

Miss Johnson's Spelling Group – Spring Term 1

(Week beginning 5th January 2026)

Week 1

The /shun/ sound is spelt '-sion' when the root word ends in 'd', 'de' or 'se'. Exceptions – attend = attention, intend = intention

extension persuasion explosion tension collision comprehension
suspension infusion erosion invasion

Week 2

The /shun/ sound is spelt '-cian' when the root word ends in 'c' or 'cs'
musician electrician mathematician optician magician politician
technician physician clinician beautician ('beauty technician')

Week 3 – Red Tricky Words

regular complete remember sentence separate special thought
weight straight favourite

Week 4 – Homophones and Near-Homophones

It is as important to know the difference in meaning between homophones and near-homophones as it is to spell them correctly.
rain/rein/reign weather/whether whose/who's by/buy/bye

Week 5

The prefix 'auto-' means 'self' or 'own'.

autograph autopilot automatic autobiography

Red Tricky Words

strength suppose surprise bicycle business medicine

Week 6

ASSESSMENT – Friday 13th February 2026

Homophones and Near-Homophones

"It's going to **rain** later – you will need to bring an umbrella."

The **reign** of Queen Elizabeth lasted over seventy years making it the longest **reign** of any British monarch.

You need to pull on both **reins** to stop or slow a horse, but only pull on one **rein** to get the horse to change direction.

The **weather** forecast showed nothing but **rain** for the next three days.

"You will have a bath **whether** you like it or not!"

He didn't know **whether** to go or stay.

"**Who's** going to the park later?" "**Who's** that girl you were talking to?"

She wondered **whose** coat was on the floor.

"**Whose** pencil is this?"

You can **buy** many things in a supermarket.

"Will you **buy** me some sweets?"

He walked straight **by** me.

The supermarket is **by** the park.

He'd already said **bye** to them all earlier.

Good **bye**!