

Year 4 Spelling List

Set 1: Long 'a' sound:

snake

male

female

able

table

cable

stable

change

whale

strange

stranger

awake

later

gaze

waste

taste

rain

aid

afraid

maintain

aim

claim

fainting

daisy

dainty

failed

daily

strain

raising

grain

mermaid

pray

birthday

anyway

spraying

always

haystack

saying

stray

stayed

staying

crayon

lady

ladies

babies

cradle

famous

razor

laser

Make sure that the students are using the Progressive Phonics picture chart which gives key words, (the words in bold), e.g. 'snake' goes with 'plate'.

Set 2: long 'e' sound

tree

agreed

indeed

needle

geese

asleep

sleeping

speech

screech

fleet

sleet

creek

sleeve

deer

knee

kneel

sea

tease

east

beaten

screamed

weak

beast

squeal

steal

squeak

meal

season

eagle

reason

leave

fear

Easter

key

valley

trolley

volley

pony

silly

empty

berry

cherry

happily

plenty

lovely

angry

muddy

marry

Set 3: long 'i' sound

five

knife

knives

strife

while

awhile

surprise

alive

lives

arrive

divide

size

spike

fly

type

multiply

apply

reply

supply

light

high

right

fight

might

tight

sight

flight

Set 4: long 'o'

note

alone

throne

phone

dome

broken

suppose

clothes

vote

open

globe

noble

closer

over

boat

boast

moan

loan

loaves

toadstool

cloak

foam

coal

foal

snow

sparrow

swallow

slowly

blown

followed

tomorrow

barrow

arrow

owner

burrow

hollow

narrow

rainbow

Set 5: long 'u'

cube

useful

useless

amuse

perfume

sure

surely

pure

figure

picture

duet

cruel

mule

value

excuse

prune

These sound like long 'u' but made with 'oo'

spoon

choose

loose

droop

stoop

cocoon

kangaroo

brood

ooze

bamboo

glue

glued

gluing

blue

Set 6: 'air' in 'air'

chair

dairy

affairs

dairy

dairies

fairly

repair

pear

wear

bear

dare

fare

bare

Set 7: 'ar in 'car'

car

heart

artist

started

collar

charm

scarlet

startle

shark

cardboard

pardon

These sound like 'ar' but made with 'a'

glass

rather

afternoon

nasty

flask

path

bath

koala

calves

halves

master

Set 8: 'ear' in 'ear'

ear

fearful

earwig

spear

unclear

deer (sounds like 'ear' but made with 'eer')

eerie

career

meerkat

jeer

Set 9: 'er' in 'fern'

fern

over

never

clever

driver

hotter

corner

order

finger

remember

together

ladder

timber

Easter

person

yesterday

tiger

bird (sounds like 'er' but made with 'ir')

twirl

whirl

birth

circled

circling

circumference

church (sounds like 'er' but made with 'ur')

curtain

further

murmur

murder

curd

return

returned

hurl

pearl ('ear' sounds like 'er' in these)

learn

earn

Set 10: 'oi' in 'coin'

coin

avoid

choice

voice

moist

topsoil

rejoice

Set 11: 'oo' on 'book'

book

wool

woolen

woolly

booked

cooked

booking

cooking

good-bye

crooked

Set 12: 'or' in 'fork'

fork

storm

morning

sport

port

porch

sort

torch

north

corner

fortnight

score

These sound like 'or' but made with 'aw'

saw

law

fawn

sawing

bawl

squawk

thaw

sprawl

drawer

strawberry

Set 13: 'ow' in 'cow'

cow

power

powerful

trowel

owl

powder

fowl

drown

howl

These sound like 'ow' but made with 'ou'

house

bound

mound
trousers
fountain
bounce
pounce
mountain
pouch
mount
amount
wound
spout
counted

Spelling activities – select activities appropriate to the word. You can give the student this code, and write a number next to the word to indicate what they have to do with that word.

1. Write the word in a sentence.
2. Write the meaning of this word.
3. Draw a picture of this word.
4. Think of a word with a similar meaning.
5. Think of a word with the opposite meaning.
6. Think of a word that rhymes with this word.