

Year 3 Spelling Expectations

- Use prefixes (dis- mis- super- anti- in-)
suffixes (ation, -ly, -sure, -tion, -sion and -ssion)
and understand how to add them.
- Spell further homophones (berry, bury; break, brake; here, hear; grown, groan)
- Write words spelt ei, eigh or ey e.g. vein, weight, obey.
- Place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals [for example, girls', boys'] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children's].
- Use the first two or three letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary.
- Write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.
- Spell some words from the YR 3-4 statutory word list.

Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words

Aa	breath	continue	exercise	guard	Kk	naughty	position	recent	Tt
accident	build	Dd	experience	guide	Knowledge	notice	possess	regular	therefore
accidentally	busy	decide	extreme	Hh	Ll	Oo	possession	reign	though
actual	business	describe	Ff	heard	learn	occasion	possible	remember	thought
actually	Cc	different	famous	heart	length	occasionally	potatoes	Ss	through
address	calendar	difficult	favourite	height	library	often	pressure	sentence	Vv
although	caught	disappear	February	history	Mm	opposite	probably	separate	various
answer	centre	Ee	forward	Ii	material	ordinary	promise	special	Ww
appear	century	early	forwards	imagine	medicine	Pp	purpose	straight	weight
arrive	certain	earth	fruit	increase	mention	particular	Qq	strange	woman
Bb	circle	eight	Gg	important	minute	peculiar	quarter	strength	women
believe	complete	eighth	grammar	interest	Nn	perhaps	question	suppose	
bicycle	consider	enough	group	island	natural	popular	Rr	surprise	