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Spelling		Statutory requirements	Rules and guidance (non-statutory)	Examples
ee sound spelt ei		words with the ee sound spelt ei after c	The 'i before e except after c' rule applies to words where the sound spelt by ei is ee. Exceptions: protein, caffeine, seize (and either and neither if pronounced with an ee sound)	ceiling conceit deceive perceive receive receipt conceited conceive deceit
hyphenated words		use of the hyphen	Hyphens can be used to join a prefix to a root word, especially if the prefix ends in a vowel letter and the root word also begins with one. Compounds with these prefixes are sometimes (but not always) hyphenated to avoid doubling a vowel or tripling a consonant, and sometimes even to prevent initial misreading or mispronunciation.	To avoid doubling a vowel: co-opt anti-administration de-emphasise co-ordinate re-enter co-operate co-own To avoid tripling a consonant: shell-like To prevent initial reading or mispronunciation: re-cover vs recover: I will re-cover the sofa when I recover from the flu.
ough	making ort sound	words containing the letter string ough.	ough is one of the trickiest spellings in English. It can be used to spell a number of different sounds.	ought bought thought nought brought fought
	making uf sound			rough tough enough
	making off			cough
	making o sound			though although dough
	making oo sound			through breakthrough
	making uh sound			thorough borough
	making ow sound			plough bough

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homophones and near homophones	homophones and other words that are often confused	In these pairs of words, nouns end in ce and verbs end in se. Advice and advise provide a useful clue as the word advise (verb) is pronounced with a z sound, which could not be spelt with a c: advice/advise device/devise licence/license practice/practise prophecy/prophesy	aisle/isle aloud/allowed affect/effect altar/alter ascent/assent bridle/bridal cereal/serial descent/dissent led/lead compliment/complement steal/steel desert/dessert draft/draught father/farther guest/guessed heard/herd morning/mourning past/passed precede/proceed principal/principle profit/prophet stationary/stationery wary/weary who's/whose
silent letters	words with 'silent' letters (letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word) Rules and guidance (non-statutory): Some letters which are no longer sounded used to be sounded hundreds of years ago.	a: artistically logically musically romantically b: bomb dumb lamb numb thumb doubt debt climb comb crumbs numb subtle tomb c: abscess ascend ascent conscience conscious crescent descend descent disciple fascinate fluorescent incandescent isosceles d: Wednesday sandwich handsome edge bridge handkerchief e: breathe g: sign champagne gnaw reign align assign benign campaign cologne consign design feign foreign gnarl gnash gnat gnaw gnome gnu resign h: honest ghost ghoul ghastly Ghana heir hour what whether rhubarb rhyme ache anchor archaeology architect archives chaos character characteristic charisma chemical chemist chemotherapy chlorine choir cholera chord choreograph chorus Christian Christmas chrome echo leprechaun lock mechanical melancholy monarch monochrome orchestra orchid psychic scheme school stomach technical technique technology i: business k: knead knife knight knock knot know knack knapsack knave knee knew knickers knit knowledge knuckle l: would should calf half salmon talk yolk folk calm calf half m: mnemonic n: autumn column condemn damn hymn solemn o: colonel p: corps coup pneumonia psychology receipt pseudo psychiatrist psychiatry psychotherapy psychotic s: aisle island debris bourgeois t: asthma ballet castle gourmet listen rapport ricochet soften apostle bristle bustle fasten glisten hustle jostle listen moisten mortgage often nestle rustle soften thistle trestle whistle wrestle u: guess guard guide guilt guitar baguette biscuit build built circuit disguise guest guild guile rogue w: answer sword two whole wrist write who awry playwright sword wrack wrangle wrap wrapper wrath wreak wreath wreck wreckage wren wrench wrest wrestle wretch wretched wriggle wring wrinkle wrist writ write writhe wrong wrote wrought wrung wry x: faux pas z: rendezvous	

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fer	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in fer	The r is doubled if the fer is still stressed when the ending is added.	conferring deferring inferring misreferring preferring referring retransferring transferring
			conferred deferred inferred misreferred preferred referred retransferred transferred
			conferral deferral referral transferral
		The r is not doubled if the fer is no longer stressed when the ending is added.	referencing refereeing buffering differing offering proffering reoffering suffering interfering
			buffered differed offered pilfered proffered reoffered suffered unbuffered
			circumference conference deference difference indifference inference interference preference reference teleconference transference video-conference
ty		A connecting i commonly precedes the suffix ty.	nudity reality certainty
		When adding the suffix ty to a word ending in ous, the u is dropped from the ous suffix and a connecting i is needed before the ty.	pompous/pomposity

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cious	Endings which sound like shus.	Not many common words end like this. If the root word ends in ce the shus sound is usually spelt as cious. If the root word ends in tion, then the shus sound is usually spelt tious. Exception: anxious	gracious vicious spacious malicious conscious precious unconscious suspicious delicious subconscious ferocious judicious vivacious luscious atrocious precocious tenacious auspicious audacious
tious			ambitious cautious contentious infectious conscientious nutritious pretentious fictitious superstitious fractious facetious surreptitious
cial	Endings which sound like shal.	cial is common after a vowel letter tial is common after a consonant letter Exceptions: initial palatial financial commercial provincial	social special official crucial judicial artificial racial beneficial superficial unofficial facial glacial sacrificial prejudicial antisocial multiracial
tial			potential essential substantial spatial residential presidential partial martial influential differential confidential sequential impartial circumstantial preferential consequential prudential torrential inconsequential evidential insubstantial quintessential celestial

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ant	words ending in ant/ance/ancy	use ant and ance/ancy if there is a related word with an a or an e in the right position. ation endings are often a clue. There are many words, however, where the above guidelines don't help. These words will just have to be learnt.	important significant defendant servant assistant hesitant tolerant expectant migrant observant constant sergeant relevant tenant pleasant consultant merchant infant instant applicant brilliant participant accountant dominant warrant distant covenant elegant unpleasant elephant pregnant reluctant inhabitant claimant irrelevant attendant descendant occupant informant ignorant dependant extravagant pollutant triumphant
ance			performance importance finance distance insurance balance advance appearance circumstance dance glance significance assistance resistance alliance entrance substance allowance acceptance instance enhance assurance appliance attendance ambulance relevance guidance compliance inheritance disturbance ignorance renaissance romance nuisance utterance clearance surveillance tolerance resemblance abundance observance reassurance annoyance avoidance elegance grievance reliance maintenance
ancy			hesitancy expectancy pregnancy redundancy buoyancy consultancy tenancy discrepancy vacancy accountancy occupancy infancy truancy malignancy conservancy ascendancy constancy militancy poignancy vibrancy
ent	words ending in ent/ence/ency	use ent and ence/ency after soft c sound, soft g sound and qu, or if there is a related word with a clear tial sound in the right position. There are many words, however, where the above guidelines don't help. These words will just have to be learnt.	government development different element movement management department president patient frequent comment agreement environment treatment parent statement incident component investment employment argument requirement decent parliament equipment establishment prevent current document recent present experiment accident confident innocent payment assessment involvement commitment arrangement content independent appointment settlement
ence			experience evidence difference obedience innocence influence defence science conference reference silence presence sentence confidence existence audience absence consequence violence sequence offence licence intelligence preference independence essence residence incidence competence prevalence correspondence conscience interference pence dependence negligence occurrence emergence obedience coincidence patience convenience commence insistence excellence inference
ency			agency emergency currency efficiency tendency frequency decency constituency presidency consistency deficiency urgency dependency contingency insolvency potency transparency proficiency complacency delinquency residency fluency competency leniency

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able	words ending in able and ible words ending in ably and ibly these suffixes mean is and can be	The able/ably endings are far more common than the ible/ibly endings. As with ant/ance/ancy, the able ending is used if there is a related word ending in ation. If the able ending is added to a word ending in ce or ge, the e after the c or g must be kept as those letters would otherwise have their 'hard' sounds (as in cap and gap) before the a of the able ending. The able ending is usually but not always used if a complete root word can be heard before it, even if there is no related word ending in ation. The rules already learnt apply. The ible ending is common if a complete root word can't be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word can be heard (e.g. sensible).	adorable advisable agreeable avoidable capable breakable changeable comfortable disposable employable enjoyable laughable fashionable identifiable inexcusable loveable manageable miserable noticeable portable probable reliable remarkable replaceable respectable sociable valuable vegetable
ible			accessible audible credible destructible edible flexible horrible impossible indestructible invincible legible possible responsible reversible sensible susceptible terrible visible
ably			probably presumably reasonably inevitably considerably notably invariably remarkably comfortably preferably suitably arguably understandably uncomfortably unreasonably noticeably conceivably reliably irritably miserably predictably unmistakably undeniably unquestionably inextricably regrettably justifiably unbelievably profitably admirably inexplicably improbably unavoidably uncontrollably impeccably inescapably agreeably amiably appreciably
ibly			possibly terribly audibly forcibly sensibly visibly ostensibly horribly imperceptibly impossibly plausibly irresistibly indelibly invisibly responsibly flexibly perceptibly incredibly