



Year 2 Spring 1 Spelling Rules

1. kn and gn making the /n/ sound at the start of words.

In some words starting with the /n/ sound, there is a silent k or a silent g. You only ever see this at the start of words!

The silent k is more common.

Spellings to learn:			
knot	knew	knock	gnaw
know	knee	gnat	gnome

Bonus challenge: other words to remember: knit, knife, gnash.

2. wr making the /r/ sound at the start of words.

In some words starting with the /r/ sound, there is a silent w. You only ever see this at the start of words!

Spellings to learn:			
wrap	write	wrist	wriggle
wrote	wrong	wrestle	wreck

Bonus challenge: other words to remember: written, wren, wreath, wrath.

3. Soft c and soft g before e, i and y.

Sometimes, the letter 'c' can make the /s/ sound.

The letter 'g' can make the 'j' sound.

This usually happens before the letters e, i and y.

Spellings to learn:			
pencil	city	gem	giant
circle	rice	germ	cage

Bonus challenge: other words to remember: race, ice, cell, face, fancy, space, bicycle, spicy, magic, giraffe, energy.

4. The /j/ sound spelt 'ge' and 'dge' at the end of words.

Sometimes, the /j/ sound is spelt 'ge'. This only happens at the end of words.



Sometimes, the /j/ sound is spelt 'dge' at the end of words. This usually happens after a short vowel sound - /a/ /e/ /i/ /o/ /u/

Spellings to learn:			
charge	fringe	ledge	fudge
large	badge	bridge	wedge

Bonus challenge: other words to remember: age, huge, village, dodge.

5. The /l/ sound spelt 'le' and 'el' at the end of words.

Sometimes, the /l/ sound is spelt 'le' or 'el'. This only happens at the end of words.



Spellings to learn:			
 'le' as in 'castle'		 'el' as in 'camel'	
apple	castle	vowel	camel
bottle	poodle	towel	travel

Bonus challenge: other words to remember: table, little, tinsel, squirrel.

6. The /l/ sound spelt 'al' and 'il' at the end of words.

Sometimes, the /l/ sound is spelt 'al' or 'il'. This only happens at the end of words.

Note: 'il' is less common.

Spellings to learn:			
 'al' as in 'metal'		 'il' as in 'pencil'	
metal	pedal	pencil	fossil
animal	capital	nostril	
hospital			

Bonus challenge: other words to remember: oval, pupil.