

Maple Class, Year 4 Spelling, 2nd February 2026

Learning Objective: words ending in -cian.

Success Criteria:

- I will know a range of ways to learn my spellings.
- I will be able to identify what is difficult to remember in one of these words and use a strategy that helps me most to help learn it.

Rule: If a word ends in -c or -cs, the -cian suffix is used to turn a root word into an occupation.

Example: music ends in a -c so -cian is added to it to make musician.

Look	Trace	Copy 1	Copy 2
politician	politician		
magician	magician		
musician	musician		
mathematician	mathematician		
beautician	beautician		
electrician	electrician		
clinician	clinician		
technician	technician		
optician	optician		
dietician	dietician		
physician	physician		
statistician	statistician		

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

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

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