

Grade 6 Spelling Words

List #1 Rule “kw” sound is spelled “qu”./ Q is always followed by a “u”

quiet	quiver	quilt	quite
quick	quote	quill	quake
advice	among	arctic	arguing

List #2 Rule “i” before “e”, except after “c” (usually)

Receive	perceive	field	belief
Niece	siege	weird	deceive
Amateur	boundaries	business	balance

List #3 Rule (PREFIX) a word that is combined with the prefix dis is spelled with ss if the root word originally begins with s, but with a single s if it begins with any other letter.

Disagree	disappear	dissimilar	distaste
Disassemble	disappoint	disregard	dissatisfy
Criticize	coming	dining	eighth

List #4 Rule- the final -s rule: Nouns that end with -s, -z, -x, -sh, -ch Add -es

Glasses	buzzes	boxes	bushes
switches	beaches	leeches	passes
effect	grammar	incredible	knowledge

List #5 When a word ends in a consonant followed by a silent e, drop the e before you add **ing**.
Examples: bribe, **bribing**; drive, **driving**; save, **saving**; urge, **urging**.

bribing	driving	urging	taking
stating	skating	spacing	pleasing
lightning	quizzes	losing	marriage

List #6 **Double Consonants Before Suffixes -- Part 1**

When a monosyllable (a word of one syllable) ends in a single consonant preceded by a single vowel, you double the consonant before adding **ing, ed, er, est**.

starring	hemming	wrapper	platter
skipping	flapping	stemming	tapped
loneliness	maybe	restaurant	rhyme

List #7 **Identify Suffixes**

When a word has a suffix (a letter or group of letters at the end), you can generally apply a test similar to the prefix test. Imagine a hyphen between the word and the suffix; double the letter if the word ends and the suffix begins with the same sound; but do not double when the two letters are different.

actually	sincerely	cleverness	soulless
heartless	kindness	particularly	happiness
writing	villain	annual	sense

List #8 keep the Y Before Adding ING

When a word ends in y preceded by a consonant, keep the y before adding **ing**, but change the y to **i** before adding **es** or **ed**.

crying	flies	tried	replying
prying	skies	copying	satisfied
principal	mathematics	miniature	separate

List #9 Double Consonants Before Suffixes -- Part 2

When a word of more than one syllable ends in a single consonant preceded by a single vowel, you double the consonant before adding **ing**, **ed**, **er**, **est**.

reoccurring	committed	forbidden	compelling
rebelled	admitting	submitted	propelling
control	village	humorous	hoping

List #10 Know the *Sedes* and the *Ceeds*

Only one word ends in **sedē**: supersede. Only three words end in **ceed**: exceed, proceed, succeed. All other words ending with this pronunciation use **cede**: concede, precede, recede, etc.

exceed	proceed	succeed	concede
precede	recede	supersede	until
dictionary	incredible	embarrass	definitely

List #11 Using homonyms correctly...spelling and usage

Threw, through right, write weight, wait tied, tide vary, very choose, chews
Cent, sent knight, night there, their guessed, guest steak, stake
Here, hear new, knew week, weak whether, weather cereal, serial

List #12 SH Sound

s-h is used at the beginning of a word, at the end of a syllable but not at the beginning of any syllable after the first one, except for the ending, "ship." (shut, fish, nation)

nation	creation	relationship	patience
delicious	membership	sensational	splashes
schedule	quantity	shining	similar

List #13 2-letter "k" (ck) may be used only after a single vowel which says, "ă" - "ĕ" - "ĭ" - "ō" - "ŭ"
(pack, peck, pick, pock, puck)

struck	pluck	pocket	locket
trekked	plaque	pecking	breaking
controversial	hindrance	heroes	opportunity

List #14 Nouns that end in *-o* Add *-es* , there are exceptions though

Potatoes	echoes	buffaloes	volcanoes
kangaroos	studios	mottoes	cargoes
fascinated	disastrous	privilege	explanation

List #15 We often double l, f, s, after a single vowel, at the end of a one-syllable word.

Full	pass	puff	cuff
Wall	stall	mass	stroll
Environment	possessing	transferring	sergeant

List#16 Exceptions to the I before e rule

Neither	foreign	sovereign	seismograph
counterfeit	forfeit	leisure	heifer
kaleidoscope	feisty	sleight	protein

List#17 3-letter “j”(dge) may be used after a single vowel which says, 'a' 'e' 'i' 'o' 'u'

Badge	edge	ridge	lodge
fudge	dodge	sludge	grudge
pudgy	smudge	hedge	sledge

List#18 Greece unit words

acropolis	agora	ancient	artifacts
city-state	constitution	chitons	democracy
marathon	oligarchy	peninsula	philosophers

List #19 evidence unit words

chromatography	bifurcation	whorl	arch
humus	identikit	perpetrator	forensics
evidence	criminal	inference	observation