## No Nonsense Spelling Facts Year 2 - Spelling

## By the end of Year 2, children are expected to be able to spell...

- Words containing the ' $g$ ' sound e.g. after e, i, y as in gem, giant, energy / or in age, huge, change / or in badge, bridge
- Words containing 's' sound spelt ' $c$ ' before e, i, and y e.g. race, cell, ice, city
- Words beginning with 'kn' or 'gn' e.g. knock, knee, gnaw, gnat
- Words beginning with 'wr' e.g. write, wrong, wrap, written
- Words containing 'le' at the end of words e.g. table, bottle, apple, little
- Words containing 'el' at the end of words e.g. camel, squirrel, tunnel, travel
- Words containing 'al' at the end of words e.g. metal, pedal, animal, hospital
- Words ending in 'il' e.g. pencil, fossil, nostril
- The ' $i$ ' sound spelt with a ' $y$ ' at the end of words e.g. fly, try, cry, reply, July
- Adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in -y e.g. fly = flies, baby = babies (the ' y ' is changed to ' $i$ ' before es is added)
- Adding - ed, -ing, -er, -est to a root word ending in -y with a consonant before it e.g. copy = copied, copier / happy = happier, happiest / cry = cried / reply = replied but copying, crying, replying
- Adding -ed, -ing, -er, -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before it e.g. hike $=$ hiking, hiked, hiker $/$ nice $=$ nicer, nicest
- Add - ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter e.g. hum = hummed, humming / pat = patting, patted / drop = dropped, dropping / sad = sadder, saddest / run = runner, runny
- Words containing the 'or' sound spelt 'a' before I and II e.g. all, ball, call, walk, talk, always
- Words containing the 'u' sound spelt 'o' e.g. other, mother, brother, nothing, Monday
- Words containing 'ey' e.g. key, monkey, donkey, chimney, valley
- Words containing the sound spelt 'a' after w and qu e.g. want, watch, wander, quantity, squash
- Words containing the sound spelt 'or' after w e.g. word, worm, work, world, worth


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- Words containing the sound spelt 'ar' after w e.g. war, warm, towards
- Words containing the 's' sound e.g. television, treasure, usual
- Words containing suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly e.g. enjoyment, sadness, careful, playful, hopeless, plainness, badly
- Words containing suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly which end in a -y with a consonant before it and have more than one syllable e.g. merriment, happiness, plentiful, penniless, happily
- Words containing contractions e.g. can't, didn't, hasn't, couldn't, it's, l'll
- Words containing a possessive apostrophe e.g. the girl's, the boy's, the child's, the man's
- Words ending in -tion e.g. station, fiction, motion, national, section
- Homophones and near homophones e.g. there, their, they're / here, hear / quite, quiet / see, sea / bear, bare / one, won / sun, son / to, too, two / blue, blew / night, knight
- Year 2 common exception words

| door | elimb | even | class | sugar | people |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| floor | most | great | grass | eye | water |
| poor | only | break | pass | could | again |
| because | both | steak | plant | should | half |
| find | old | pretty | path | would | money |
| kind | cold | beautiful | bath | who | Mr |
| mind | gold | after | hour | whole | Mrs |
| behind | hold | fast | move | any | parents |
| child | told | last | prove | many | Christmas |
| children | every | past | improve | elothes |  |
| wild | everybody | father | sure | busy |  |

## Top Tip

Each week key spellings will be recorded in your child's Reading, Spelling and Homework Diary. The secret to success is practising little and often. Use time wisely. Can you practise your weekly key spellings while walking to school or during a car journey? You don't need to practise them all at once: perhaps you could have a spelling of the day. If you would like more ideas, please speak to your child's teacher.

