

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')	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
	-ough letter strings		
'n' spelt as 'kn'	enough though/although thought through (currently taught in Years 5/6)	arrive decide describe extreme guide surprise (review work from Year 1)	
knowledge knowledgeable	Words from other countries	cross-curricular words	
-tion and -sion	bicycle (cycle - from the Greek for <i>wheel</i>) (bi-meaning 'two')		
words mention occasion position possess(ion) question	'i' sound spelt as 'u'	earth eight/eighth fruit heart history increase minute natural opposite position quarter regular weight material experiment length	
'or' sound spelt 'augh'	busy/business	's' sound spelt as 'c' before 'e', 'i' and 'y'	
caught naughty (regional pronunciation)	adding prefixes		
'ei', 'ey' and 'eigh' sounds	(dis)appear (dis)believe (re)build (re)position	bicycle centre century certain circle decide exercise experience medicine notice recent (review work from Year 2)	
eight/eighth reign weight height (exception)	unstressed vowels		
adverbials	different favourite February interest library ordinary separate		
therefore			
-ous words			
famous various	double consonants		
	address appear arrive different difficult disappear grammar occasion opposite pressure suppose		