

Middleton Spelling Scheme Overview linked to National Curriculum spelling objectives

An overview of the spelling rules/sounds to be taught for each wordlist

Year 1 – linked to phonics	Sounds/Spelling Rules
Follow the National Curriculum rules and sounds, linking to phonics. Teaching of high frequency words.	
Wordlists 1 - 6 (Year 2)	Sounds/Spelling Rules
List 1	The /d_ɜ/ sound spelt as ge and dge at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before e, i and y The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less often) gn at the beginning of words Common exception words
List 2	The /a_ɪ/ sound spelt –y at the end of words Adding –es to nouns and verbs ending in –y to make them plural Adding –ed, –ing, –er and –est to a root word ending in –y or –e with a consonant before it. Adding –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter Common exception words
List 3	The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –le at the end of words The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –el at the end of words The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –al at the end of words Words ending –il The /ɔ:/ sound spelt a before l and ll Common exception words
List 4	The /i:/ sound spelt –ey The /ɒ/ sound spelt a after w and qu The /ɔ:/ sound spelt o after w The /z/ sound spelt s Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 5	Words ending in –tion words with the /ʌ/ sound spelt o words with the /ɹ/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 6	The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns) Contractions Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
Wordlists 7 – 12 (Year 3)	Sounds/Spelling Rules
List 7	Possessive apostrophe with singular and plural words Use a range of prefixes: -sub and -auto

	Common exception words
List 8	Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 9	The suffix –ly and –ally the months of the year spell the days of the week Common exception words
List 10	The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou More prefixes – dis, mis, in, il Common exception words
List 11	Words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /t_ʃə/ Words with the /e_ɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey Common exception words
List 12	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable Homophones and near-homophones (revision) Common exception words
Wordlists 13 – 18 (Year 4)	Sounds/Spelling Rules
List 13	Endings which sound like /ʃən/, spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion, –ation and –cian Common exception words
List 14	Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin) Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin) Common exception words
List 15	The suffix –ous Topic Vocabulary Common exception words
List 16	More prefixes: super, inter, anti, un Common exception words
List 17	The /ɪ/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words More prefixes – im, re and ir Common exception words
List 18	Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt –gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que (French in origin) spell words with the /s/ sound spelt sc Revision Common exception words
Wordlists 19 – 24 (Year 5)	Sounds/Spelling Rules
List 19	Words containing the letter-string ough Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt –cious or –tious Spell homophones when changing from a noun to an adjective ce→se Common exception words
List 20	Endings which sound like /ʃəl/ Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words

List 21	Words ending in –ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ence and –ency Common exception words
List 22	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 23	Words ending in –ible and -able Words ending in –ably and –ibly Common exception words
List 24	Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
Wordlists 25 - 26 (Year 6)	Sounds/Spelling Rules
List 25	Words with ‘silent’ letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word) Common exception words
List 26	Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words