

At Parkside, spellings are set on a weekly basis for Year 5 and 6. Each week children are taught a different spelling rule. They are then tested on the spellings they have been set, as well as unseen spellings to make sure the spelling rule has been learnt. Please find a list of strategies below that may help your child learn the spelling rules at home.

To support your child with learning the spelling rule, here are some useful websites that could help:


[Topmarks Spelling](#)

[BBC Skillswise Spelling](#)

[Active Learn](#)

[Spellzone](#)

Look, say, cover, write, check	<p>This is probably the most common strategy used to learn spellings.</p> <p>Look: first look at the whole word carefully and if there is one part of the word that is difficult, look at that part in more detail.</p> <p>Say: say the word as you look at it, using different ways of pronouncing it if that will make it more memorable.</p> <p>Cover: cover the word.</p> <p>Write: write the word from memory, saying the word as you do so.</p> <p>Check: Have you got it right? If yes, try writing it again and again! If not, start again – look, say, cover, write, check.</p>
Trace, copy and replicate (and then check)	<p>This is a similar learning process to 'look, say, cover, write, check' but is about developing automaticity and muscle memory.</p> <p>Write the word out on a sheet of paper ensuring that it is spelt correctly and it is large enough to trace over. Trace over the word and say it at the same time. Move next to the word you have just written and write it out as you say it. Turn the page over and write the word as you say it, and then check that you have spelt it correctly.</p> <p>If this is easy, do the same process for two different words at the same time. Once you have written all your words this way and feel confident, miss out the tracing and copying or the tracing alone and just write the words.</p>
Segmentation strategy	<p>The splitting of a word into its constituent phonemes in the correct order to support spelling.</p>
Quickwrite	<p>Writing the words linked to the teaching focus with speed and fluency. The aim is to write as many words as possible within a time constraint. Pupils can write words provided by the teacher or generate their own examples. For example, in two minutes write as many words as possible with the /i:/ phoneme.</p> <p>This can be turned into a variety of competitive games including working in teams and developing relay race approaches.</p>
Drawing around the word to show the shape	<p>Draw around the words making a clear distinction in size where there are ascenders and descenders. Look carefully at the shape of the word and the letters in each box. Now try to write the word making sure that you get the same shape.</p> <div data-bbox="692 1675 1230 1832" data-label="Image"> </div>

<p>Drawing an image around the word</p>	<p>This strategy is all about making a word memorable. It links to meaning in order to try to make the spelling noticeable.</p>  <p>You can't use this method as your main method of learning spellings, but it might work on those that are just a little more difficult to remember.</p>
<p>Words without vowels</p>	<p>This strategy is useful where the vowel choices are the challenge in the words. Write the words without the vowels and pupils have to choose the correct grapheme to put in the space. For example, for the word <i>field</i>:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">f _ _ _ ld</p>
<p>Pyramid words</p>	<p>This method of learning words forces you to think of each letter separately.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> p py pyr pyra pyram pyrami pyramid </p> <p>You can then reverse the process so that you end up with a diamond.</p>
<p>Other strategies</p>	<p>Other methods can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rainbow writing. Using coloured pencils in different ways can help to make parts of words memorable. You could highlight the tricky parts of the word or write the tricky part in a different colour. You could also write each letter in a different colour, or write the word in red, then overlay in orange, yellow and so on. • Making up memorable 'silly sentences' containing the word • Saying the word in a funny way – for example, pronouncing the 'silent' letters in a word • Clapping and counting to identify the syllables in a word.

Statutory word list for Years 5 and 6

accommodate	equip (-ped, -ment)	programme
accompany	especially	pronunciation
according	exaggerate	queue
achieve	excellent	recognise
aggressive	existence	recommend
amateur	explanation	restaurant
ancient	familiar	rhyme
apparent	foreign	rhythm
appreciate	forty	sacrifice
attached	frequently	secretary
available	government	shoulder
average	guarantee	signature
awkward	harass	sincere(ly)
bargain	hindrance	soldier
bruise	identity	stomach
category	immediately	sufficient
cemetery	interfere	suggest
committee	interrupt	symbol (h)
communicate	language	system
community	leisure	temperature
competition	lightning (h)	thorough
conscience	marvellous	twelfth
conscious	mischievous	variety
controversy	muscle (h)	vegetable
convenience	necessary	vehicle
correspond	neighbour	yacht
criticise (critic + ise)	nuisance	
curiosity	occupy	
definite	occur	
desperate	opportunity	
determined	parliament	
develop	persuade	
dictionary	physical	
disastrous	prejudice	
embarrass	privilege	
environment	profession	