



St Andrew's Spelling Skills Progression Ladder

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1.Words where 'ou' makes an /ow/	1.Words that are homophones	1.Words ending in '-tious' and '-ious'	2.Challenge Words
sound	2.Words with the prefix 'in-'	2.Words ending in '-cious'	3.Challenge Words
2.Words where 'ou' makes a /u/	3. Words with the prefixes 'il-', 'im-'	3.Words ending in /shul' spelled.	4.Challenge Words
sound	and 'ir-'	'-cial'	5.Challenge Words
3.Words where 'y' makes an /i/	4.Words with the prefix 'sub-'	4.Words ending in /shul/ spelled	6.Challenge Words 7.Challenge Words
sound	5. Words with the prefix 'inter-'	'-tial'	8.Challenge Words
4.Words ending in '-sure'	6.Challenge Words.	5.Words ending in /shul/ spelled	9.Challenge Words
5.Words ending in '-ture'	7.Words ending in '-ation'	'-cial' and '-tial'	10.Challenge Words
6.Challenge words	8.Words ending in '-ation'	6.Challenge words	11.Words with the short vowel sound /i/
7. Words with the prefix 're-'	9.Words ending '-ly'	7.Words ending in '-ant'	spelled 'y'
8. Words with the prefix 'dis-'	10.Words ending '-lly'	8. Words ending in '-ance' and '-ancy'	12.Words with the long vowel sound /igh/
9. Words with the prefix 'mis-'	11.Words where 'ch' makes a /sh/	9.Words ending in '-ent' and '-ence'	spelled 'y'
10. Words where '-ing' and '-ed' are	sound	10.Words ending in '-able' and '-ible'	13.Adding the prefix '-over'
added to multisyllabic words	12.Challenge Words	11.Words ending in '-ably' and '-ibly'	14. Words with the suffix '-ful'
11.Words where '-ing', '-en' and '-ed'	13.Words ending in '-sion'	12.Challenge Words	15.Words that can be nouns and verbs 16.Words with an /oa/ sound spelled 'ou'
are added to multisyllabic words	14. Words ending in '-ous'	13.Words ending in '-able', where	or 'ow'
12.Challenge words	15. Words ending in '-ous' where the	the 'e' from the root word remains	17. Words with a 'soft c' spelled 'ce'
13. Words with the 'ai' digraph	ge from the root word remains	14.Words that are adverbs of time	18. Words with the prefixes 'dis-', 'un-',
14. Words with the 'ei' digraph	16.Words where 'i' makes an /ee/	15.Words ending in '-fer'	'over-' and 'im-'
15. Words where 'ey' makes an /ai/	sound	16.Words with 'silent' first letters	19.Words with a /f/ sound spelled 'ph'
sound	17. Words ending in '-ious' and 'eous'	17.Words with 'silent' letters	20.Words with origins in other countries
16.Adding the suffix '-ly'	18.Challenge Words	18.Challenge Words	and languages
17. Words that are homophones	19.Words where 'au' makes an /or/	19.Words spelled with 'ie' after c	21.Words with unstressed vowel sounds
18.Challenge Words	sound	20.Words where 'ei' makes an /ee/	22.Words ending with /shuhl/ spelled
19. Words ending in 'al'	20.Words ending in '-tion'	sound	cial' 23.Words ending with /shuhl/ spelled
20. Words ending in 'le'	21.Words ending in '-sion'	21.Words where 'ough' makes an	tial'
21.Adding '-ly' when the root word	22.Words ending in '-cian'	/or/ sound	24.Words beginning with 'acc'
ends in '-le'	23.Words that are adverbs of	22.Words containing 'ough'	25.Words with the suffix '-ably'
22.Adding '-ally' when the root word	manner	23.Adverbs of possibility and	26.Words with the suffix '-ible'
ends in '-ic'	24.Challenge Words	frequency	27.Adding the suffix '-ibly' to create an
23.Adding '-ly' when the words do	25. Words that are homophones	24.Challenge Words	adverb
not follow the spelling patterns	26. Words spelled with 'c' before 'i'	25.Words that are homophones or	28.Words ending in '-ent' and '-ence'
24.Challenge Words	and 'e'	near homophones	29. Words ending in '-er', '-or' and '-ar'
25. Words ending in '-er' when the	27. Words containing 'sol' and 'real'	26.Words that are homophones	30.Adverbs synonymous with determination
root word ends in 'ch'	28. Words containing 'phon' and	27.Words that are homophones	31.Adjectives to describe settings
26.Words where 'ch' makes a /k/	'sign'	28.Words that are homophones or	32.Adjectives to describe feelings
sound	29. Words with the prefixes 'super-',	near homophones	33.Adjectives to describe characters
27.Words where 'que' makes a /k/	'anti-' and 'auto	29.Words that are homophones or	34.Grammar Vocabulary 1
sound	30. Words with the prefix 'bi-'	near homophones	35.Grammar Vocabulary 2
			36.Mathematical Vocabulary

28.Words w	here 'sc' makes a /s/	31.Challenge Words	30.Challenge Words	
sound		32. Words containing an apostrophe	31.Words with hyphens	
29.Words th	nat are homophones	for possession	32.Challenge Words	
30.Challeng	ge Words	33.Revision of spelling patterns	33.Revision: Year 5 words	
31.Words th	nat end in 'sion'	learned in Stage 4	34.Revision: Year 5 words	
32.Revision	of spelling patterns	34.Revision of spelling patterns	35.Revision: Year 5 words	
learned in S	Stage 3	learned in Stage 4	36.Revision: Year 5 words	
33.Revision	of spelling patterns	35.Revision of spelling patterns		
learned in S	Stage 3	learned in Stage 4		
34.Revision	of spelling patterns	36.Revision of spelling patterns		
learned in S	Stage 3	learned in Stage 4		
35.Revision	of spelling patterns	_		
learned in S	Stage 3			
36.Revision	of spelling patterns			
learned in S	Stage 3			
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