11+ Spelling Words: 200 Tricky Words

These are the national curriculum's statutory word lists for Years 3 and 4 and for Years 5 and 6: a mixture of words children frequently use in their writing and words they often misspell. Tick each word when your child can spell it without looking.

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Years 3 and 4: 100 words

☐ accident(ally)	☐ actual(ly)	☐ address	☐ answer
☐ appear	☐ arrive	☐ believe	☐ bicycle
☐ breath	☐ breathe	☐ build	☐ busy/business
☐ calendar	☐ caught	☐ centre	☐ century
☐ certain	☐ circle	☐ complete	☐ consider
☐ continue	☐ decide	☐ describe	☐ different
☐ difficult	☐ disappear	☐ early	☐ earth
☐ eight/eighth	☐ enough	☐ exercise	☐ experience
☐ experiment	☐ extreme	☐ famous	☐ favourite
☐ February	☐ forward(s)	☐ fruit	☐ grammar
☐ group	☐ guard	☐ guide	☐ heard
☐ heart	☐ height	☐ history	☐ imagine
☐ important	☐ increase	☐ interest	☐ island
☐ knowledge	☐ learn	☐ length	☐ library
☐ material	☐ medicine	☐ mention	☐ minute
☐ natural	☐ naughty	☐ notice	☐ occasion(ally)
☐ often	☐ opposite	☐ ordinary	☐ particular
☐ peculiar	☐ perhaps	☐ popular	☐ position
☐ possess(ion)	☐ possible	☐ potatoes	☐ pressure
☐ probably	☐ promise	☐ purpose	☐ quarter
☐ question	☐ recent	☐ regular	☐ reign
☐ remember	☐ sentence	☐ separate	☐ special
☐ straight	☐ strange	☐ strength	☐ suppose
☐ surprise	☐ therefore	☐ though/although	☐ thought
☐ through	☐ various	☐ weight	☐ woman/women

Years 5 and 6: 100 words

☐ accommodate	☐ accompany	☐ according	☐ achieve
☐ aggressive	☐ amateur	☐ ancient	☐ apparent
☐ appreciate	☐ attached	☐ available	☐ average
☐ awkward	☐ bargain	☐ bruise	☐ category
☐ cemetery	☐ committee	☐ communicate	☐ community
☐ competition	☐ conscience*	☐ conscious*	☐ controversy
☐ convenience	☐ correspond	☐ criticise (critic + ise)	☐ curiosity
☐ definite	☐ desperate	☐ determined	☐ develop
☐ dictionary	☐ disastrous	☐ embarrass	☐ environment
☐ equip (–ped, –ment)	☐ especially	☐ exaggerate	☐ excellent
☐ existence	☐ explanation	☐ familiar	☐ foreign
☐ forty	☐ frequently	☐ government	☐ guarantee
☐ harass	☐ hindrance	☐ identity	☐ immediate(ly)
☐ individual	☐ interfere	☐ interrupt	☐ language
☐ leisure	☐ lightning	☐ marvellous	☐ mischievous
☐ muscle	☐ necessary	☐ neighbour	☐ nuisance
☐ occupy	☐ occur	☐ opportunity	☐ parliament
☐ persuade	☐ physical	☐ prejudice	☐ privilege
☐ profession	☐ programme	☐ pronunciation	☐ queue
☐ recognise	☐ recommend	☐ relevant	☐ restaurant
☐ rhyme	☐ rhythm	☐ sacrifice	☐ secretary
☐ shoulder	☐ signature	☐ sincere(ly)	☐ soldier
☐ stomach	☐ sufficient	☐ suggest	☐ symbol
☐ system	☐ temperature	☐ thorough	☐ twelfth
☐ variety	☐ vegetable	☐ vehicle	☐ yacht

Tip: the brackets show related forms to learn too, for example **accident(ally)** means accident and accidentally.

Section A: which spelling is correct?

Circle the correctly spelt word: A, B, C or D.

1.
A) separate B) seperate C) separete
D) sepparate

2.
A) Febuary B) February C) Febuery
D) Feburary

3.
A) beleive B) belive C) believe D) beleve

4.
A) libary B) librery C) liberary D) library

5.
A) peculier B) peculiar C) pecular
D) peculear

6.
A) caught B) cought C) caugt D) caugth

7.
A) knowlege B) knowladge C) nowledge
D) knowledge

8.
A) ocassion B) occassion C) occasion
D) ocasion

9.
A) hieght B) heigth C) height D) heihgt

10.
A) dissapear B) disapear C) dissappear
D) disappear

11.
A) accommodate B) accomodate
C) acommodate D) accommadate

12.
A) embarass B) embarrass C) embarrase
D) emmbarrass

13.
A) neccessary B) necesary C) neccesary
D) necessary

14.
A) mischievious B) mischevious
C) mischievous D) mischeivous

15.
A) rythm B) rhythm C) rhythym D) rhytm

16.
A) definite B) definate C) definit D) deffinite

17.
A) conscience B) concience C) consciense
D) conshience

18.
A) priviledge B) privelege C) privilege
D) privilige

19.
A) goverment B) govenment C) governmant
D) government

20.
A) restaurent B) restaurant C) resturant
D) restaraunt

Section B: look, say, cover, write, check

Look at the word and say it. Cover it, write it from memory, then check. Try again on another day.

Word	Try 1	Try 2	Try 3
separate			
February			
believe			
peculiar			
knowledge			
accommodate			
embarrass			
necessary			
mischievous			
rhythm			

Answer key: Section A

1. **A) separate**
2. **B) February**
3. **C) believe**
4. **D) library**
5. **B) peculiar**
6. **A) caught**
7. **D) knowledge**
8. **C) occasion**
9. **C) height**
10. **D) disappear**
11. **A) accommodate**
12. **B) embarrass**
13. **D) necessary**
14. **C) mischievous**
15. **B) rhythm**
16. **A) definite**
17. **A) conscience**
18. **C) privilege**
19. **D) government**
20. **B) restaurant**

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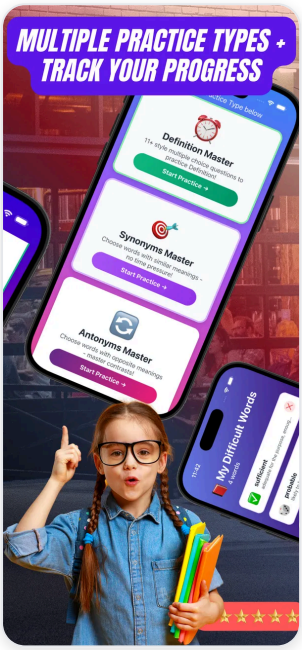

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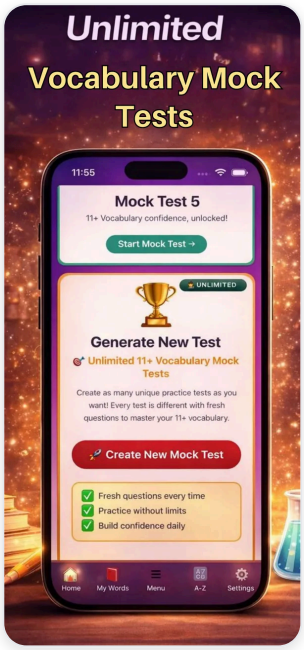

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