

Year 6 Spelling Overview- Autumn 1, 2025-26

**Block 1:**

**Concept: Homophones and Near-homophones revisited**

**Etymology: bio**

weeks beginning 01.09.25 and 08.09.25

## Speed Spell words



guest	farther	heard	whose	herd
bridle	wary	allowed	principle	dessert
past	principal	desert	lead	weary
cereal	who's	mourning	steel	bridal
aloud	steal	led	guessed	serial

## The root word bio means life.

Word	Meaning
biology	the study of living organisms
biome	a distinct land area characterised by the plants, animals and climate found there
biography	a written account of someone's life
biodiversity	the variety of plant and animal life in a habitat
bioactive	having a biological effect on a living organism
probiotics	live bacteria and yeast that are good for digestion

**Block 2**  
**Concept: Prefixes and Suffixes revisited**  
**Etymology: scend**  
weeks beginning 15.09.25 and 22.09.25

## Speed Spell words



unlimited      immature      historically      irregular      exploration  
gently      co-operate      courageous      dissatisfied      misremembered  
penniless      autograph      thoughtfully      impossible      believable  
families      grumpiness      illogically      enjoyable      re-enter  
swimming      interactions      mistaken      replied      unnaturally

The root words scend and scent mean climb.

Word	Meaning
descent	an act of coming or going down
ascent	the act of climbing or going up
transcend	go beyond the normal limits of something
descendant	a person who is related to you and lives after you
condescend	behave towards someone as if you are more important

### Block 3

Concept: Statutory Word List

Etymology: quin

weeks beginning 29.09.25 and 06.10.25

## Speed Spell words



familiar	recognise	conscious	individual	prejudice
excellent	persuade	shoulder	forty	harass
bargain	necessary	programme	criticise	queue
recommend	interfere	amateur	restaurant	conscience
guarantee	signature	sacrifice	interrupt	cemetery

The root word quin means fifth or five.

Word	Meaning
quintile	one of five equal groups into which a set of things can be divided
quintet	a group of five singers or instrumentalists
quintuple	become five times bigger
quintuplet	any one of five children born at the same time to the same mother

## Block 4

**Concept: Endings which sound like /ʃə/ spelt -cious or -tious**

**Endings which sound like /ʃə/**

**Etymology: hept/sept**

weeks beginning 13.10.25 and 03.11.25

### Speed Spell words



essential	special	cautious	precious	scrumptious
gracious	initial	ferocious	crucial	substantial
official	suspicious	residential	infectious	confidential
vicious	beneficial	anxious	conscious	superficial
ambitious	partial	financial	influential	delicious

The root words hept and sept mean seven.

Word	Meaning
heptagon	a shape with seven straight sides
heptathlon	an athletic contest incorporating seven track and field events
septuplets	seven offspring delivered at a single birth
septet	a group of seven singers or musicians