

Maple Class, Year 4 Spelling, 26th January 2026

Learning Objective: words ending in -ssion.

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: The -ssion suffix is used when a root word ends in -ss or -mit.

Example: admit ends in -mit, so admit becomes admission.

Look	Trace	Copy 1	Copy 2
admission	admission		
aggression	aggression		
confession	confession		
discussion	discussion		
expression	expression		
mission	mission		
permission	permission		
possession	possession		
procession	procession		

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. Write out your spellings using this two colour method.
4. Learn the rule. Make sure you understand it.
5. Make your own flashcards – learn three a day.

6. 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. <i>es</i> - <i>ti</i> - <i>mate</i>	Identify the tricky bit in your word. Write it in a different colour. <i>knee</i>
Spelling graffiti Use a fancy font to spell the word. 	 Look at the word, thinking about the shape. Close your eyes and see the shape outline. 	Make up a mnemonic. <i>rhythm</i> <i>Rhythm helps your two hips move</i>