

SPaG Terminology – specific for your year group.

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Subject	The subject of the sentence is usually the person or thing carrying out an action. E.g. The man ate a cream cake - The man is the subject of the sentence.
Object	The object is usually involved in the action in some way. E.g. The man ate a cream cake The cream cake is the object of the sentence.
Preposition	Often a word/words that show place, e.g. The ball is under the table.
Conjunction	A word used to connect words, phrases, clauses or sentences, e.g. I like fish and chips. I went to the park but I didn't feed the ducks.
Word Family	A group of words that have something in common e.g. night, sight, light, might.
Prefix	A letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change the meaning of the word. E.g. happy → un happy
Present Perfect	When we write about things that have already happened we usually use the simple past tense. E.g. He went out to play. Instead we can use the present perfect form, e.g. He has gone out to play. I have, you have, he/she/it has, you/we/they have



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Vowel	a/e/i/o/u
Consonant	All the other letters in the alphabet ('y' is a consonant but often makes a vowel sound /ee and /igh)
Direct Speech	Reports the actual words of the speaker "I can see the hill!" said Nadeem.
Inverted Commas	Punctuation used for direct speech " "
Adverbs	E.g. then, next, soon, therefore <u>Soon</u> we had reached the doors to the secret garden.
Clauses	Main clause – A simple sentence that contains a subject and a verb. It makes sense on its own I went to school Subordinate clause – Contains a subordinating conjunction. Adds detail to a main clause; is not a full sentence. The subordinate clause can appear at the start, end or middle of a sentence. I went to school while my brother stayed at home. Or While my brother stayed at home, I went to school



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Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	If the last syllable of a word is stressed and ends with one consonant letter which has just one vowel letter before it, the final consonant letter is doubled before any ending beginning with a vowel letter is added. The consonant letter is not doubled	forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferred gardening, gardener, limiting, limited, limitation
The / i / sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words	These words should be learnt as needed.	myth, gym, Egypt, pyramid, mystery
The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou	These words should be learnt as needed.	young, touch, double, trouble, country
More prefixes	Most prefixes are added to the beginning of root words without any changes in spelling, but see in- below. Like un-, the prefixes dis- and mis- have negative meanings. The prefix in- can mean both 'not' and 'in'/'into'. In the words given here it means 'not'. Before a root word starting with l, in- becomes il- Before a root word starting with m or p, in- becomes im- Before a root word starting with r, in- becomes ir- re- means 'again' or 'back' sub- means 'under'	dis-: disappoint, disagree, disobey mis-: misbehave, mislead, misspell (mis + spell) in-: inactive, incorrect illegal, illegible immature, immortal, impossible, impatient, imperfect irregular, irrelevant, irresponsible re-: redo, refresh, return, reappear, redecorate



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More prefixes	inter— means 'between' or 'among' super— means 'above' anti— means 'against' auto— means 'self' or 'own'.	inter—: interact, intercity, international, interrelated (inter + relat-ed) super—: supermarket, superman, superstar anti—: antiseptic, anticlockwise, antisocial auto—: autobiography, autograph
The suffix -ation	The suffix -ation is added to verbs to form nouns. The rules already learnt still apply.	information, adoration, sensation, preparation, admiration
The suffix -ly	The suffix -ly is added to an adjective to form an adverb. The rules already learnt still apply. The suffix -ly starts with a consonant letter, so it is added straight on to most root words	sadly, completely, usually (usual + ly), finally (final + ly), comically (comical + ly)
Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/	The ending sounding like /ʒə/ is always spelt -sure. The ending sounding like /tʃə/ is 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	measure, treasure, pleasure, enclosure, creature, furniture, picture, nature, adventure



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Endings which sound like / ʒən/	If the ending sounds like /ʒən/, it is spelt as -sion.	division, invasion, confusion, decision, collision, television
The suffix -ous	Sometimes the root word is obvious and the usual rules apply for adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters. Sometimes there is no obvious root word. -our is changed to -or before -ous is added. A final 'e' of the root word must be kept if the /dʒ/ sound of 'g' is to be kept. If there is an /i:/ sound before the -ous ending, it is usually spelt as i, but a few words have e.	poisonous, dangerous, mountainous, famous, various tremendous, enormous, jealous humorous, glamorous, vigorous courageous, outrageous serious, obvious, curious hideous, spontaneous, courteous
Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin)		scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character
Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin)		chef, chalet, machine, brochure



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Words ending with the /g/ sound spell -gue and the /k/ sound spell -que (French)		league, tongue, antique, unique
Words with the /s/ sound spell sc (Latin in origin)	In the Latin words from which these words come, the Romans probably pronounced the c and the k as two sounds rather than one - /s/ /k/.	science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent
Words with the /eɪ/ sound spell ei, eigh, or ey		vein, weigh, eight, neighbour, they, obey
Possessive apostrophe with plural words	The apostrophe is placed after the plural form of the word; -s is not added if the plural already ends in -s, but is added if the plural does not end in -s (i.e. is an irregular plural - e.g. children's).	girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's (Note: singular proper nouns ending in an s use the 's suffix e.g. Cyprus's population)



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Homophones
and near-
homophones

accept/except, affect/effect, ball/bawl, berry/
bury, brake/break, pair/pare, grate/great,
groan/grown, here/hear, heel/heal/he'll, knot/
not, mail/male, main/mane, meat/meet, medal/
meddle, missed/mist, peace/piece, plain/plane,
rain/rein/reign, scene/seen, weather/whether,



New Curriculum Spelling List Years 3 and 4



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

