

Mr Turnbull's Spelling Group – Spring Term 1

(Week beginning 5th January 2026)

Week 1

Words ending in '-able/-ably' are far more common than those ending in '-ible/-ibly'. The '-able' ending is usually used if a complete root word can be heard before it. In words like 'reliable' and 'enviable', where the root word ends in 'y' ('rely', 'envy'), the 'y' changes to an 'i'.

respectable enviable agreeable enjoyable reliable reasonable dependable
communicate competition conscience conscious dictionary

Week 2

The '-ible' ending is common if a complete root word can't be heard before it but it also sometimes occurs when a complete word can be heard (i.e. sensible)

horrible edible invincible possible terrible sensible reversible
equipped curiosity definite harass foreign

Week 3

'-ibly/-ably' words

incredibly audibly compatibly irritably understandably predictably neighbour
nuisance appreciate opportunity parliament persuade

Week 4

Words with silent letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)

Some letters which are no longer sounded used to be sounded hundreds of years ago (i.e. in 'knight', there was a 'k' sound before the 'n')

doubt island lamb solemn thistle knight wrapping January
physical prejudice privilege profession

Week 5

More words with silent letters

condemn isosceles anchor architect stomach moisten silhouette baguette
programme pronunciation queue recognise

Week 6 - ASSESSMENT – Friday 13th February 2026