



## Spelling Rules for Autumn 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.

The /i/ sound spelled with a 'y.'	
Rule	Example words
Sometimes the short /i/ sound is spelled with a y.	Egypt Egyptian pyramid mystery symbol

Adding '-ing' to words of one syllable.	
Rule	Example words
The last letter is doubled to keep the short vowel sound.	running dropping sitting clapping wrapping

Contractions	
Rule	Example words
The apostrophe shows where a letter or letters would be if the words were written in full .	can't couldn't doesn't didn't wasn't

Challenge words	
Rule	Example words
No pattern - these words must be learned by heart.	move prove improve sure sugar eye could should would who

The /ow/ sound spelled 'ou.'	
Rule	Example words
Found often in the middle of words, sometimes at the beginning and very rarely at the end of words.	mouth sound found around proud

The /u/ sound spelled 'ou.'	
Rule	Example words
This digraph is only found in the middle of words.	touch double country enough young

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)