

Cavendish Spelling List 2025-26

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.

Week beginning 15.09.25

Rule: Drop the 'e' when adding 'ing' (please practise the 'ing' words)

rejoice - rejoicing	lose - losing	receive - receiving	dine - dining	surprise - surprising
escape - escaping	parachute - parachuting	refuse - refusing	believe - believing	excite - exciting

Week beginning 22.09.25

Rule: Words ending with 'ly'

beautifully	horribly	carefully	certainly	readily
greedily	rapidly	smoothly	happily	finally

Week beginning 29.09.25

Rule: 'i' comes before 'e' when the sound is 'ee'

briefly	believe	retrieve	relieve	mischief
achieve	priest	grieve	shriek	thieves

Week beginning 06.10.25

Rule: Double the final consonant when adding a suffix which begins with a vowel (please practise the words with the suffix)

swim - swimmer	knit - knitted	shrug - shrugged	strip - stripped	span - spanned
scrub - scrubbed	unplug - unplugged	swap - swapping	dial - dialling	wrap - wrapped

Week beginning 13.10.25 (please practise the words with the suffix)

Rule: Change 'y' to 'i'

weary - wearily	nasty - nastiness	supply - supplier	merry - merrily	heavy - heaviest
daisy - daisies	happy - happiness	city - cities	easy - easiest	heavy - heavier

Week beginning 20.10.25

Rule: Words with silent letters

design	ghost	honest	gnome	science
wreckage	whistle	scene	guilty	vague

Week beginning 03.11.25

Rule: 'tion' sounds like 'shun'

education	condition	pollution	attention	dictionary
preparation	population	commotion	invitation	conversation

Week beginning 10.11.25

Rule: 'le' sounds like 'ul' or 'el'

double	uncle	bundle	icicle	trickle
candle	bicycle	wriggle	chuckle	sample

Week beginning 17.11.25

Rule: 'ight' sounds like 'ite' or 'ate'

might	plight	slight	fright	delight
eighteen	lightning	mighty	weight	height

Week beginning 24.11.25

Rule: 'ible' or 'able'?

immovable	impossible	sensible	valuable	reliable
believable	visible	acceptable	probable	replaceable

Week beginning 01.12.25

Rule: contractions (please practise the 'contracted' words)

who is who's	must not mustn't	there is there's	will not won't	she will she'll
does not doesn't	should not shouldn't	need not needn't	they have they've	they are they're

Week beginning 08.12.25

Rule: 'ough'

wrought	afterthought	although	forethought	enough
brought	thorough	borough	cough	tough

Week beginning 12.01.26

Rule: soft 'c'

romance	parcel	ambulance	cinema	cyclone
special	icicle	decide	circle	princess

Week beginning 19.01.26

Rule: double consonants

occupy	immense	immediate	appointment	disappear
suddenly	commence	travelling	beginning	butterfly

Week beginning 26.01.26

Rule: 'en' or 'on'?

pollen	cushion	person	shorten	squadron
citizen	lengthen	reason	poison	woollen

Week beginning 02.02.26

Rule: 'or' words

radiator	bachelor	calculator	emperor	mayor
objector	governor	instructor	incubator	tutor

Week beginning 09.02.26

Rule: soft 'g'

logical	messenger	illegible	privilege	Egyptian
exaggerate	refrigerator	margarine	magician	engineer

Week beginning 23.02.26

Rule: Science spellings

arteries	conductor	evaporate	temperature	science
solution	insulator	dissolve	insoluble	bacteria

Week beginning 02.03.26

Rule: 'dis' words

disadvantaged	disappear	distinction	disrepair	dissimilar
distinguish	discovery	dissatisfy	disinterested	disguise

Week beginning 09.03.26				
Rule: Mixture of spellings				
different	creatures	interesting	delivered	known
successful	including	exciting	capable	amongst

Week beginning 16.03.26				
Rule: ex				
exactly	excellent	explosive	extension	experiment
express	expression	excess	extreme	expense

Week beginning 23.03.26				
Rule: aught				
distraught	caught	fraught	granddaughter	haughtily
taught	slaughtered	onslaught	naughtiness	naughty

Week beginning 20.04.26				
Rule: que				
banquet	bequeath	bequest	boutique	conquer
sequence	racquet	quench	inquest	frequency

Week beginning 27.04.26				
Rule: sign				
assigned	resigned	consigned	redesign	designate
signatory	assignment	reassign	significant	designer

Week beginning 04.05.26

Rule: 'ph' sounds like 'f'

atmosphere	autograph	graphic	nephew	orphan
physics	photograph	phobia	phantom	paragraph

Week beginning 11.05.26 (Y5 only)

Rule: 'cian' means expert

mathematician	musician	politician	beautician	optician
clinician	technician	physician	electrician	magician

Week beginning 18.05.26

Rule: ure

nurture	leisure	torture	assure	adventure
overture	treasure	puncture	departure	brochure

Week beginning 01.06.26

Rule: 'ful'

boastful	powerful	awful	wakeful	grateful
skilful	mouthful	pitiful	plentiful	beautiful

Week beginning 08.06.26

Rule: Tricky words bonus!

necessary	occasion	xylophone	parallel	restaurant
business	nuisance	camouflage	separate	tongue
awkward	ache	excellent	Wednesday	February
weather	answer	beginning	friend	interesting

Week beginning 15.06.26				
Rule: Random prefixes				
aerodrome	microphone	binoculars	aquarium	automatic
triangle	millimetre	transfer	audible	circular

The final weeks will be a recap of the year's spellings where the children will be tested on a range of previously learned spellings.