

Year 5 Spellings Term 4 2026

Please help your child to learn these words. Try out some of the strategies on the back of this sheet



Go for Diamond! Depending on your spelling ability you will have a target to achieve each week - however you are always welcome to try to exceed your target. Everyone should learn all the **Ruby** words each week. Some of you will be expected to learn the **Amber** and the **Diamond** words too. Have a go at learning the words every night for a few minutes. **Every Monday** we will check your progress. **REMEMBER: Use the Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check Strategy!**

Test Date	02/03/2026	09/03/2026	16/03/2026	23/03/2026
Rule	Words spelt 'ie' after c	Words with an 'ee' sound spelt 'ei' (after c)	Words containing letter string 'ough' where the sound is aw	Words with the letter string 'ough' where the sound is o, ow or uff
	RUBY must learn	RUBY must learn	RUBY must learn	RUBY must learn
	science	either	bought	though
	ancient	receive	fought	although
	species	deceive	thought	dough
	<i>people</i>	<i>children</i>	<i>sugar</i>	<i>beautiful</i>
	<i>which</i>	<i>said</i>	<i>improve</i>	<i>because</i>
	AMBER should learn	AMBER should learn	AMBER should learn	AMBER should learn
	efficient	neither	ought	rough
	scientist	seize	sought	enough
	glacier	protein	nought	tough
	<i>bruise</i>	<i>category</i>	<i>muscle</i>	<i>rhyme</i>
	<i>attach</i>	<i>develop</i>	<i>physical</i>	<i>rhythm</i>
	DIAMOND could learn	DIAMOND could learn	DIAMOND could learn	DIAMOND could learn
	deficient	caffeine	brought	plough
	sufficient	receipt	wrought	bough
	emergencies	perceive	afterthought	toughen
	inefficient	conceive	thoughtfulness	doughnut
	<i>environment</i>	<i>government</i>	<i>twelfth</i>	<i>parliament</i>

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Use your eyes

- Look at the word. Is it short? Is it long? What else do you notice when you look at it?
- Can you see any small words inside your word?
- Take a picture of the word in your mind. Shut your eyes. Can you see it?
- Write the tricky part of the word in a different colour.

Use your hand

- Write the word in the air.
- Write the word in your best joined handwriting.
- Write the word again with your eyes shut.



Use your brain

- What does this word mean? Look it up in the dictionary if you're not sure.
- Put it in a sentence.
- Can you spell bits of this word already?
- Can you write any words that rhyme with this one?
- Do you know other words with the same pattern?



Use your ears

- Say the word out loud. Spell it out loud.
- Clap the syllables.
- Say the word in a silly or exaggerated way
e.g. Wed-nes-day



Use your friend

- Show your word list to your friend. Give some clues about one word. Can they guess the word?
- Ask your friend to 'write' one of your words on your back with their finger - can you feel and imagine the letters?
- Sort your words e.g. alphabetically or by length or the number of syllables. Can your friend see how you have sorted them?
- Ask your friend to 'test' you when you know all your words.



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