

Mr Turnbull's Spelling Group – Autumn Term 2

(Week beginning 4th November 2025)

Week 1

Words containing the letter string 'ough'. As one of the trickiest spellings in the English language, 'ough' can be used to spell a number of different sounds.

bought thought rough thorough cough through plough dough
bargain recommend relevant restaurant

Week 2

Use '-ant' and '-ance'/'-ancy' if there is a related word with a long or short vowel /a/ sound in the right position. '-ation' endings are often a clue. (i.e. conversation/conversant)

observation observance expectation expectancy hesitation hesitant
dominance toleration tolerance conversant attached available

Week 3

Words ending in '-ant', '-ance'/'-ancy' that don't follow the spelling rule. We just have to learn them!

compliance vibrancy valiant infancy extravagance elegance adamant
soldier stomach average awkward vehicle

Week 4

Use '-ent' and '-ence'/'-ency' after a soft 'c', soft 'g', and 'qu', or if there is a clear short vowel /e/ sound in the right position.

innocent decent frequency intelligent emergency eloquence
consequence bruise variety vegetable category cemetery

Week 5

A few more exceptions to the rules...

vengeance perseverance assistant confidence obedient independent
yacht community sufficient twelfth signature sincere

Week 6

ASSESSMENT – Friday 12th December 2025