



Year 6 Spelling

At Colindale, children are taught spelling strategies from a programme called **No Nonsense Spelling**.

By the end of year 6, children need to be able to spell all the common exception words from years 3, 4, 5 and 6. All the words lists are below.

For home learning, you can use these lists to help your child revise words from previous years and learn the year 6 words.

Please be aware that if your child has Special Education Needs (SEN) or has English as an Additional Language (EAL), or is new to English, they may need to work on a lower year group list. You can speak to their teacher about the best word lists to practice with them.

Year 3 Key Words								
Common Exception Words								
accident	arrive	decide	enough	heart	minute	perhaps	question	various
accidentally	believe	describe	February	height	naughty	popular	reign	weight
actual	bicycle	early	forward	history	notice	potatoes	sentence	woman
actually	centre	earth	forwards	learn	occasion	promise	strange	women
address	century	eight	fruit	length	occasionally	purpose	thought	
answer	circle	eighth	heard	library	often	quarter	through	

Year 4 Key Words								
Common Exception Words								
although	calendar	difficult	favourite	increase	natural	possession	separate	though
appear	caught	disappear	grammar	interest	opposite	possible	special	
breath	certain	exercise	group	island	ordinary	pressure	straight	
breathe	complete	experience	guard	knowledge	particular	probably	strength	
build	consider	experiment	guide	material	peculiar	recent	suppose	
busy	continue	extreme	imagine	medicine	position	regular	surprise	
business	different	famous	important	mention	possess	remember	therefore	



Year 5 Key Words

Common Exception Words								
amateur	bruise	curiosity	equip	familiar	interfere	nuisance	queue	soldier
ancient	cemetery	desperate	equipped	foreign	language	occupy	recognise	stomach
apparent	communicate	determined	equipment	forty	leisure	occur	rhyme	temperature
available	community	develop	excellent	government	lightning	persuade	rhythm	twelfth
average	conscience	dictionary	existence	hindrance	muscle	physical	secretary	vegetable
bargain	convenience	environment	explanation	individual	neighbour	programme	shoulder	

Year 6 Key Words

Common Exception Words								
accommodate	attached	controversy	especially	immediate	opportunity	recommend	sincerely	variety
accompany	awkward	correspond	exaggerate	immediately	parliament	relevant	sufficient	vehicle
according	category	criticise	frequently	interrupt	prejudice	restaurant	suggest	yacht
achieve	committee	definite	guarantee	marvellous	privilege	sacrifice	symbol	
aggressive	competition	disastrous	harass	mischievous	profession	signature	system	
appreciate	conscious	embarrass	identity	necessary	pronunciation	sincere	thorough	