



## Desert Class Spelling Lessons – Year 5 & 6 words

Autumn Term 1, Autumn Term 2, Spring Term 1 & Spring Term 2

Please revise these spellings during the Easter holiday.

### **Spellings covered during Autumn Term 1 2019**

#### Letter string 'ough'

bough  
cough  
dough  
enough  
bought  
plough  
although  
drought  
thorough  
brought  
rough  
sought

#### Silent Letters

doubt  
island  
lamb  
solemn  
thistle  
knight  
knickers  
numb  
autumn  
whistle  
debt  
isle

#### Homophones (or near homophones)

isle	aisle
aloud	allowed
affect	effect
heard	herd
past	passed
alter	altar
cereal	serial
advice	advise
device	devise
practice	practise
guessed	guest
morning	mourning

#### ible & able

horrible  
terrible  
possible  
edible  
visible  
forcible  
legible  
incredible  
sensible  
reversible  
invincible  
  
adorable  
forgivable  
enjoyable  
valuable  
applicable  
considerable  
tolerable  
reliable  
changeable  
comfortable  
reasonable  
disposable  
breakable

**Spellings covered during Autumn Term 2 2019**

From Statutory Word list

accommodate  
 according  
 achieve  
 awkward  
 definite  
 embarrass  
 environment  
 mischievous  
 muscle  
 privilege  
 relevant  
 temperature  
 aggressive  
 bruise  
 communicate  
 desperate  
 dictionary  
 excellent  
 immediate  
 marvellous  
 neighbour  
 persuade  
 restaurant  
 vegetable  
 competition  
 conscience  
 conscious  
 controversy  
 convenience  
 correspond  
 criticise  
 curiosity  
 definite  
 desperate  
 category  
 cemetery

Use of hyphen

To avoid confusion with other words that don't use a hyphen:

recover / re-cover  
 react / re-act  
 retreat / re-treat  
 resign / re-sign  
 resent / re-sent  
 repress/re-press

Hyphens are used to avoid combining letters and sounds which could be awkward to say or write:

re-enter  
 co-operate  
 co-own  
 de-ice  
 co-ordinate  
 co-exist  
 pre-own  
 de-escalate  
 semi-independent  
 re-invent  
 re-apply  
 all-inclusive

ei after c

deceive  
 conceive  
 receive  
 perceive  
 ceiling

*Exceptions: protein  
 caffeine  
 seize  
 either  
 neither  
 science  
 ancient*

**Spellings covered during Spring Term 1 2020**

Words with endings that sound like /shuhs/

spelt with –cious

vicious  
gracious  
spacious  
malicious  
precious  
conscious  
delicious  
suspicious  
atrocious  
ferocious

*Exceptions:* anxious  
obnoxious

Words with endings that sound like /shuhs/

spelt with –tious

ambitious  
cautious  
fictitious  
infectious  
nutritious  
superstitious  
contentious  
pretentious  
fractious  
scrumptious  
conscientious  
repetitious

Tricky homophones & near homophones

principal	principle
seem	seam
root	route
flaw	floor
draft	draught
desert	dessert
stationary	stationery
steal	steel
wary	weary
who's	whose
course	coarse
cymbal	symbol

Statutory Words

rhythm  
appreciate  
soldier  
ancient  
interfere  
equipment  
determined  
twelfth  
privilege  
variety  
develop  
available

**Spellings covered during Spring Term 2 2020**

Turning –ant adjectives into

–ancy & –ance nouns

observant	observance	(observation)
expectant	expectancy	(expectation)
hesitant	hesitancy	(hesitation)
tolerant	tolerance	(toleration)
relevant	relevance	

Turning –ent adjectives into

–ency & –ence nouns

innocent	innocence	
decent	decency	
excellent	excellence	
existent	existence	
frequent	frequency	
confident	confidence	(confidential)

–cial after a vowel letter

official  
special  
crucial  
beneficial  
artificial

–tial after a consonant letter

partial  
confidential  
essential  
torrential

*Exceptions: initial  
financial  
commercial*

Homophones and Near Homophones

ascent	assent
bridal	bridle
compliment	complement
farther	father
led	lead
precede	proceed

Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer

referring	referred	referral
preferring	preferred	
transferring	transferred	

reference  
referee  
preference  
transference