

Gordon Primary Spelling Scheme

Overview of rules/sounds to be taught

An overview of the spelling rules/sounds to be taught for each wordlist

Wordlists 1 - 6 (Year 1)	Sounds/Spelling Rules
List 1	Vowel digraphs and trigraphs: ay oy oi ee a-e Common exception words
List 2	Vowel digraphs and trigraphs: oo oa oe ou The sounds /f/, /l/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck The /ŋ/ sound spelt n before k Common exception words
List 3	Vowel digraphs and trigraphs: ar ir ur ow ue ew Common exception words
List 4	Vowel digraphs and trigraphs: or ore aw air ear are Common exception words
List 5	Vowel digraphs and trigraphs: ai i-e o-e u- e ie igh -tch Common exception words
List 6	The /v/ sound at the end of words Adding s and es to words (plural of nouns and the third person singular of verbs) Adding the endings -ing, -ed and -er to verbs where no change is needed to the root word New consonant spelling: wh Words ending -y (/i:/ or /ɪ/) Common exception words

Wordlists 7 - 12 (Year 2)	Sounds/Spelling Rules
List 7	The /d_ʒ/ sound spelt as ge and dge at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before e, i and y The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y The /n/ sound spelt kn and (less often) gn at the beginning of words Common exception words
List 8	The /a_ɪ/ sound spelt –y at the end of words Adding –es to nouns and verbs ending in –y Adding –ed, –ing, –er and –est to a root word ending in –y with a consonant before it. Adding –ed, –ing, –er and –est to a root word ending in –e with a consonant before it. Adding –ing, –ed, –er, –est and –y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter Common exception words
List 9	The /ɹ/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –le at the end of words The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –el at the end of words The /l/ or /əl/ sound spelt –al at the end of words Words ending –il The /ɔ:/ sound spelt a before l and ll The /ʌ/ sound spelt o Common exception words
List 10	The /i:/ sound spelt –ey The /ɒ/ sound spelt a after w and qu The /ɔ:/ sound spelt a after w The /z/ sound spelt s Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 11	Words ending in –tion Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 12	The possessive apostrophe (singular nouns) Contractions Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words

Wordlists 13 - 18 (Year 3)	Sounds/Spelling Rules
List 13	Possessive apostrophe with singular and plural words Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 14	Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 15	The suffix –ly Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 16	The /ʌ/ sound spelt ou More prefixes Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 17	Words with endings sounding like /zə/ or /t_ʒə/ Words with the /e_ɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 18	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable More prefixes Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words

Wordlists 19 - 24 (Year 4)	Sounds/Spelling Rules
List 19	Endlings which sound like /jən/, spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion and –cian Common exception words
List 20	The suffixes –ation and –sion Common exception words
List 21	The suffix –ous Common exception words
List 22	More prefixes Common exception words
List 23	The /ɪ/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words More prefixes Common exception words
List 24	The suffix –ous Words with the /k/ sound spelt ch (Greek in origin) Words with the /ʃ/ sound spelt ch (mostly French in origin) Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt –gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que (French in origin) Common exception words

Wordlists 25 - 30 (Year 5)	Sounds/Spelling Rules
List 25	Words containing the letter-string ough Endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt – cious or -tious Common exception words
List 26	Endings which sound like /ʃəl/ Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 27	Words ending in –ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, - ence and –ency Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 28	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 29	Words ending in –ible and -able Words ending in –ably and –ibly Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 30	Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in –fer Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
Wordlists 31 & 32 (Year 6)	Sounds/Spelling Rules
List 31	Words with ‘silent’ letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word) Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words
List 32	Homophones and near-homophones Common exception words