



Year 5/6 National Curriculum Spellings

Autumn 1

Spelling	Endings which sound like /əʃ/ spelt -cious or -tious		Endings which sound like /ʃəl/		Words ending in -ant, -ance/-ancy, -ent, -ence/-ency					
Rule and Guidance	Not many common words end like this. If the root word ends in -ce, the /ʃ/ sound is usually spelt as c – e.g. vice – vicious, grace – gracious, space – spacious, malice – malicious. Exception: anxious.		-cial is common after a vowel letter	-tial after a consonant letter	Use -ant and -ance/-ancy if there is a related word with a /æ/ or /eɪ/ sound in the right position; -ation endings are often a clue. Use -ent and -ence/-ency after soft c (/s/ sound), soft g (/dʒ/ sound) and qu, or if there is a related word with a clear / / e sound in the right position. There are many words, however, where the above guidance does not help. These words just have to be learnt.					
Example Words	vicious gracious spacious malicious precious conscious delicious suspicious atrocious ferocious	ambitious cautious fictitious infectious nutritious contentious superstitious pretentious anxious obnoxious	official special artificial social racial crucial facial beneficial superficial antisocial	partial confidential essential substantial torrential sequential potential spatial martial influential	ant observant expectant hesitant tolerant relevant	ance observance tolerance relevance	ancy expectancy hesitancy	ent innocent decent excellent confident existent	ence innocence excellence confidence existence	ency decency
Teaching method	Root Word + Suffix		Fred Talk (ci/ti + al)		Fred Talk					