

50 spellings you need to know by the end of year 9

homophones

your
you're
aisle
isle
accept
except
site
sight
aloud
allowed

roots

spec: look

respect
expect
perspective
specific
spectacle

anti: against

antagonise
anticlimax
antipathy
antonym
anticlockwise

sion/tion/cian

action
contribution
collaboration
exaggeration
conclusion
persuasion
extension
musician
politician
technician

cious or tious

unconscious
vicious
gracious
suspicious
audacious
cautious
ambitious
nutritious
fictitious
superstitious

commonly misspelt words

vacuum
tyranny
absence
conscience
environment
language
possession
privilege
separate
unfortunately

PREFIXES

-re
again
-ex
out of/away from
-per
through/thoroughly
-con/col/co
with/together
-un
not
-super
above/beyond,
extremely

Root words, prefixes and suffixes

ROOT

spec –
look
anti-
against

SUFFIXES

-tion/sion
act/process/result
-cian
a person who
-ate
to make or do
-tive
having the nature or quality of
-cious/tious
full of
-ment
action, process of result

antonym

against

name

A word which has an opposite meaning

Strategies for spelling homophones

your/you're

your – pronoun to show possession (your bag) contains the pronoun 'our'

you're – contraction of 'you are' (remember the apostrophe replaces the missing letter 'a')

aisle/isle

A

aisle - a passageway (for example in a supermarket or at a wedding ceremony)

isle - comes from the same root as 'island'. (Remember the silent 's' to help remember the spelling differences '**i**s/land')

accept/except

accept – verb meaning to receive or agree to something.

except – meaning to **ex**clude (both words begin with **exc**)

Prefix – **ex** (**out**) Root – **cept** from the Latin *capere* (**to take**)

site/sight

site – refers to a location (Think – site contains the word 'sit'. You might '**sit**' at a '**site**)

sight – refers to the ability to see Think: **light** gives **sight** – they both contain **-ight**.

aloud/allowed

aloud – refers to sound and contains the word **-loud**

allowed – is a verb meaning having been given permission to do something. (**al/low/ed**)

sion/tion/cian?

-tion words

Words with this ending all stem from noun root words and end –t or -te

action (act) contribution (contribute) exaggeration (exaggerate)

-sion words

Words with this ending are often formed from verbs ending with -d, -de, se, -t.

conclusion (conclude) persuasion (persuade) extension (extend)

-cian words

Means a person who (relating to occupations or roles)

politician musician technician

cious or tious?

-cious - often used when the root/stem word ends in **-ce** (*or has a -c near the end of it*)

uncon**scious** – con(science)

grac**ious** - grace

susp**icious** – suspect

-tious – used when the root word ends in **-tion**

caut**ious** – caution

ambit**ious** – ambition

nutrit**ious** - nutrition

Commonly misspelt words

vacuum – vac/**u**/um – sound out the silent **-u**

tyranny – ty/ran/ny

absence – ab/sence (root word end with **-t**; replace with **-ce**)

conscience – con/science (root word end with **-t**; replace with **-ce**)

environment – en/vir**o**/ment (sound out the silent **-n**)

language – lang/**u**/age (sound out the silent **-u**)

possession – pos/ses/sion – separate the double consonants

priv**i**lege – priv/**i**/lege -

separate – Remember, there is **A RAT** in sep**ar**ate.

unfortunately – un/fortun/ate/ly – drop the **-e** from the root *fortunat**e*** when adding a suffix (or two)