

Maple Class, Year 4 Spelling Word List 12th January 2026

Year 3 and 4 word list

Revision: Autumn Term Y3 and 4 words	To learn this week: Year 3 and 4 word list
<p>Rule:</p> <p>The Year 3 and 4 word lists contain words that should always be spelled correctly in your writing, and you should know to check them.</p>	
actual	believe
appear	century
arrive	consider
busy	different
certain	difficult
describe	earth
disappear	eight
famous	experiment
favourite	extreme
guide	history
heard	perhaps
heart	probably
height	recent
imagine	reign
material	thought
often	woman/women
opposite	
ordinary	
popular	
regular	
sentence	
surprise	
weight	

Top Tips for learning a spelling:

1. Test yourself – how many do you know? Look at what you got right and what you got wrong. Often, people are wrong only because of one letter.
2. Learn your spellings using scrabble tiles. Pick out the letters to make the word. Mix them up and make the word from memory.
3. Look at the way colour has been used in the examples. The colour is used to pick out the rule or the syllables: Write out your spellings using this two colour method: vegetable
4. Find words within words: vegetable
5. Learn the rule. Make sure you understand it.
6. Make your own flashcards – learn three a day.
7. Spelling strategies for this year

<p>Identify the graphemes in a word:</p> <p>special</p> <p>s - p - e - c - i - a - l</p> <p>. . . - . .</p>	<p>Write each syllable of the word in a different colour.</p> <p>es-ti-mate</p>	<p>Identify the tricky bit in your word. Write it in a different colour.</p> <p>knee</p>
<p>Spelling graffiti</p> <p>Use a fancy font to spell the word.</p> <p>GRAFFITI</p>	<p>Look at the word, thinking about the shape. Close your eyes and see the shape outline.</p> <p>hippopotamus</p>	<p>Make up a mnemonic.</p> <p>rhythm</p> <p>Rhythm helps your two hips move</p>

Choose a strategy and practice some of the harder words for this week using that strategy.