Lady Jane Grey KS1 and 2 National Curriculum Spelling Patterns and Rules Coverage

Year 3 Spelling Patterns and Common Exception Words

Statutory Requirements	Spelling Rules and Guidance	Example
Adding suffixes beginning with vowel	If the last syllable of a word is	forgetting, f
letters to words of more than one	stressed and ends with one	beginner
syllable	consonant letter which has just one	
	vowel letter before it, the final	gardening, gar
	consonant letter is doubled before any ending beginning with a vowel	
	letter is added. The consonant letter	
	is not doubled if the syllable is	
	unstressed.	
The / / I sound spelt y elsewhere	These words should be learnt as	myth, gym, Eg
than at the end of words	needed.	
		young, tou
The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou	These words should be learnt as	
	needed.	

es of the spelling rule

forgotten, beginning, r, prefer, preferred

rdener, limiting, limited, limitation

Egypt, pyramid, mystery

uch, double, trouble, country

dis-: disappo	Most prefixes are added to the	More prefixes
	beginning of root words without any	
mis-: misbeh	changes in spelling, but see in —	
(m	below.	
	Like un —, the prefixes dis — and	
in– : ina	mis — have negative meanings.	
il —ille	The prefix in — can mean both 'not'	
	and 'in'/'into'. In the words given	
im– immature,	here it means 'not'.	
impati		
	Before the root word I , in —becomes	
ir – irregular, ir	il.	
re –: redo, refr	Defense a neet word starting with m	
redo, ren	Before a root word starting with m	
	or p , in– becomes im– .	
sub–: subc	Before a root word starting with r ,	
submar	in – becomes ir –.	
inter-: ir	re– means 'again' or 'back'.	
international		
	sub– means 'under'.	
	inter — means 'between' or 'among'.	

oint, disagree, disobey

have, mislead, misspell mis + spell)

active, incorrect

legal, illegible

e, immortal, impossible, tient, imperfect

irrelevant, irresponsible

fresh, return, reappear, edecorate

odivide, subheading, arine, submerge

interact, intercity, al, interrelated (inter + related)

	super– means 'above'.	super –: sup
	anti– means 'against'.	anti–: antis
	auto- means 'self' or 'own'.	circi : circis
		auto–: autol
The suffix –ation	The suffix —ation is added to verbs to form nouns. The rules already learnt still apply.	information, prepara
The suffix –ly	The suffix –ly is added to an	sadly, complet
	adjective to form an adverb. The	finally (final +
	rules already learnt still apply.	
	The suffix —Iy starts with a consonant letter, so it is added straight on to most root words.	
	Exceptions:	
	(1) If the root word ends in –y with a consonant letter before it, the y is	happily, angrily
	changed to i , but only if the root word has more than one syllable.	gently, simply,
		basically, frant
	(2) If the root word ends with –le, the –le is changed to –ly.	

permarket, superman, superstar

iseptic, anticlockwise, antisocial

obiography, autograph , adoration, sensation, ration, admiration

etely, usually (usual + ly), + ly), comically (comical + ly)

ly

, humbly, nobly

tically, dramatically

	 (3) If the root word ends with -ic, - ally is added rather than just -ly, except in the word <i>publicly</i>. (4) The words <i>truly</i>, <i>duly</i>, <i>wholly</i>. 	
	The ending sounding like / 3ə / is	measure, t
	always spelt – sure .	enclosure (picture, r
Words with endings sounding like	The ending sounding like / t∫ə / is	picture, i
/ʒə/ or /t∫ə/	often spelt ture , but check that the	
	word is not a root word ending in	
	(t)ch with an er ending – e.g.	
	teacher, catcher, richer, stretcher.	

treasure, pleasure, creature, furniture, nature, adventure

	Common Exception Words	
accident(ally)	early	knowledge
actual(ly)	earth	learn
address	eight/eighth	length
answer	enough	library
appear	exercise	material
arrive	experience	medicine
believe	experiment	mention
bicycle	extreme	minute
breath	famous	natural
breathe	favourite	naughty
build	February	notice
busy/business	forward(s)	occasion(ally)

purpose quarter question recent regular reign remember sentence separate special straight strange