

Year 6 Spelling patterns and words to focus on

Words containing the letter string –ough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ought, bought, thought, nought, brought, fought • ough, tough, enough • cough • though, although, dough • through • thorough, borough • plough, bough
Words with ‘silent’ letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • doubt, island, lamb, solemn, thistle, knight, castle, climb, scissors
Words with ‘y’ sounding ‘i’	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • myth, gym, mystery, system, cylinder, physical, crystal, symptom, oxygen
Words ending in –tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • invention, injection, action, hesitation, completion • expansion, extension, comprehension, tension • expression, discussion, confession, permission, admission, persuasion • musician, electrician, magician, politician, mathematician
Words ending in -ly	<p>1. Regular: Add –ly directly to most adjectives quick → quickly, slow → slowly, brave → bravely, loud → loudly, bright → brightly, safe → safely, strange → strangely</p> <p>2. Ends in –y (change y to i if more than one syllable) happy → happily, noisy → noisily, busy → busily, greedy → greedily, ready → readily, lucky → luckily, funny → funnily</p> <p>3. Ends in –le (change –le to –ly) gentle → gently, simple → simply, humble → humbly, terrible → terribly, possible → possibly, horrible → horribly, responsible → responsibly, incredible → incredibly, visible → visibly</p> <p>4. Ends in –ic (add –ally, except <i>publicly</i>) basic → basically, tragic → tragically, magic → magically, historic → historically, scientific → scientifically, specific → specifically, automatic → automatically, graphic → graphically, realistic → realistically</p>
20 most common words that Year 6 spell incorrectly!	accommodate privilege business nuisance restaurant separate peculiar

	convenience mischievous existence disastrous marvellous definite embarrass environment twelfth wandered immediately recommended relevant
Predictions for this year's test!	double country scheme chemist echo antique perceive ceiling