

Maple Class, Year 5 Spelling Word List 12th January 2026

Year 5 and 6 word list

Revision: Autumn Term Y3 and 4 words	To learn this week: Year 5 and 6 word list
Rule:	
The Year 3 and 4 and Y5 and 6 word lists contain words that should always be spelled correctly in your writing, and you should know to check them.	
arrive	attached
appear	category
build	committee
complete	definite
disappear	exaggerate
extreme	excellent
guard	foreign
history	interrupt
imagine	lightning
important	marvellous
peculiar	mischievous
promise	privilege
strength	relevant
thought	rhythm
	stomach
	symbol
	twelfth
	yacht

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.