

Year 3/year 4 statutory word list grouped by area

suffix -ly, -ally	-ible words	split digraph – long vowel sounds	Other words
accidentally actually occasion(ally) probably	possible	Two letters make one sound that are split (e.g. guide - ‘i-e’) arrive decide describe extreme guide surprise (review work from Year 1)	answer breath breathe build calendar complete consider continue early earth experiment group guard forward(s) fruit heard heart history imagine important increase island learn length material minute natural often particular peculiar perhaps popular potatoes promise purpose quarter regular remember sentence special (-tial words) straight strange strength surprise woman/women
‘n’ spelt as ‘kn’	<b>-ough letter strings</b>  enough though/although thought through (currently taught in Years 5/6)		
knowledge knowledgeable			
<b>-tion and -sion</b>	<b>Words from other countries</b>		
words mention occasion position possess(ion) question	bicycle (cycle - from the Greek for <i>wheel</i> ) (bi-meaning ‘two’)	<b>cross-curricular words</b>	
<b>‘or’ sound spelt ‘augh’</b>	<b>‘i’ sound spelt as ‘u’</b>	earth eight/eighth fruit heart history increase minute natural opposite position quarter regular weight material experiment length	
caught naughty (regional pronunciation)	busy/business		
	<b>adding prefixes</b>		
<b>‘ei’, ‘ey’ and ‘eigh’ sounds</b>	(dis)appear (dis)believe (re)build (re)position		
eight/eighth reign weight height (exception)	<b>unstressed vowels</b>		
<b>adverbials</b>	different favourite February interest library ordinary separate	<b>‘s’ sound spelt as ‘c’ before ‘e’, ‘i’ and ‘y’</b>	
therefore		bicycle centre century certain circle decide exercise experience medicine notice recent (review work from Year 2)	
<b>-ous words</b>			
famous various	<b>double consonants</b>		
	address appear arrive different difficult disappear grammar occasion opposite pressure suppose		