



# English Key Learning – Year 6 Term 1



## Key aim: To spell Year 5 common exception words

This term's home learning focusses on consolidating children's understanding and spelling of the year 5 common exception words. Below is a list of the key words children should be able to spell.

<p>We will be highlighting some topic specific vocabulary and high frequency words from the children's learning in school that may be added here.</p>	<p>Accommodate accompany achieve aggressive amateur ancient apparent appreciate</p>	<p>attached available average awkward bargain bruise category cemetery</p>	<p>committee communicate community competition conscience conscious controversy convenience</p>
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### Supporting your child's spelling

<p><b>What happens when we spell words?</b></p> <p>There are many stages and processes involved in spelling – more than we might think. Children who are good at spelling use lots of different ways to help them. Children who find spelling hard tend to rely on just one.</p>	<p><b>Spelling involves:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sounds and letters</li> <li>• Syllables and grouping letters together</li> <li>• Meaning and understanding of what words mean and where they come from</li> <li>• Patterns of letters</li> <li>• The way words look</li> <li>• Handwriting</li> <li>• Memory</li> <li>• Rules</li> </ul>
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### Suggested Activities

**Games** - Can your child guess which word you are thinking of, based on your clues? Can they match the word to the picture? Can you guess the word based on their clues?

**Understanding** - Check that your child knows what the word they are learning to spell means.

**Spot the deliberate mistake** - If you write out the words (and make a deliberate mistake) can your child find it (don't forget to tell them, you have made a mistake)?

**Recognise the positives** - If you are checking spellings with your child, tick all the bits they got right. Everyone likes lots of ticks.

**Mix it up** - The key to spelling is practice, but don't feel like you have to use the same method all of the time. Try something different every day.

Thank you for your continued support.