Week of 16.05.25	
Rule: Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning.	
phone	real
phonics	reality
microphone	realistic
telephone	unreal
homophone	realisation

Week of 23.05.25	
Rule: Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning.	
solve	sign
solution	signature
insoluble	assign
dissolve	design
solvent	signal

Summer 2

Week of 06.06.25		
Rule: Adding suffix -ous (no change to root word)		
dangerous	hazardous	
poisonous	riotous	
mountainous	perilous	
joyous	momentous	
synonymous	scandalous	

Week of 13.06.25	
Rule: Adding suffix -ous (No definitive root word)	
tremendous	fabulous
enormous	curious
jealous	anxious
serious	obvious
hideous	gorgeous

Week of 20.06.25	
Rule: Adding suffix -ous (words ending in 'y' become 'I' and words ending in	
'our' become 'or')	
various	humorous
furious	glamorous
glorious	vigorous
victorious	odorous
mysterious	rigorous

Week of 27.06.25	
Rule: Adding suffix -ous (words ending in 'e' drop the 'e' but not 'ge')	
famous	continuous
nervous	adventurous
ridiculous	courageous
carnivorous	outrageous
herbivorous	advantageous

Week of 04.07.25	
Rule: Adverbials of frequency and possibility	
regularly	perhaps
occasionally	maybe
frequently	certainly
usually	possibly
rarely	probably

Week of 11.07.25	
Rule: Adding prefix non- (meaning 'not')	
non-stick	nonsense
non-stop	non-violent
non-starter	non-existent
non-fiction	non-profit
non-drip	non-believer