

KS3 Spelling Lists

Literacy

General Spelling List

It is recommended that students in Key Stage 3 should be helped to learn the spellings below that they find difficult.

accommodation	conclusion	explanation
actually	conscience	February
alcohol	conscious	fierce
although	consequence	forty
analyse/analysis	continuous	fulfil
argument	creation	furthermore
assessment	daughter	guard
atmosphere	decide/decision	happened
audible	definite	health
audience	design	height
autumn	development	imaginary
beautiful	diamond	improvise
beginning	diary	industrial
believe	disappear	interesting
beneath	disappoint	interrupt
buried	embarrass	issue
business	energy	jealous
caught	engagement	knowledge
chocolate	enquire	listening
climb	environment	lonely
column	evaluation	lovely
concentration	evidence	marriage
material	potential	sincerely

meanwhile	preparation	skilful
miscellaneous	prioritise	soldier
mischief	process	stomach
modern	proportion	straight
moreover	proposition	strategy
murmur	questionnaire	strength
necessary	queue	success
nervous	reaction	surely
original	receive	surprise
outrageous	reference	survey
parallel	relief	technique
participation	remember	technology
pattern	research	texture
peaceful	resources	tomorrow
people	safety	unfortunately
performance	Saturday	Wednesday
permanent	secondary	weight
persuade/persuasion	separate	weird
physical	sequence	women
possession	shoulder	

Common Homophones and Confusions

advise/advice	choose/chose	quiet/quite
a lot of	cloth/clothe	sites/sights
affect/effect	conscience/conscious	source/sauce
allowed/aloud	course/coarse	thank you
bought/brought	our/are	threw/through
braking/breaking	practise/practice	to/too/two

The Most Difficult Words to Spell – can you beat the ‘Monster’ Words?

Surplus Letters	Surplus Letters	Surplus Letters	Surplus Letters	Unstressed Vowels
accommodate	desperate	illuminate	paralleled	bachelor
assassin	disastrous	immigrant	parliament	category
acknowledge	dissatisfied	incidentally	penicillin	correspondence
acquire	donkey	indispensable	scholastic	compatible
aggravate	especially	irrelevant	seize	comparative
appropriate	exception	irreparable	science	competent
ballerina	efficient	irresistible	scissors	connoisseur
because	embarrass	immediately	separate	contribute
building	equipped	liaison	unconscious	corroborate
business	erroneous	manoeuvre	unparalleled	criticism
conscious	essential	medicine	usually	disappoint
correspondence	fascinate	Mediterranean	valuable	desperate
colleagues	feasible	miniature	view	deterrent
commemorate	February	minutes	Wednesday	especially
commission	foreign	mortgage		efficient
committee	fulfilled	movable		embarrass
compatible	friends	negotiable		essential
comparative	gauge	necessary		feasible
connoisseur	guile	occasion		February
corroborate	guardian	occasional		foreign
courteous	height	occurrence		government
disappoint	illiterate	parallel		grievance

Monster Words – Continued (Yes...there are more of them!)

Unstressed Vowels	Doubled Letters	Misleading Vowels	Misleading Consonants	Misleading Representation of Morphemes
honorary	accommodate	achieved	accidental	acknowledge
humorous	assassin	acknowledge	knowledge	argument
hypocrisy	acknowledge	aerial	chaos	disastrous
illiterate	acquire	appropriate	conscious	essential
immigrant	aggravate	ballerina	criticism	feasible
incidentally	appropriate	because	especially	forty
indispensable	ballerina	building	exception	desperate
irrelevant	beginning	bureau	expenses	height
irreparable	benefited	business	efficient	humorous
irresistible	correspondence	chief	essential	irreparable
immediately	colleagues	conscious	exercise	livelihood
independent	commemorate	colleagues	fascinate	maintenance
maintenance	commission	connoisseur	foreign	strategy
medicine	committee	courteous	gauge	stratagem
miniature	connoisseur	deterrent	genius	truly
minutes	corroborate	disastrous	height	twelfth
mortgage	disappoint	feasible	honorary	withhold
movable	deterrent	foreign	incidentally	valuable
monetary	dissatisfied	friends	medicine	
necessary	especially	gauge	mortgage	
occurrence	efficient	genius	negotiate	Unexpected
parallel	embarrass	guile	negotiable	Regular Spelling
paralleled	equipped	grievance	necessary	
parliament	erroneous	guardian	occasion	
penicillin	essential	height	occasional	bachelor
scissors	fulfilled	humorous	occurrence	exercise

separate	fulfilment	hypocrisy	penicillin	equipped
strategy	harass	illuminate	preceding	fulfilment
stratagem	hypocrisy	immediately	scholastic	harass
tendency	illiterate	liaison	science	inoculate
transient	illuminate	manoeuvre	scissors	omitted
unparalleled	immigrant	movable	strategy	
usually	incidentally	monetary	stratagem	
valuable	inoculate	preceding	tendency	
	irrelevant	seize	transient	
	irreparable	science	unconscious	
	irresistible	truly	usually	
	immediately	unconscious	Wednesday	
	Mediterranean	usually		
	necessary	valuable		
	occasion	view		
	occasional	Wednesday		
	occurrence	weird		
	omitted			
	omission			
	parallel			
	paralleled			
	penicillin			
	scissors			
	unparalleled			
	withhold			
	usually			

Food Tech

Bowl	Protein(s)
Bridge	Presentation
Carbohydrates	Rubbing in
Chopping	Recipe
Claw	Rolling
Combining	Shaping
Consistency	Sieve
Design	Simmering
Dairy	Vitamins
Diet	Water
Evaluation	Weight
Fats	Weighing
Fermentation	Whisking
Fibre	Yeast
Flour	
Glazing	
Hygiene	
Ingredient	
Kneading	
Knife/knives	
Layering	
Menu	
Melting	
Minerals	

Library

Alphabet	Novel
Alphabetic	Photocopy
Article	Publisher
Author	Publishing
Autobiography	Relevant/relevance
Biography	Section
Bibliography	Series
Book	System
Catalogue	Thesaurus
Chapter	
Classification	
Content	
Copyright	
Dedication	
Dictionary	
Editor	
Encyclopaedia	
Extract	
Fantasy	
Fiction	
Genre	
Glossary	
Index	
Irrelevant/irrelevance	
Librarian	
Magazine	
Newspaper	
Non-fiction	

Art

Abstract	Pattern
Acrylic	Perspective
Balance	Portrait
Charcoal	Proportion
Collage	Rhythm
Collection	Scale
Colour	Shape
Composition	Sketch
Contrast	Space
Crosshatch	Spectrum
Dimension	Texture
Display	Tone
Easel	
Exhibition	
Foreground	
Form	
Frieze	
Gallery	
Harmony	
Highlight	
Illusion	
Impasto	
Kiln	
Landscape	
Line	
Motion	
Palette	
Pastel	

ICT

Adobe Photoshop	Megabyte
Alan Turing	Memory
Algorithm	Microsoft Excel
Binary	Microsoft PowerPoint
Bitmap	Modem
Byte	Module
Charles Babbage	Monitor
Computer	Multimedia
Connect/connection	Network
CorelDraw	Output
Cursor	Password
Delete	Preview
Digital	Processor
Disk	Program
Documents	Programming
Graphic	Scanner
Hardware	Software
Icon	Spreadsheet
Input	Tommy Flowers
Interactive	Virus
Interface	Word processing
Internet	
Justify	
Keyboard	
Line vector	

Geography

Abroad	Landscape
Amenity	Latitude
Atlas	Location
China	Longitude
Climate	Metamorphic
Coasts	Nation
Contour	National
Country	Physical
County	Pollution
Desert	Population
Earthquake	Poverty
Ecosystem	Provision
Employment	Region
Erosion	Regional
Estuary	Rivers
Fairtrade	Rural
Flooding	Sedimentary
Function	Settlement
Glaciation	Situation
Globe	Tourist
Globalisation	Tourism
Habitat	Transport
Human	Transportation
Igneous	Tsunami
Industry	Urban
Infrastructure	Volcano
International	Wealth
Kenya	Weather

Mathematics

Addition	Kilometre	Tonne
Adjacent	Litre	Triangle/triangular
Alternate	Measure	Vertex/vertices
Angle	Metre	Vertical
Amount	Minus	Volume
Approximately	Multiply	Weight
Average	Multiplication	
Axis/axes	Negative	
Calculate	Numerator	
Centimetre	Parallelogram	
Circumference	Percentage	
Corresponding	Perimeter	
Co-ordinate	Perpendicular	
Decimal	Positive	
Degree	Quadrilateral	
Denominator	Questionnaire	
Diameter	Radius	
Digit	Ratio	
Divide/division	Recurring	
Estimate	Reflect	
Equilateral	Reflection	
Equation	Regular/irregular	
Fraction	Rhombus	
Graph	Rotate/rotation	
Guess	Square	
Horizontal	Subtraction	
Isosceles	Symmetry/symmetrical	
Kilogram		

Design Technology

Aesthetics	Cost	Customer
Environment	Safety	Size
Function	Materials	
Isometric	Perspective	Horizon
Horizontal	Vertical	Perpendicular
Conductor	Insulator	Transistor
Capacitor	Resistor	Battery
Cable	Digital	Analogue
Programming	Interface	
Refuse	Reuse	Renew
Recycle	Repair	Reduce
Soldering Iron	Coping Saw	Pliers
File	Plane	Bevel Edged Chisel
Mallet	Rule	Marking Gauge
Marking Knife	Tri Square	Tenon Saw
Engineer's Square	Scriber	Centre Punch
Nibblers	Tin Snips	Bench Shears
Callipers	Ball Pein Hammer	
Design	Brief	Analysis
Research	Specification	Ideas
Development	Final Design	Evaluation
Acrylic	Perspex	Plywood
Aluminium	Oak	Polystyrene
Beech	Steel	Vinyl

Music

Choir	Minim	Score
Chord	Minor	Semibreve
Chromatic	Musician	Synchronise
Composition/conductor	Octave	Syncopation
Crotchet	Orchestra/orchestral	Tempo
Dynamics	Ostinato	Ternary
Harmony	Percussion	Timbre
Instrument/instrumental	Pitch	Triad
Interval	Quaver	Vocal
Lyric	Rhythm	Melody
Major	Scale	Melodic
Pentatonic Scale	Stave	Treble clef
Bass clef	Tone	Semitone
Accompaniment	Structure	Ternary
Duet	Binary	Guitar

PE

Cardiovascular Fitness: The ability to exercise the entire body for a long period of time.

Muscular Strength: The amount of force a muscle can exert against a resistance.

Muscular Endurance: The ability to use the voluntary muscles many times without getting tired.

Flexibility: The range of movement possible in a joint.

Body Composition: The percentage of the body weight that is fat, muscle and bone.

Health: A state of complete mental, physical and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity.

Exercise: Any form of physical activity which maintains or improves health and/or fitness.

Fitness: Ability to meet the demands of the environment.

Performance: How well a task is completed.

Smart: Specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time bound goals.

Individual needs: matching the training to the requirements of the individual.

Specificity: Matching the training to the requirement of the activity.

Progressive Overload: To gradually increase the amount of overload so that fitness gains occur, but without potential for injury.

Rest and Recovery: Rest is the period of time allotted to recovery, recovery is the time required for the repair of damage to the body caused by training or competition.

FITT: Frequency Intensity Time Type

Reversibility: Any adaptation that takes place as a consequence of training will be reversed when you stop training.

Continuous Training: Training at a low to medium intensity for at least 20 minutes with no rest periods.

Weight Training: Using progressive resistance to lift a weight.

Interval Training: Short bursts of high intensity exercise followed by defined periods of rest.

Circuit Training: A number of exercise stations arranged to avoid exercising the same muscle group consecutively.

Fartlek Training: Exercising at different speeds and intensities and over different terrain.

Cross Training: A mixture of different training methods throughout a training programme.

Agility: Ability to change the position of the body quickly and to control the movement of the whole body.

Balance: The ability to retain the centre of mass of the body above the base of support (with reference to static, or dynamic conditions of movement, shape or orientation)

Coordination: Ability to use two or more body parts together.

Power: Ability to undertake strength performances quickly.
Power=strength x speed.

Reaction time: The time between the presentation of a stimulus and the onset of movement.

Speed: The rate an individual is able to perform movement or cover a distance in a period of time.

PSHE

Relationship

Substances

Alcohol

Volatile

Cigarettes

Finance

Budget

Emotion/Emotional

Addict/Addiction

Encourage/ Encouragement

Represent/Representative

Approve/Approval

Sexism/Sexist

Dependant/Dependency

Preference/ Prefer

Stereotype

Discipline

Pressure

Discussion

Racist/ Racism

Communication

Gender

RE

Baptism	Disciple
Hindu/Hinduism	Parable
Prophet	Wedding
Bible/Biblical	Faith
Hymn	Pilgrim/pilgrimage
Religious/religion	Worship
Buddhist/Buddhism	Festival
Immoral/immorality	Pray/prayer
Burial	Funeral
Islam	Prejudice
Sign	Near death experience
Celebrate/celebration	Cremation
Israel	Bar Mitzvah
Sikh/Sikhism	Bat Mitzvah
Ceremony	Brit Milah
Judaism/Jewish	Omnibenevolent
Special	Omnipotent
Christian/Christianity	Omniscient
Marriage	Eternal
Spirit/Spiritual	Natural evil
Commandment	Moral evil
Miracle	Bible
Symbol	Mosque
Commitment	Quaran
Moral/Morality	
Synagogue	
Creation	
Muslim	
Temple	

History

Industry	Rich
Defence	Blitz
Politics	Germany
Political	World War
Bias	Aeroplanes
Disease	America
Priest	Island
Castle	Invade
Document	Attack
Propaganda	Europe
Cathedral	Russia
Dynasty	Agricultural
Protestant	Defence
Catholic	Politics
Economy	Political
Factory	Bias
Empire	Disease
Trade	Priest
Import	Castle
Export	Document
Village	Propaganda
Peasant	Cathedral
Town	Dynasty
Poor	Protestant

Economy	Invasion
Economic (al)	Source
Rebel	Contradict
Rebellion	Contradiction
Chronology	Motive
Chronological	Trade
Emigration	Current
Reign	Parliament
Citizen	Traitor
Government	Agricultural
Religious	
Civilization	
Immigrant	
Republic	
Colony	
Colonisation	
Imperial	
Imperialism	
Revolt	
Revolution	
Conflict	
Independence	
Siege	
Constitution	
Constitutional	