

Year 2- Spelling Rules

- In Year 2 we learn spelling rules to apply in our own writing and to help us to decode difficult words in our books.
- The list on the next page shows the spelling rules that will be learnt throughout the year.
- Challenge words- are common exception words. These can be found on a separate document on the website.

Spelling Rules – Year 2

1. The /j/ sound spelled –dge at the end of words. This spelling is used after the short vowel sounds.
2. The /j/ sound spelled –ge at the end of words. This spelling comes after all sounds other than the ‘short vowels.’
3. The /j/ sound spelled with a g.
4. The /s/ sound spelled c before e, i and y.
5. The /n/ sound spelled kn and gn at the beginning of words.
6. Challenge Words
7. The /r/ sound spelled ‘wr’ at the beginning of words.
8. The /l/ or /ul/ sound spelled ‘-le’ at the end of words.
9. The /l/ or /ul/ sound spelled ‘-el’ at the end of words. This spelling is used after m, n, r, s, v, w and commonly s.
10. The /l/ or /ul/ sound spelled ‘-al’ at the end of words.
11. Words ending in ‘-il.’
12. Challenge Words
13. The long vowel ‘i’ spelled with a y at the end of words.
14. Adding ‘-es’ to nouns and verbs ending in ‘y.’
15. Adding ‘-ed’ to words ending in y. The y is changed to an i.
16. Adding ‘-er’ to words ending in y. The y is changed to an i.
17. Adding ‘ing’ to words ending in ‘e’ with a consonant before it.
18. Challenge Words
19. Adding ‘er’ to words ending in ‘e’ with a consonant before it.
20. Adding ‘-ing’ to words of one syllable. The last letter is doubled to keep the short vowel sound.
21. Adding ‘-ed’ to words of one syllable. The last letter is doubled to keep the short vowel sound.
22. The ‘or’ sound spelled ‘a’ before ll and ll
23. The short vowel sound ‘o.’
24. Challenge Words
25. The /ee/ sound spelled ‘-ey’
26. Words with the spelling ‘a’ after w and qu.
27. The /er/ and /or/ sound spelled with or or ar.
28. The /z/ sound spelled s.
29. The suffixes ‘-ment’ and ‘-ness’
30. The suffixes ‘-ful’ and ‘-less’ If a suffix starts with a consonant letter. It is added straight onto most root words.
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33. Words ending in ‘-tion.’
34. Contractions – the apostrophe shows where a letter or letters would be if the words were written in full.
35. The possessive apostrophe (singular)
36. Challenge Words