



## Spelling Rules for Spring 1



### Note for parents

Most weeks a spelling pattern will be taught in school. The words listed here are examples that fit the pattern we are exploring in class.  
The weekly spelling test will include these words plus 5 that fit the pattern but are not known in advance.  
We hope that testing the rule rather than learning a list of words by rote, will help your child to spell well in their writing across the curriculum.

For challenge words and homophones, 10 spelling words will be set and tested.

Spelling tests will take place on a Wednesday.

The long vowel /a/ spelled 'ai'	
Rule	Example words
Find as many words that fit this spelling pattern as you can	straight paint snail chain waist

The long vowel /a/ spelled 'ei'	
Rule	Example words
Find as many words that fit this spelling pattern as you can	vein weigh eighty reign reindeer

The long vowel /a/ spelled 'ey'	
Rule	Example words
Find as many words that fit this spelling pattern as you can	obey they survey prey grey

The suffix -ly	
Rule	Example words
Adding the suffix -ly to an adjective turns it into an adverb	calmly exactly bravely deeply clearly

Homophones	
Rule	Example words
These are words that are spelled differently, have different meanings but SOUND the same!	their there they're grate great meat missed mist grown groan

Challenge Words	
Rule	Example words
These are tricky words to be learned by heart.	build describe imagine library natural ordinary promise recent suppose weight

Useful websites: [www.spellzone.com](http://www.spellzone.com)  
[www.school360.co.uk](http://www.school360.co.uk) (login needed)  
[www.spellingframe.co.uk](http://www.spellingframe.co.uk)