

Group 1 List 1

**Drop the 'e' when adding
'ing'**

love – loving
give – giving
take – taking
move – moving
drive – driving
make – making
smile – smiling
dance – dancing
have – having
taste - tasting

Group 2 List 1

**Drop the 'e' when adding
'ing'**

excite – exciting
surprise – surprising
believe – believing
receive – receiving
dine – dining
lose – losing
refuse – refusing
parachute – parachuting
rejoice – rejoicing
escape – escaping

Group 3 List 1

**Drop the 'e' when adding
'ing'**

persuade – persuading
achieve – achieving
pronounce – pronouncing
receive – receiving
decide - deciding
reconcile – reconciling
improve – improving
announce – announcing
desire – desiring
perspire – perspiring

Group 1 List 2
Words ending with 'ly'

sadly
madly
safely
surely
family
cuddly
quickly
lightly
lovely
wisely

Group 2 List 2
Words ending with 'ly'

finally
readily
happily
certainly
smoothly
rapidly
horribly
greedily
carefully
beautifully

Group 3 List 2
Words ending with 'ly'

magnificently
immediately
monotonously
beautifully
wastefully
separately
accurately
thoroughly
dangerously
fantastically

Group 1 List 3

'i' comes before 'e' when the sound is 'ee'

shield

field

thief

chief

brief

grief

piece

view

fierce

fiercely

Group 2 List 3

'i' comes before 'e' when the sound is 'ee'

thieves

shriek

mischief

relieve

grieve

retrieve

believe

achieve

priest

briefly

Group 3 List 3

'i' before 'e', except after 'c', when the sound is 'ee'

believable

unbelievable

mischievous

achievable

retrievable

believing

receipt

receive

receiving

deceitful

Group 1 List 4

Double the final consonant when adding a suffix which begins with a vowel

pop – popper
thin – thinnest
flop – flopped
hop – hopping
grab – grabbed
rub – rubbed
hug – hugged
forbid – forbidden
clap – clapping
drum – drummer

Group 2 List 4

Double the final consonant when adding a suffix which begins with a vowel

wrap – wrapped
swap - swapping
dial – dialling
span – spanned
strip – stripped
unzip – unzipped
shrug – shrugged
scrub – scrubbed
knit – knitted
swim – swimmer

Group 3 List 4

Double the final consonant when adding a suffix which begins with a vowel

omit – omitted
swat – swatted
duel – duelling
fuel – fuelling
worship – worshipped
kidnap – kidnapper
tunnel – tunnelling
prefer – preferred
label – labelling
deter - deterred

Group 1 List 5**Change 'y' to 'i'**

cherry – cherries

berry – berries

carry – carried

cry – cried

fly – flies

tiny – tiniest

marry – married

story – stories

lily – lilies

lazy – lazily

Group 2 List 5**Change 'y' to 'i'**

heavy – heaviest

heavier

easy – easiest

merry – merrily

city – cities

happy – happiness

nasty – nastiness

daisy – daisies

supply – supplier

weary – wearily

Group 3 List 5**Change 'y' to 'i'**

empty – emptier

lonely – loneliness

mystery – mysterious

weary – weariness

vary – variation

clumsy – clumsily

dictionary – dictionaries

wealthy – wealthiest

melody – melodious

multiply – multiplied

Group 1 List 6

Words with silent letters

scissors
should
listen
stalk
write
young
guess
knee
thumb
half

Group 2 List 6

Words with silent letters

vague
science
guilty
gnome
scene
honest
whistle
ghost
wreckage
design

Group 3 List 6

Words with silent letters

ghastly
schedule
knowledge
wrinkled
answer
doubt
guarantee
rhinoceros
rhythm
fascinated

Group 1 List 7
'tion' sounds like 'shun'

friction
fiction
fraction
function
mention
direction
invention
reduction
solution
operation

Group 2 List 7
'tion' sounds like 'shun'

conversation
dictionary
invitation
attention
commotion
pollution
condition
preparation
population
education

Group 3 List 7
'tion' sounds like 'shun'

observation
declaration
destruction
repetition
correction
extinction
rotation
organisation
demonstration
competition

Group 1 List 8

'le' sounds like 'ul' or 'el'

bubble
crumble
meddle
handle
cradle
stable
rubble
saddle
example
trouble

Group 2 List 8

'le' sounds like 'ul' or 'el'

chuckle
trickle
wiggle
bicycle
uncle
icicle
candle
bundle
double
sample

Group 3 List 8

'le' sounds like 'ul' or 'el'

struggle
article
people
triangle
obstacle
tremble
scribble
miracle
idle
knuckle

Group 1 List 9

'ight' sounds like 'ite' or 'ate'

eight
bright
flight
sight
fight
night
light
tight
tonight
right

Group 2 List 9

'ight' sounds like 'ite' or 'ate'

height
weight
delight
fright
mighty
slight
plight
lightning
might
eighteen

Group 3 List 9

'ight' sounds like 'ite' or 'ate'

lighthouse
nightmare
knight
tighten
blight
slightly
frightened
delightful
eighty
sightseer

Group 1 List 10
'ible' or 'able'?

lovable
movable
available
cable
comfortable
vegetable
changeable
horrible
possible
terrible

Group 2 List 10
'ible' or 'able'?

replaceable
reliable
probable
valuable
acceptable
sensible
visible
impossible
believable
immovable

Group 3 List 10
'ible' or 'able'?

noticeable
manageable
justifiable
understandable
profitable
responsible
edible
permissible
unbelievable
invisible

**Group 1 List 11
contractions**

I have I've
we are we're
we have we've
I would I'd
do not don't
cannot can't
Is not isn't
did not didn't
he is he's
she is she's

**Group 2 List 11
contractions**

have not haven't
were not weren't
would not wouldn't
could not couldn't
he will he'll
what is what's
here is here's
are not aren't
did not didn't
cannot can't

**Group 3 List 11
contractions**

they are they're
they have they've
she will she'll
there is there's
should not shouldn't
does not doesn't
must not mustn't
need not needn't
will not won't
who is who's

Group 1 List 12

'ough'

plough

cough

trough

enough

thought

sought

fought

bought

nought

ought

Group 2 List 12

'ough'

tough

enough

cough

borough

thorough

although

afterthought

forethought

brought

wrought

Group 3 List 12

'ough'

rough

trough

throughout

thorough

bough

thoroughly

thoughtful

although

wrought

drought

Group 1 List 13

soft 'c'

mice

prince

city

pencil

twice

face

lettuce

space

cities

circus

Group 2 List 13

soft 'c'

princess

cyclone

circle

cinema

decide

icicle

parcel

special

ambulance

romance

Group 3 List 13

soft 'c'

necessary

decision

circumference

circular

miscellaneous

fascinate

licence

pronounce

circumstances

tricycle

Group 1 List 14
double consonants

address
attic
mammal
disappoint
different
accept
official
corridor
squabble
difficult

Group 2 List 14
double consonants

butterfly
disappear
beginning
travelling
appointment
immediate
immense
occupy
commence
suddenly

Group 3 List 14
double consonants

embarrass
jewellery
accommodation
recommend
aggressive
accuracy
anniversary
occurred
committee
possession

Group 1 List 15**'en' or 'on'?**

soften
bacon
golden
apron
wooden
falcon
lemon
siren
skeleton
weapon

Group 2 List 15**'en' or 'on'?**

woollen
squadron
poison
shorten
cushion
reason
person
citizen
lengthen
pollen

Group 3 List 15**'en' or 'on'?**

strengthen
lesson
moisten
common
season
python
patron
burden
prison
champion

Group 1 List 16**'or' words**

actor
visitor
sailor
mirror
author
senior
inventor
operator
tremor
tailor

Group 2 List 16**'or' words**

tutor
mayor
incubator
instructor
emperor
governor
bachelor
objector
calculator
radiator

Group 3 List 16**'or' words**

protractor
generator
incinerator
conqueror
percolator
refrigerator
superior
councillor
navigator
accelerator

Group 1 List 17

soft 'g'

gem
page
magic
change
danger
gentle
large
cottage
orange
engine

Group 2 List 17

soft 'g'

strange
gentleman
manage
village
carriage
gigantic
bandage
general
giraffe
Bridgewater

Group 3 List 17

soft 'g'

engineer
Egyptian
magician
privilege
margarine
illegible
refrigerator
messenger
exaggerate
logical

All groups List 18
Science spellings

bulb
sound
science
force
gravity
soluble
insoluble
dissolve
evaporate
temperature
solution
conductor
insulator
bacteria
arteries

All groups List 18
Science spellings

bulb
sound
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arteries

Group 1 List 19**'dis' words**

disable
distrust
disturb
display
disprove
dispose
disrupt
distant
distance
discuss

Group 2 List 19**'dis' words**

disguise
disinterested
disrepair
dissimilar
dissatisfy
distinction
discovery
disappear
disadvantaged
distinguish

Group 3 List 19**'dis' words**

distinguished
distressed
disagreement
dissatisfaction
discourteous
disappointment
discontinuous
dissimilarity
discretion
disorganised

Group 1 List 20
Mixture of spellings

most
journey
cities
materials
centre
known
noisy
special
aware
believe

Group 2 List 20
Mixture of spellings

amongst
known
capable
delivered
exciting
creatures
including
successful
interesting
different

Group 3 List 20
Mixture of spellings

successful
interesting
required
frequently
unusual
particularly
developed
purpose
carriages
actually

Group 1 List 21

‘ex’

extend
excuse
expand
exhaust
exchange
explode
exit
expert
except
excited

Group 2 List 21

‘ex’

exactly
express
extension
extreme
explosive
excess
excellent
expression
experiment
expense

Group 3 List 21

‘ex’

extremely
exterior
exercise
exterminate
exceptional
extraordinary
excitement
exclaim
exclamation
excursion

Group 1 List 22

'aught'

caught
daughter
draught
draughtboard
fraught
haughty
laughter
naughty
slaughter
taught

Group 2 List 22

'aught'

distraught
draughtiest
fraught
granddaughter
haughtily
naughty
naughtiness
onslaught
slaughtered
taught

Group 3 List 22

'aught'

distraught
draughtier
draughtsman
fraught
haughtiness
laughter
naughtily
onslaught
slaughterhouse
stepdaughter

Group 1 List 23

'que'

cheque
frequent
queen
query
question
queue
request
sequel
squeak
squeeze

Group 2 List 23

'que'

banquet
bequeath
bequest
boutique
conquer
frequency
inquest
quench
racquet
sequence

Group 3 List 23

'que'

bouquet
conqueror
consequently
delinquent
eloquence
equestrian
grotesque
subsequent
technique
unique

Group 1 List 24

‘sign’

signpost
design
resign
signal
signet
signature
countersign
assign
ensign
signify

Group 2 List 24

‘sign’

assigned
resigned
consigned
redesign
designate
designer
significant
reassign
assignment
signatory

Group 3 List 24

‘sign’

assignation
consignment
designated
insignia
insignificant
reassigned
resignation
resignedly
significance
significantly

Group 1 List 25
'ph' sounds like 'f'

alphabet
dolphin
elephant
graph
microphone
phrase
sphere
telephone
triumph
trophy

Group 2 List 25
'ph' sounds like 'f'

atmosphere
autograph
graphic
nephew
orphan
paragraph
phantom
phobia
photograph
physics

Group 3 List 25
'ph' sounds like 'f'

amphibian
apostrophe
hyphen
pharmacy
pheasant
phoenix
physical
prophet
symphony
typhoon

Group 1 List 26

'ic' and 'cian'

mathematics

music

politics

optician

magician

electric

physics

clinic

statistics

cosmetic

Group 2 List 26

'cian' means expert

mathematician

musician

politician

beautician

optician

magician

electrician

physician

technician

clinician

Group 3 List 26

'cian' means expert

dietician

obstetrician

paediatrician

statistician

tactician

physician

technician

clinician

mathematician

politician

Group 1 List 27

'ure'

picture
future
failure
feature
nature
pleasure
pressure
capture
measure
mixture

Group 2 List 27

'ure'

nurture
leisure
torture
assure
adventure
overture
treasure
puncture
departure
brochure

Group 3 List 27

'ure'

assurance
azure
venture
conjure
acupuncture
agriculture
allure
aperture
architecture
caricature

Group 1 List 28
'full' becomes 'ful'

hopeful
thankful
playful
harmful
careful
fearful
shameful
faithful
handful
beautiful

Group 2 List 28
'full' becomes 'ful'

boastful
powerful
awful
wakeful
grateful
skilful
mouthful
pitiful
plentiful
beautiful

Group 3 List 28
'full' becomes 'ful'

wonderful
spiteful
disgraceful
colourful
scornful
doubtful
bountiful
merciful
fanciful
beautiful

Group 1 List 29**Confusables**

their
they're
there
where
wear
were
whose
who's
you're
your

Group 2 List 29**Tricky words**

awkward
ache
because
Wednesday
February
interesting
friend
beginning
answer
weather

Group 3 List 29**Tricky words**

necessary
occasion
xylophone
parallel
restaurant
separate
camouflage
nuisance
business
tongue

Group 1 List 30
prefixes

aeroplane
microfilm
bicycle
aquatic
autograph
audience
transport
millionaire
triple
circle

Group 2 List 30
prefixes

aerodrome
microphone
binoculars
aquarium
automatic
audible
transfer
millimetre
triangle
circular

Group 3 List 30
prefixes

aerodynamic
microscope
bisect
Aquarius
autobiography
audition
transplant
milliennium
tricycle
circumference