

TOPIC 1: Spelling the sounds of English

Exercise 1

short 'a' sound

Anne and David were in a car crash and both were taken to hospital in an ambulance.

Panthers are large cats and are among the fastest animals on earth.

Spelling patterns identified: **a**

'y' sound

Yesterday it was a year since I lost your yo-yo in Yellowstone Park.

If you yell loudly inside this cave you will hear an echo.

Spelling patterns identified: **y**

'qu' sounds ('k' 'w')

I am squeamish at the sight of blood and I felt queasy when I saw a squashed squirrel on the road.

It has been quite difficult to find a qualified quizmaster to run our 'Quirky Questions Quiz' evening, which is raising money to send our choir to Quebec.

Spelling patterns identified: **qu, ch**

'b' sound

You must stir this broth until it's bubbling, before you add the beans.

You could see the rubber marks on the drive where Brian had braked abruptly.

Spelling patterns identified: **b, bb**

'd' sound

We were paddling down the river when there was a sudden downpour of rain.

After the flood there were dozens of muddy puddles everywhere.

Spelling patterns identified: **d, dd**

'g'

Our hens laid so many eggs I had to get a bigger basket to put them in.

At least a dozen diggers were needed to dig new drains after the flood.

Spelling patterns identified: **g, gg**

'm'

I could hear Mum humming while she trimmed my brother's hair.

The carpenter's hammer went missing when he went to have some morning tea.

Spelling patterns identified: **m, mm**

'n'

Norah's speech was so funny she had no need to be nervous beforehand.

No one noticed that the honey had fallen over until it was running down the wall behind the shelf.

Spelling patterns identified: **n, nn**

'p'

On Poppy Day, people wear poppies to remember the soldiers who died in the war.

During school holidays the police increase patrols to stop accidents happening.

Spelling patterns identified: **p, pp**

't' sound

Tony called the little kitten Tiger because of its stripes.

Teresa's teacher told her she had a great attitude to her work.

Spelling patterns identified: **t, tt**

'l'

Gillian and Louise like roller skating at the local rink.

My little sister Sally likes singing but she can't always remember the words of the songs.

Spelling patterns identified: **l, ll**

'r'

Robin was in such a hurry to open his present he just ripped off the wrapping.

This restaurant serves the best curry and rice dishes in the area.

Spelling patterns identified: **r, rr, wr**

'j'

Giraffes generally just graze on the leaves at the top of the trees in the jungle.

Jane just managed to qualify for the Olympic Games in her final jump of the day.

Even though George was at the top of the bridge I could still see his orange shirt.

Spelling patterns identified: **g, j, ge, dge**

'k' sound

When Kyle went to open a bank account he had to stand in a queue for thirty minutes.

Chris and Kate biked to school through the back streets to avoid the traffic chaos on the main roads.

Spelling patterns identified: **k, cc, que, ch, c, ck**

's' sound

Sandra is such a fussy eater; she will only eat strawberries, salami and ice-cream.

Once, when our class went on a science trip, we made such a mess on the bus we had to stay behind to clean it up.

Spelling patterns identified: **s, ss, c, ce, sc**

'f'

Fred's café is famous for its frankfurters, its coffee and its fresh fruit flans.

We all laughed when Francis fell in the pond while he was trying to take a photo of a frog with his cell phone.

Spelling patterns identified: **f, ff, ph, ugh**

'w' sound

William was lucky to see a rare white whale when he went whale watching.

The car's wheel was caught under the mudguard of the van when they collided.

Spelling patterns identified: **w, wh**

'h' sound

I don't honestly know how my dog ate a whole kilogram of hamburger mince without me noticing.

I am happy to hear that the neighbour who caused us so much trouble has decided that he'll move house.

Spelling patterns identified: **h, wh**

'ng' sound

It is wrong to think that you can go can go exploring in the jungle without a guide.

Thank you for washing the dishes I left soaking in the sink.

Spelling patterns identified: **ng, n**

'x' ('k' 's') sounds

The taxi driver had to lift six boxes of cakes out of the car to reach the spare tyre so he could fix the puncture.

You get sixty minutes of free texts when you buy a new mobile phone.

This road runs next to the train tracks for six kilometres.

Spelling patterns identified: **x, ks, cks, k_s**

'v' sound

It will be our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on the eleventh of November.

The boy gave his brother a shove off the diving board so that he could have a turn himself.

Spelling patterns identified: **f, v, ve**

'z' sound

Daisy shook the can of coke so when Danny opened it, it fizzed all over his face.

I was going to wear my favourite jeans to the races but the zip broke as I did them up.

Spelling patterns identified: **z, zz, s**

'sh' sound

The 'Queen Charlotte' is one of the largest ships to sail the oceans, and the captain has to be very cautious as he negotiates narrow channels.

I am sure I saw Sean at the bus station buying a box of tissues from the machine next to the fish and chip shop.

Spelling patterns identified: **ch, sh, ce, ti, s, ss**

'ch' sound

To find the champion in the competition, each contestant had to answer questions from a topic of their choice.

Thousands of fans came to watch the match between the two top teams to see which team would win the trophy.

Spelling patterns identified: **ch, tch, ti**

'th' (voiced) sound

The three brothers saved up their pocket money and bought their father a lathe for his birthday.

(The **th** patterns in *three* and *birthday* sound like the unvoiced 'th'.)

The weather at this time of year is usually fine so most days we can go to the beach to swim and sunbathe.

Spelling patterns identified: **th**

'th' (unvoiced) sound

I don't think I can pull this thistle out of my thumb without some help. (*this* is a voiced 'th')

You need to shake the bottle thoroughly to mix both ingredients together.

(*the* and *together* are voiced sounds of 'th')

Both the dog and the cat drink water out of the bird bath, although they each have their own water bowls.

(*the*, *although*, *they* and *their* are voiced sounds of 'th')

Spelling patterns identified: **th**

'zh' sound

If you want to win the treasure hunt you will need to measure your steps from the tree carefully.

The commander of the army had the vision to plan the attack carefully before he made his decision to send his troops in to begin the invasion.

Spelling patterns identified: **su, si**

Short 'e'

Every episode of this epic story was so exciting it took my breath away!

Edward and Heather worked together to make sure every ember of their fire was out before they left the beach.

I couldn't decide whether to wear my leather jacket because the weather forecaster said rain was likely and I was worried it would get wet.

Spelling patterns identified: **e, ea, ai**

Short 'i'

If you are ill, it is important that you remember to take all your medicine.

The gymnast injured her shin when she fell off the balance beam during her final routine.

It is illegal to ignore the speed limit and if you do, you will be given a speeding ticket.

Spelling patterns identified: **i, y, i_e** (Schwa 'i' sounds are in *important* and *ticket*).

Short 'o'

The ostrich was unable to swallow properly and it needed an operation to fix the problem.

Do you want olives and onions on your pizza?

Children often squabble on a long journey if they are squashed together in a car.

How odd! The swan seems to like chocolate.

Spelling patterns identified: **o, a**

Short 'u'

I was annoyed that I had forgotten my umbrella and I had to stand under a tree to avoid getting wet.

The thunder storm was very severe and the ground was soon awash with water.

My mother loves travelling, and on Monday she is going to China for a month.

Spelling patterns identified: **a, u, o**

Short 'oo'

My hand shook as I took the prize I had won for cooking.

What would you do if you were lost in the woods and you couldn't find your way out?

I had to push and pull my luggage to make it fit inside the boot of the car.

Spelling patterns identified: **oo, u, oul**

Long 'a'

It's a shame we have to put these crayfish back in the water but they are too small and they don't weigh enough.

I have lots of scrapes and grazes from falling off my skateboard.

One Sunday we went fishing on the lake, but the sky was grey and we got caught in the rain.

We had a great time collecting acorns on our holiday. We are taking them home to plant, so I hope they grow.

Spelling patterns identified: **a_e, ay, ey, ey, eigh, a, ea**

Long 'e'

Will you think I am greedy if I eat three pieces of pizza?

My niece is the chief of police and she works in Canterbury.

The sheep's fleece was really thick. It could barely walk and had trouble breathing.

Please put the peas and the ice cream in the freezer before they thaw out.

Spelling patterns identified: **ee, y, ie, i, ea**

Long 'i'

I have finally finished writing my assignment about tigers in the wild.

If someone shines a bright light into your eyes, it makes it difficult to see afterwards.

I'll try to change this flat tyre by myself, but I might not be able to because it's a long time since I've done it.

I love apple and blackberry pie with ice cream on the side.

Spelling patterns identified: **i, igh, eye, i_e, ie**

Long 'o'

When I broke a bone in my toe, I groaned and moaned about it for days.

If you open the window, and look below, you will see a rose bush with a garden gnome beneath it.

You have to knead the dough to make a loaf of bread, then hope it will rise before you cook it.

Spelling patterns identified: **o_e, oe, oa, ow, ough, o**

Long 'u'

Only a few students were studying music at the university.

The universe is huge and full of new and beautiful things.

I am used to hearing that tune played during a television advertisement.

Spelling patterns identified: **ew, u, eau, u_e**

Long 'oo'

After my tooth was removed I had a huge bruise on my cheek.

(*huge* sounds like the long 'u')

The plume of smoke grew and grew and soon even the moon had disappeared from view.

(*view* sounds like the long 'u')

The crew of the yacht had to undo the ropes and loosen the sails so they could cruise through the narrow channel.

Spelling patterns identified: **oo, o, ui, u_e, ew, ough**

'ar' sound

You can't argue with the sergeant in charge when you are in the army.

Our dog barked and charged off after a car so my father had to chase after him.

I've had a ghastly day. I fell over a large metal bar and cut my arm and now I will have an ugly scar.

Half the crowd remained calm after they heard the news but the rest panicked.

Spelling patterns identified: **a, ar, er, are, al**

'or' sound

I thought I would organise a surprise party for my friend's fortieth birthday but she saw the invitations and the surprise was spoiled.

We can't ignore global warming. The ice is thawing and the shorelines are changing around the world.

My daughter has been drawing since she was four years old and she is an awesome artist.

People are talking about the Water Board's decision to put water restrictions in place in August.

My puppy is very naughty. He knocked down a tin of paint and it splashed all over the floor and the front door.

Spelling patterns identified: **ough, or, aw, ore, ar, ore, augh, our, awe, a, al, au, oor**

'er' sound

The person who burgled the church was about thirty years old with curly brown hair, and he was wearing a distinctive orange shirt.

I work on the thirtieth floor of the World Bank building, but I would prefer to work on the ground floor.

We began our journey in a small plane that lurched and jerked into the air.

It takes a while to learn how to open oysters quickly to get the pearls that are inside.

Spelling patterns identified: **er, ur, ir, or, our, ear**

'ow' sound

There were loud shouts of delight when we heard the announcement that the Mt Everest had been conquered.

The cat chased the mouse around the kitchen and just as it was about to pounce, the mouse ran down the stairs and out into the garden.

A large crowd came to watch the opening of the new fountain in the middle of town.

Spelling patterns identified: **ou, ow**

'oy' sound

I hurt my wrist playing quoits but Mum thought it was just a ploy to avoid doing my homework!

Many reporters join the royal family when they go on voyages around the world.

We found a coil of rope in the soil at the point where the lost trampers had gone into the bush.

Spelling patterns identified: **oy, oi**

'air' sound

I bought a pair of rare parrots at the local fair.

I saw a wild hare in the field and it just sat there and stared at me!

Be careful not to tear those trousers—they are the last good pair you have left.

Spelling patterns identified: **air, are, ear**

'ear' sound

I could hear the car coming up the drive because the learner driver was crunching the gears.

Here is the chef with the wedding cake. It is four tiers high and appears to have chocolate icing.

When our team won the trophy, we danced, cheered and laughed until tears rolled down our cheeks.

Spelling patterns identified: **ear, eer, ere, ier**

TOPIC 4: Short vowel sounds

Exercise 2

Long ‘a’ sounds: straighten, complain, holiday, railway, obey, freight, maintain, they, stranger, gauge, bouquet, crazy, famous, shady, bathe, greatness

Short ‘a’ sounds: mad, admit, add, tackle, planet, manner, cavity, battery, panic, fantastic, scramble, ambulance, actually, magnet

Long ‘e’ sounds: redeem, receive, chimney, eagle, genius, machine, theatre, retrieve, equally, tease, procedure, routine, people, precede, wield, graffiti, story, vehicle, very

Short ‘e’ sounds: settler, breakfast, mention, leather, weather, rent, selfish, spread, several, petty, section

Long ‘i’ sounds: delightful, copyright, advice, either, transpire, resign, countryside, fire, underlie, dye, aisle, assignment, knight, triangle, pilot, fright, licence

Short ‘i’ sounds: silly, minutes, witty, miniscule, window, gypsy, different, horrible, distance, ribbon, sincere, pigeon, middle

Long ‘o’ sounds: cargo, plateau, toasted, provoke, erode, unknown, fellow, foreboding, quote, dough, motionless, sewn, alone, devote, expose, approached, project, totally, rodent

Short ‘o’ sounds: jockey, comic, jostle, model, forest, swamp, dodge, population, operate, oxygen, costly

Long ‘u’ sounds: excuse, pursue, cocoon, flute, whose, jewellery, through, bruise, cartoon, cruise, pursuit, stoop, university, curious, cockatoo

Short ‘u’ sounds: around nothing, tongue, husband, enough, double, flooded, smother, muddle, month, stomach, hungry, trouble, crumb, bloodstained

Exercise 3

Own answers

Exercise 4

Words with the 111 pattern (1 <u>stressed</u> short vowel, written with 1 vowel before 1 consonant)	Words with <u>unstressed</u> short vowels, written with 1 vowel before 1 consonant	Words where the short vowel is written with a digraph	Words that end with more than one consonant	Words that end with a final e
kidnap nod knit put admit bat	garden focus budget benefit gossip edit	soot book spread look	jump squash adopt contact bend	give love come

TOPIC 5: The role of the final e

Exercise 5

	ed	ing	y	er
give		giving		giver
soot			sooty	
jump	jumped	jumping	jumpy	jumper
kidnap	kidnapped	kidnapping		kidnapper
bat	batted	batting	batty	batter
knit	knitted	knitting		knitter
squash	squashed	squashing	squashy	
garden	gardened	gardening		gardener
focus	focused	focusing		
love	loved	loving		lover
spread		spreading		spreader
benefit	benefitted benefited	benefitting benefiting		
admit	admitted	admitting		
bend		bending	bendy	bender
come		coming		
edit	edited	editing		
budget	budgeted	budgeting		budgeter
adopt	adopted	adopting		adopter
look	looked	looking		looker
gossip	gossiped	gossiping	gossipy	gossiper
contact	contacted	contacting		
put		putting		
book	booked	booking		booker
nod	nodded	nodding	noddy	

battle (S)

paddle (S)

riddle (S)

handle (S)

cable (L)

bible (L)

bubble (S)

cuddle (S)

stable (L)

middle (S)

Exercise 6

	Represents a sound by itself	Part of a vowel(s)_e pattern	Part of a two-vowels spelling pattern	Part of the le word ending	Spelling convention for 's', 'z' and 'j'	Influences pronunciation of consonants before it
sneeze		✓			✓	
the	✓					
cake		✓	✓			
three		✓				
cave		✓			✓	
huge		✓			✓	✓
argue		✓				
wise		✓			✓	
rice		✓			✓	✓
since					✓	✓
change					✓	✓
see		✓	✓			
orange					✓	✓
table				✓		
some					✓	
give					✓	
candle				✓		
please		✓			✓	
loose		✓			✓	
she	✓					
done					✓	

TOPIC 6: Long vowel sounds

Exercises 7-14

Own work

Exercise 15

Long 'a'

refrain	r	e	f	r	ai	n
layout	l	ay	ou	t		
aphid	a	ph	i	d		
survey	s	ur	v	ey		
eighteen	eight	t	ee	n		

Long 'e'

eject	e	j	e	c	t	
previous	p	r	e	v	i	ou s
sticky	s	t	i	ck	y	
jubilee	j	u	b	i	l	ee
streamer	s	t	r	ea	m	er

Long 'i'

highway	h	igh	w	ay		
hindsight	h	i	n	d	s	igh t
devise	d	e	v	i	se	
comply	c	o	m	p	l	y
dye	d				ye	

Long 'o'

proceed	p	r	o	c	ee	d
compose	c	o	m	p	o	se
approach	a	pp	r	oa	ch	
although	a	l	th	ough		
borrow	b	o	rr	ow		

Long 'u' or 'oo'

commute	c	o	mm	u	te	
tattoo	t	a	tt	oo		
canoe	c	a	n	oe		
queue	que			ue		
curfew	c	ur	f	ew		

Exercise 16

invigorating, invigorated

introducing, introduced

supremely

participating, participated

routinely

taxiing, taxied

agreeable, agreeing, agreed, agreement

arguable, arguing, argued, argument

tying, tied

dying, dyed

plentiful

complying, complied

fancying, fancied, fanciful, fancier

cloudiness, cloudier

tidiness, tidying, tidied, tidier

recruiting, recruited, recruiter, recruitment

complaining, complained

needing, needed

hollowly, hollowness, hollowing, hollowed

interviewing, interviewed, interviewer

repayable, repaying, repayment, repaid

journeying, journeyed

disobeying, disobeyed

surveyable, surveying, surveyed

conveyable, conveying, conveyed, conveyance

bruising, bruised

postponing, postponed, postponement

completely, completeness, completing, completed

politely, politeness

pleasing, pleased, pleasant

Exercise 17

Own work

TOPIC 7: Other vowel sounds

Exercise 18

1. garbage
2. partner
3. guitar
4. remarkable
5. barbeque
6. party
7. barnacles
8. calm
9. scarred
10. tarnished

Exercise 19

parcel	p	ar	c	el				
hardly	h	ar	d	l	y			
remarkable	r	e	m	ar	k	a	b	le
target	t	ar	g	e	t			
fastest	f	a	s	t	e	s	t	
calmer	c	al	m	er				
marmalade	m	ar	m	a	l	a	de	
harvest	h	ar	v	e	s	t		
barley	b	ar	l	ey				
basket	b	a	s	k	e	t		

Exercise 20

Own work

Exercise 21

thirsty
circle
virtue
confirm
squirt
thirty

verse, serve
ferment
perfect
excerpt
intern
reserve, reverse

church
return
urgent
disturb
circus
surprise

Exercise 22

worthy	w	or	th	y		
yearning	y	ear	n	i	ng	
ferment	f	er	m	e	n	t
burden	b	ur	d	e	n	
searching	s	ear	ch	i	ng	
further	f	ur	th	er		
worldly	w	or	l	d	l	y
thirsty	th	ir	s	t	y	
birthday	b	ir	th	d	ay	
sternly	s	t	er	n	l	y

Exercise 23

audible:	capable of being heard.
awkward:	clumsy, lacking dexterity or skill.
coarse:	rough in texture or tone
cordon:	a line (of troops, police) enclosing an area and preventing access to it
daunting:	discouraging or disheartening
fraught:	filled or charged with
gnaw:	to bite or chew on something with the teeth
gorgeous:	splendidly beautiful or magnificent
haughty:	disdainfully proud, arrogant
laudable:	worthy of praise, commendable
mourn:	to feel or express sorrow
nought:	the arithmetical symbol for zero
portion:	a part or share of something
reward:	something given for service, effort or achievement

source:	a means of supply; a place of origin; to obtain something
squawk:	to utter a harsh, abrupt scream
taut:	tightly drawn, tensely stretched
vortex:	a mass of whirling water or air that forms a cavity or vacuum in the centre of the circle

Exercise 24

Own work

Exercise 25

The **oor** pattern commonly occurs at the end of a word or syllable.

The **our** pattern commonly occurs at the end of a word or syllable OR inside a syllable.

The **ore** pattern commonly occurs at the end of a word or syllable.

The **oar** pattern commonly occurs at the end of a word or syllable OR inside a syllable.

The **a** pattern commonly occurs before an **l** or **ll**.

The **al** pattern commonly occurs before a **k**.

The **ar** pattern commonly occurs after a **w**.

The **au** pattern commonly occurs at the beginning of or in the middle of a syllable.

The **aw** pattern commonly occurs at the beginning, inside or at the end of a word or syllable.

The **ough** pattern commonly occurs before a **t**.

The **ough** pattern commonly occurs before a **t**.

Exercise 26

fair, stair, chair, hair, pair, flair

there, here, where

fear, bear, hear, tear, shear, pear, spear, wear

fare, stare, bare, hare, share, pare, spare, ware, flare

their, heir, weir

steer, beer, cheer, sheer, peer

tier, pier

Exercise 27

Own work

Exercise 28

doubt	surround
however	renowned
allow	account
ounce	devour
thousand	powder
trousers	ouch
coward	proudly
boundary	pounce

When the 'ow' sound occurs at the end of a syllable, it is usually written **ow**.

When the 'ow' sound occurs at the start of, or inside a syllable, it is usually written **ou**

brown	towel
crown	trowel
renown	howl
frown	growl
down	prowl

Words that end 'own' or 'owl' also use **ow** to write the 'ow' sound inside a syllable.

Exercise 29

Own work

Exercise 30

turmoil
employ
destroy
exploit
recoil
loyal/alloy
point
noise
ahoy
choice
poison
appoint

Exercise 31

1. boisterous
2. loiter
3. invoice
4. annoyed
5. convoy
6. deploy
7. exploit
8. disappoint

Exercise 32

a/noint:	to smear or rub with oil or a similar substance; to confer an official title on somebody
boy/cott:	to engage in a concerted refusal to have dealings with a person, shop, organisation etc
a/ppoint:	to select for an office or position
boy/sen/berr/y:	a large raspberry-like fruit
as/ter/oid:	any of thousands of small planets in the form of rocky bodies – mostly between Mars and Jupiter
clair/voy/ant:	clear sighted; able to perceive objects not apparent to the physical senses
bois/ter/ous:	noisily and cheerfully rough
flam/boy/ant:	given to dashing display or ostentatious exuberance
joist:	parallel small timbers or metal beams that support a ceiling or floor
foy/er:	an anteroom or lobby
moist:	slightly wet; damp
ploy:	a cunningly devised plan or act
poised:	marked by composure or dignity
voy/age:	a journey
re/coil:	to shrink back physically or emotionally
en/voy:	a diplomatic agent
tur/moil:	an extremely confused or agitated state

Exercise 33

coil
disappoint
hoist
turmoil
destroy
soil
spoil
coy
ploy
loiter
point
appoint

TOPIC 8: Consonant sounds written in different ways

Exercise 34

The letter **c** is pronounced ‘s’ when it is followed by **e**, **i** or **y**.

The ‘s’ sound is written **s** or **ss** at the end of a word when it follows a short vowel sound that is written with a single vowel.

If the letter **c** represents a ‘s’ sound at the end of a word, it will be written **ce**.

The ‘s’ sound is written **se** at the end of a word when the word ends in **s** and the **s** is not there to represent a plural, to make a verb agree with a noun or pronoun and is not following a short vowel sound. There is usually a vowel digraph pattern before the **s**.

The ‘z’ sound is written **z** or **zz** at the end of a word when it follows a short vowel sound that is written with a single vowel.

The ‘z’ sound is written **ze** or **se** at the end of a word when the word ends in **s** (or **z**) and the **s** is not there to represent a plural, to make a verb agree with a noun or pronoun and is not following a short vowel sound. There is usually a vowel digraph pattern before the **z** or **s**.

Exercise 35

	Tick if the last syllable has the 111 pattern	Add ing	Add ed	Write as plural
gas	✓	gassing	gassed	gases
atlas		atlassing	atlassed	atlases
bias		biasing	biased	biases
dress		dressing	dressed	dresses
canvas	✓	canvassing	canvassed	canvases
fuss		fussing	fussed	fusses
focus		focusing	focused	focuses
bus	✓	bussing	bussed	buses
miss		missing	missed	misses
mass		massing	massed	masses
hiss		hissing	hissed	hisses

Exercise 36

	ing	ed	est	ful	less	able
replace	replacing	replaced				replaceable
endorse	endorsing	endorsed				endorsable
resource	resourcing	resourced		resourceful		
choice			choicest		choiceless	
snooze	snoozing	snoozed				
juice					juiceless	
pierce	piercing	pierced				pierceable
pause	pausing	paused				
peace				peaceful		peaceable
voice	voicing	voiced			voiceless	
release	releasing	released				releasable

Exercise 37

1. large, range
2. fudge
3. hedge
4. verge
5. bridge
6. plunge
7. change
8. hinge
9. judge
10. smudge
11. fringe
12. budge

dge is used to write the 'j' sound at the end of a word when it follows a short vowel sound.

ge is used to write the 'j' sound at the end of a word when the last sound in the word is 'j'

Exercise 38

	ing	ed	y	est	able
strange				strangest	
forge	forging	forged			forgeable
change	changing	changed			changeable
huge				hugest	
edge	edging	edged	edgy		
stage	staging	staged			
hedge	hedging	hedged	hedgy		
budge	budging	budged			
dodge	dodging	dodged	dodgy		
encourage	encouraging	encouraged			
charge	charging	charged			chargeable

Exercise 39

circle	original	energy
circumference	congeal	spice
fragile	tragic	vacancy
danger	enrage	allergy
cymbal	Egypt	gymkhana
ceiling	process	cycle
stage	orange	logical
fancy	vegetables	convince

Exercise 40

Brian was training for the bicycle race that was held each year between two local law firms. His firm hadn't had any success for the past five years, in fact in the 10 years the race had been running, they had only won twice. This was Brian's first year in this law practice and he was determined to win. Every day he cycled the 10 kilometre distance between his home and his office and he went to the gym on his way home.

He made sure he ate well with lots of protein and fresh vegetables. The 16th of March was circled on his calendar and finally the day arrived.

Judge Jackson was the time-keeper and his seat was placed in the centre of the officials near the finish line. The St John's Ambulance was there in case of accidents or any other emergency. The race started in the city and wound its way through the countryside to a small village and then back again to finish where it had commenced.

It was a hard race, but Brian's training paid off. He led all the way and was in no danger of being overtaken. He arrived at the finish line with a police accompaniment and was the toast of the office for weeks. He couldn't imagine a better way to start his new career with the firm.

- ce: race, success, twice, practice, distance, office, placed, centre, Ambulance, commenced, police
- ci: circled, officials, accidents, city
- cy: bicycle, cycled
- ge: vegetables, Judge, emergency, village, danger
- gi: imagine
- gy: gym

Exercise 41

1. quarter
2. chloroform
3. curiosity
4. capable
5. kirk
6. cousins
7. chiropractor
8. chemistry
9. ketch
10. continue

Exercise 42

1. pathetic
2. smirk
3. fluke
4. chunk
5. cubic
6. ecstatic
7. frantic
8. streak
9. balk/baulk
10. spark

Exercise 43

	cc 'k' sound	cc 'k' 's' sounds	Number of syllables	Divide into syllables
accessory		✓	4	ac/cess/or/y
occlude	✓		2	occ/lude
succumb	✓		2	succ/umb
soccer	✓		2	socc/er
vaccinate		✓	3	vac/cin/ate
occasion	✓		3	occ/a/sion
success		✓	2	suc/cess
accolade	✓		3	acc/o/lade
impeccable	✓		4	im/pecc/a/ble
accede		✓	2	ac/cede
stucco	✓		2	stucc/o
acclaim	✓		2	a/cclaim
eccentric		✓	3	ec/cen/tric
accelerate		✓	4	ac/cel/er/ate
buccaneer	✓		3	bucc/an/eer
desiccate	✓		3	des/icc/ate
moccasin	✓		3	mocc/a/sin
accredit	✓		3	a/ccred/it
accumulate	✓		4	a/ccum/u/late

Exercise 44

1. accrued
2. compel
3. bouquet
4. kerb
5. copious, accompany
6. chaotic
7. accommodation
8. quoits
9. chlorine
10. kink

Exercise 45

The tide was just right for exploring the caves. Danny and his cousin Kate crept down to the kitchen to collect some supplies for their expedition. By the time they had finished raiding the pantry their bags were bulky and bulging. They had coke and orange cordial to drink, chippies, muesli bars and biscuits for snacks, and a large slice of bacon and egg pie from last night's dinner, for lunch. They left a note for Danny's mum on the desk in the hall and sneaked outside and down the path. The sun was just coming up as they climbed over the rocks and down towards the mouth of the caves. It was a bit creepy inside. There were mounds of kelp all over the floor that were slippery and which made walking tricky. The walls of the cave were wet and as they went further inside it became more and more murky. They took out their torches and found a little track, which they decided to stick to. Suddenly as if by magic, little twinkles of light appeared above them. Glow-worms! As they rounded a curve in the track they stopped in awestruck silence. They had come into a cavern and there were thousands of specks of light blinking and glittering as far as they could see. It was magical!

- c: caves, cousin, crept, collect, coke, cordial, biscuits, bacon, coming, climbed, creepy, cave, magic, curve, cavern, could, magical
- k: Kate, kitchen, bulky, drink, desk, sneaked, kelp, walking, murky, twinkles, blinking, coke
- ck: snacks, rocks, tricky, track, stick, awestruck, specks

Exercise 46

Own work

Exercise 47

attacking, attacked, attacker
checking, checked, checker
stocking, stocked, stocker
stacking, stacked, stacker
wrecking, wrecked, wrecker
interlocking, interlocked, interlocker
hijacking, hijacked, hijacker

Exercise 48

thanked, thanking, thankful
sulked, sulking, sulky
chalked, chalking, chalky
spooked, spooking, spooky
chunked, chunking, chunky
Jerked, jerking, jerky
streaked, streaking, streaky

Exercise 49

picnicking, picnicked, picnicker
mimicking, mimicked, mimicker
panicking, panicked
trafficking, trafficked, trafficker
frolicking, frolicked, frolicker

Exercise 50

	Add al	Part of speech	Add ly	Part of speech
tactic	tactical	adjective	tactically	adverb
systematic			systematically	adverb
mechanic	mechanical	adjective	mechanically	adverb
aesthetic			aesthetically	adverb
acoustic	acoustical	adjective	acoustically	adverb
lyric	lyrical	adjective	lyrically	adverb
authentic			authentically	adverb
ironic	ironical	adjective	ironically	adverb
atmospheric	atmospherical	adjective	atmospherically	adverb
geometric	geometrical	adjective	geometrically	adverb

Exercise 51

Words that end with l or ll

These spelling patterns usually occur on the end of one-syllable words.

A single **I** is used after a complex (more than one letter) vowel spelling pattern.

A double **I** is used after a simple (single letter) vowel spelling pattern.

Vowel-plus-l spelling patterns

The 'il' sound is usually on the end of two-syllable words.

It can be written **al**, **le**, **el**, **il**, **ol**, and sometimes **ul**.

When an adjective ends with 'il', this sound is usually written **al**.

If there is a 'v', 'm', 'n' or 's' sound before 'il', the 'il' ending is usually written **el**.

If there is a soft **c** or **g** before the 'il' ending, the 'il' ending will be written **el** or **il** because the **c** must have an **e** or **i** after it to be pronounced as a soft c ('s').

If there is a short vowel sound written with a single letter, one consonant away from the 'il' ending, double the consonant before the 'il' to keep the vowel short.

Cross out the words that do not apply to this statement.

Most words that end with **el** or **le** are: verbs or nouns

Exercise 52

smuggle	S
rattle	S
cradle	L
wriggle	S
kettle	S
dazzle	S
dimple	S
noble	L
isle	L
tackle	S
scribble	S
stumble	S

Why do only some of the vowels above that have short vowel sounds before the le have a doubled consonant?

The ones with two consonants between the short vowel sound and the ending don't need a double consonant. Only words with 1 short vowel written with 1 letter followed by 1 consonant need a double consonant to keep the vowel short.

Exercise 53

1. towel
2. rattle
3. parcel
4. beetle
5. simple
6. camel
7. bubble
8. little
9. hospital
10. kennel

Exercise 54

Own work

Exercise 55

Own work

Exercise 56

Own work

Exercise 57

	ing	ed	er	y	est
double	doubling	doubled		doubly	
crawl	crawling	crawled	crawler	crawly	
critical				critically	
squall				squally	
dribble	dribbling	dribbled	dribbler	dribbly	
trouble	troubling	troubled			
little			littler		littlest
angle	angling	angled	angler		
travel	travelling	travelled	traveller		
signal	signalling	signalled	signaller		
waffle	waffling	waffled	waffler	waffly	
settle	settling	settled	settler		
small			smaller		smallest
cancel	cancelling	cancelled			
seal	sealing	sealed	sealer		
tackle	tackling	tackled	tackler		

TOPIC 9: Syllables

Exercise 58

Own work

Exercise 59

Long 'a' words: agent, favour, flail, breakers, gale,
major, hallway, grace, grader, hearsay

Short 'a' words: balcony, asphalt, bandage, bachelor,
flashpoint, asbestos, gland, gather,
panther, snatch

Long 'e' words: agreeable, departure, valley, heal,
dreamy, knead, mercy, emerge, gene,
orderly, legal

Short 'e' words: bench, gender, flex, bend, guest,
western, venue, guessing, rescue

Long 'i' words: driveshaft, highlight, miser, prize, defy,
fertile, guide, diary, glide, rhyme

Short 'i' words: drifter, discourage, giraffe, flicker,
rickshaw, riddance, privilege, myth,
rhythm, persist

Long 'o' words: hero, oats, drone, covert, loathsome,
overgrown, going, flotation, folder,
exposure, projecting

Short 'o' words: gloss, offer, loft, lodge, knock, property,
foxglove, scoff, rotten

Long 'u' & 'oo' words: plumage, fuse, argument, groovy,
future, group, virtually, moody,
typhoon, utensils

Short 'u' words: dugout, cusp, youngest, flooded, flung,
roughly, lullaby, coverage, scrum,
butterfly

Exercises 60-75

Own work

Exercise 76

mo/tor/way	grown/up	toe/nail
arm/chair	sauce/pan	book/case
suit/case	ta/ble/cloth	pill/ow/slip
some/bod/y	tooth/ache	row/boat

Exercise 77

u/ni/cy/cle	re/wri/ting	o/ver/do/ing
sem/i/fi/nal	tri/an/gle	re/sig/ning
un/a/void/a/ble	im/prove/ment	use/ful/ness
in/or/gan/ic	in/vis/ib/le	re/buil/ding

Exercise 78

ac/cid/ent	can/ter	stan/dard
con/duct	lath/er/ing	kid/napp/ing
poll/u/tion	to/morr/ow	tas/ting
hamm/er	wished/	shel/ter

Exercise 79

pet/rol	fe/ver	po/ny
pan/da	li/cense	lim/it/ed
ma/tron	poss/i/ble	mu/sic/al
bun/dle	sus/pect	su/per/mar/ket

Exercise 80

dem/on/strate	boast/full/y	a/vail/a/ble
sur/vive	neut/ral	greas/y
place/ment	choos/ing	nois/y
as/tro/naut	brief/ly	de/rail
nuis/ance	green/er	fleet/ing/ly
great/er	main/tain	loud/ly

Exercise 81

cow/ard	mell/ow/ing	drow/ning
crow/ded	sew/ing	traw/ler
pew/ter	awk/ward	el/bows
flawed/	glowed/	stew/ing

Exercise 82

gar/den/ing	for/tun/ate/ly	per/pen/dic/u/lar
lear/ner	jour/nal	diff/er/ent/ly
germ/in/ate	pur/chase	thirs/ty
care/full/y	steer/ing	bare/ly
or/gan/ic	harp/sich/ord	e/nor/mous

Exercise 83

jun/gle	re/mark/able	freck/le
quarr/el	op/tion/al	prac/tic/al
comm/er/cial	sym/bol	fi/nan/cial
fic/tion/al	ac/cid/en/tal	lib/er/al

Exercise 84

por/trayed	sur/vey/ing	don/key
im/ply	con/vey/ance	hurr/y/ing
de/fy/ing	weigh/ty	curr/en/cy
boun/cy	horr/if/y	dor/mit/or/y

Exercise 85

	Number of syllables	Single letter	Two vowels together	Vowel plus final e	Vowel plus y or y	Vowel plus w	Vowel plus r	Two vowels plus r	Vowel plus g or gh	Vowel plus l
secret	2	✓✓								
poison	2	✓	✓							
reason	2	✓	✓							
lightning	2	✓							✓	
pencil	2	✓✓								
carpet	2	✓					✓			
teacher	2		✓					✓		
mistake	2	✓		✓						
cradle	2	✓								✓
below	2	✓					✓			
happy	2	✓				✓				
honey	2	✓				✓				
staircase	2	✓		✓			✓			
signpost	2	✓							✓	
bottle	2	✓								✓

Exercise 86

	Number of syllables	Single letter	Two vowels together	Vowel plus final e	Vowel plus y or y	Vowel plus w	Vowel plus r	Two vowels plus r	Vowel plus g or gh	Vowel plus l
container	3	✓	✓				✓			
computer	3	✓✓					✓			
remember	3	✓✓					✓			
decorate	3	✓		✓			✓			
communicate	4	✓✓✓		✓						
attitude	3	✓✓		✓						
asparagus	4	✓✓✓✓								
reliable	4	✓✓✓								✓
approximate	4	✓✓✓		✓						
victory	3	✓			✓		✓			
boundary	3		✓		✓		✓			
fortunate	3	✓		✓			✓			
eventually	5	✓✓✓✓			✓					
secondary	4	✓✓			✓		✓			
critical	3	✓✓								✓

TOPIC 10: Root words

Exercise 87

1	audi	6 or 7	To feel
2	spec/spic	8	To believe
3	vid/vis	6 or 7	To feel
4	scop	9	To wish/to be willing
5	dict	2	To see or look
6	path	4	To look at
7	sens/sent	5	To say
8	cred	1	To hear
9	vol	3	To see

Exercise 88

1	audible	9	To look closely into
2	spectator	18	Able to be seen
3	evident	12	Too small to be visible
4	scope	1	Able to be heard
5	verdict	14	To say what will happen in the future
6	apathy	3	Obvious to eyes and mind
7	resent	4	Outlook or extent
8	incredulous	15	A mental feeling; what one thinks about something
9	inspect	8	To express ill will at something considered unfair or wrong
10	malevolent	6	Lack of sensitivity to suffering
11	audience	5	Decision or judgment
12	microscopic	16	Believable
13	sympathy	2	One who looks on
14	predict	17	To spontaneously offer to do something
15	sentiment	8	Unbelieving
16	credible	13	To share another person's emotion
17	volunteer	10	Wishing evil to others
18	visible	11	An assembly of listeners

Exercise 89

Own work

Exercise 90

1	sign	4 or 5	To carry
2	graph/gram	8	To lead/make
3	script/scrib	1	To mark
4	port	9 or 10	To burst/break
5	veh/vect	4 or 5	To carry
6	struct	9 or 10	To burst/break
7	form	6	To build
8	duc/duct	2	To write/draw
9	rupt	11	To stretch
10	frac/frag	7	To shape
11	tend/tens	3	To write

Exercise 91

1	signal	8	To kidnap or take away
2	graphic	14	Showing strong feelings
3	prescribe	6	Able to be destroyed
4	transport	15	Distinguishing marks
5	tension	21	A line of fixed length or direction
6	destructible	9	To break through
7	formula	1	A sign conveying information
8	abduct	2	To do with drawing
9	erupt	13	Lay out at full length
10	aqueduct	19	A part broken off
11	fraction	3	To lay down or impose authoritatively
12	biography	10	Artificial channel for carrying water
13	extend	17	To carry out a task or operation
14	vehement	20	Characterised by improper conduct
15	insignia	18	A book or document
16	portable	7	A definition or a set form of words
17	perform	4	To convey or carry goods
18	manuscript	11	A small piece or amount
19	fragment	22	The manner in which something is built
20	corrupt	16	Movable
21	vector	5	Stretching or being stretched
22	structure	12	The written life of a person

Exercise 92

Own work

Exercise 93

1	vert/vers		5	To admit/yield
2	tain/ten/tin		8	To flow
3	mis/mit		6	To conquer
4	clud/clus		3	To send
5	cede		9	To throw
6	vict/vinc		1	To turn/change
7	vor		7	To eat/devour
8	fluct/flu/flux		4	To shut
9	ject/jet/jac		2	To hold/keep/have

Exercise 94

1	invert		12	To shrink back
2	contain		9	To expel a person from land or buildings
3	include		5	The winner
4	concede		2	To have or hold
5	victor		1	To turn upside down
6	influence		4	To admit or allow
7	jettison		3	To compose or embrace as part of a whole
8	continent		13	To change
9	evict		10	Not solid or rigid
10	fluid		14	To bring to an end
11	eject		6	To affect the outcome of something
12	recede		11	To throw out forcefully
13	convert		7	To throw goods overboard
14	conclude		8	Continuous land

Exercise 95

Own work

Exercise 96

1	aqu		3	Air
2	hydr		4 or 5	Earth
3	aer		8 or 9	Light
4	terr		10	Sound/voice
5	geo		7	Life
6	phys		1 or 2	Water
7	bio		8 or 9	Light
8	photo		4 or 5	Earth
9	luc/lus/lum/lun		11	Heat
10	phon		6	Nature
11	therm		1 or 2	Water

Exercise 97

1	aquatic	16	To combine with water
2	hydrant	9	Of the moon
3	aerial	7	The science and study of physical life
4	terrain	18	The process by which plants convert sunlight into energy
5	geology	15	A person who practises medicine
6	physical	17	An instrument for intensifying sound
7	biology	1	In or near water
8	photograph	22	The nest of a bird that is built high up off the ground
9	lunar	11	Related to heat
10	phonetic	3	Of the air
11	thermal	14	Automatic instrument for regulating temperature
12	luminous	21	The science of the earth's surface
13	territory	2	A pipe with a nozzle for drawing water from the mains
14	thermostat	4	A tract of land with particular geography
15	physician	19	An artificial pond where aquatic animals and plants live
16	hydrate	8	A picture or likeness taken with a camera
17	microphone	20	The examination of tissue taken from the living body
18	photosynthesis	5	The science of the earth's crust
19	aquarium	12	Emitting light
20	biopsy	6	Of matter or material
21	geography	13	An extent of land under a particular jurisdiction
22	aerie	10	Representing vocal sounds

Exercise 98

Own work

Exercise 99

1	chron	4 or 5	City
2	man	6	Circle/ring
3	ped/pod	7	Year
4	urb	10	Empty
5	poli	3	Foot
6	cycl	2	Manual/hand
7	ann/annu/eni	9	Good
8	loc	1	Time
9	bene	8	Place
10	vac	4 or 5	City

Exercise 100

1	chronicle	16	Advantageous
2	manual	17	A many-footed, wingless crawling animal
3	pedestrian	10	To handle or treat with skill
4	suburb	12	A holiday away from home
5	cycle	1	A continuous register of events in order of time
6	location	9	Empty
7	benevolent	11	Of or near a city or town
8	annual	3	A person who walks
9	vacant	20	Violent hurricanes of limited diameter
10	manipulate	19	Related to the government or public affairs
11	urban	18	A sum payable for a particular year
12	vacation	4	An outlying district of a city
13	chronology	8	Recurring yearly
14	allocate	15	A department concerned with keeping public order
15	police	5	A recurrent period of events
16	beneficial	6	An exact place
17	centipede	7	Wanting to do good
18	annuity	14	To assign
19	politics	2	Done with the hands
20	cyclone	13	An arrangement of events with dates

Exercise 101

Own work

TOPIC 11: Prefixes

Exercise 102

These prefixes mean not, a lack of, or the reverse of something: un, in, il, im, ir, de, dys, dis, non

The most common two prefixes meaning not, a lack of, or the reverse of something are: in, un

The prefix **ir**, meaning not, a lack of, or the reverse of something usually occurs before: r

The prefix **il**, meaning not, a lack of, or the reverse of something usually occurs before: l

The prefix **im**, meaning not, a lack of, or the reverse of something usually occurs before: m or p

Exercise 103

	Prefix	New word
possible	im	impossible
complete	in	incomplete
likely	un	unlikely
honest	dis	dishonest
please	dis	displease
regular	ir	irregular
legal	il	illegal
trust	dis	distrust (also mistrust)
function	dys	dysfunction
responsible	ir	irresponsible
polite	im	impolite
wanted	un	unwanted
contented	dis	discontented
legible	il	illegible
perfect	im	imperfect
balanced	un	unbalanced
merit	de	merit
practical	im	impractical
stabilise	de	destabilise
conclusive	in	inconclusive
sincere	in	insincere
relevant	ir	irrelevant
literate	il	illiterate
known	un	unknown
distinct	in	indistinct

Exercise 104

1. forecast
2. precast
3. foreground
4. postdated
5. foresight
6. postpone
7. prearranged
8. preview

prejudice: a preconceived judgement or opinion

postpone: to move to a later time

foreword: a preface written by somebody other than the author of the text

preclude: to make it impossible in advance to do something or for somebody to do something

foremost: first in a series or progression or most importantly

post-mortem: an examination of a body after death to determine the cause of death or the character and extent of changes caused by disease

Exercise 105

retrospective: relating to or affecting things in the past

prospective: expected, likely to come about

retroactive: effect to a prior time

proactive: to take the initiative or to act in anticipation of events

retroversion: the act of process or turning back or regressing

profuse: liberal, extravagant

Exercise 106

1	adduct		8	Exceptional or deviating from type
2	abject		6	To make suitable for
3	abhor		5	To kidnap or take away from
4	advise		7	To keep oneself away
5	abduct		2	Brought low or miserable
6	adapt		1	To draw to a common centre
7	absent		4	To offer counsel to
8	abnormal		3	To regard with disgust and hatred

Exercise 107

Own work

Exercise 108

1. hypodermic
2. subside
3. underdone
4. undervalued
5. submerged
6. substandard
7. undertone
8. hypotension
9. underprivileged
10. hypoallergenic
11. hypothermia
12. subway

Exercise 109

	Meaning of prefix	Meaning of root or base word	Definition of word
submarine	sub: under	marine: water	a vessel which travels & can be navigated under water
telescope	tele: to look at	scope: to look at	an optical instrument for making distant objects appear closer
transfuse	trans: across	fuse: to blend	to transfer or pass from one to another
telephoto	tele: to look at	photo: light	relating to or used in telephotography
interview	inter: between	view: to see	a facial meeting in which one or more persons evaluates another
contravene	contra: against	vene: poison	to act or go against
interject	inter: between	ject: th throw	to insert between other things
contradict	contra: against	dict: to say	to say contrary or opposite of

Exercise 110

Words meaning in a state of:

around, awake, again, aglow, afraid, agree, asleep

Words meaning not or without:

apolitical, atheist, aphasia, atypical, anarchy, anonymous, amoral, achromatic

Exercise 111

Prefix	Meaning of prefix	Examples of words containing the prefix
in	in or into	inhale, inspire, inject, indent
ex e	out of	exhale, exhume, eject, evict, exclude
auto	self	automatic, automobile, autograph, autobiography
homo	same	homo-sapiens, homogenous, homonym, homosexual
al	all	always, altogether, almighty, already
multi	many	multitalented, multiply, multiplex, multinational
poly	many	polysaccharide, polygon, polyester, polytechnic

Exercise 112

decade	triangle	duel
monograph	biannual	monologue
unique	trio	biennial
millennium	decibel	quadruped
tripod	quadrangle	monocycle/bicycle
university	quintet	duet
diverge	centipede	kilometre
December	November	October
September	octagon	monosyllable

monologue: a long speech by an actor alone

millennium: a period of a thousand years

decibel: a unit for expressing the intensity of sounds

dilemma: a situation involving choice between two equally unsatisfactory alternatives

octagon: a polygon with eight angles and eight sides

Exercise 113

- The number of wheels – a unicycle has one wheel, a bicycle has two and a tricycle has three wheels.
A unicycle would be harder to ride because it would be more difficult to balance.
- It would be best to be literate.
You would be able to read and write well which would be more useful than being able to read and write a little (semiliterate) or to not be able to read or write at all (illiterate).
- A tropical place is warmer.
Tropical countries – Pacific Islands such as Tahiti and Hawaii; South American countries such as Mexico; the Caribbean Islands and many more.
Sub-tropical countries: Middle Eastern and Northern African countries such as Morocco, Egypt; European countries such as Turkey and Greece and many more.
- Recycle, reuse, recondition. Re means to do again.
- A skilled job is likely to pay the most.
Skilled jobs: builder, mechanic, dentist
Semi-skilled: fruit picker,
Unskilled: street cleaner, labourer
- unconscious
- precautions, prepare, prevent
- A gangster

TOPIC 12: Suffixes

Exercise 114

	an/ian/ cian	er	or	ar	ist
motor					motorist
beauty	beautician				
politic	politician				
act			actor		
port		porter			
farm		farmer			
burgle				burglar	
collect			collector		
active					activist
magic	magician				
paint		painter			
beg				beggar	
teach		teacher			
optometry	optician				optometrist
peddle		peddler			

Exercise 115

	hood	ship	ness	ment
child	childhood			
relation		relationship		
rude			rudeness	
happy			happiness	
content				contentment
champion		championship		
friend		friendship		
commit				commitment
adult	adulthood			
enjoy				enjoyment
wary			wariness	
leader		leadership		
merry				merriment
state				statement
excite				excitement

Exercise 116

	ance/ence	ency/ancy	acy/cy	ity/ty	ure
convey	conveyance				
tranquil				tranquility	
depend	dependence	dependency			
popular				popularity	
expose					exposure
delicate			delicacy		
defy	defiance				
urge		urgency			
elegant	elegance				
close					closure
literate			literacy		
perform	performance				
private			privacy		
deficient		deficiency			
clear				clarity	

Exercise 117

- explosion
- occasion
- fusion
- invasion
- collision
- revision
- decision
- transfusion
- omission
- percussion
- confession
- tension
- emission
- permission
- commission
- extension

The 'zhin' suffix is written **sion**.

The 'shin' suffix is most commonly written **tion**.

ssion is used to write 'shin' when it follows a short vowel sound .

A few words use **sion** to spell 'shin'. Here are some examples: **tension, expansion, mansion, extension**

Exercise 118

- collision
- invasion
- execution
- explosion
- adoption
- erosion
- decision
- ignition
- composition
- promotion

Exercise 119

destruction	destination	pollution
execution	completion	intermission
concussion	repetition	relation
ammunition	definition	persuasion
version	expression	position
solution	discussion	confusion
explosion	vision	fiction
admission	opposition	intrusion

Exercise 120

- attrition: the wearing away or grinding down of a surface
- fruition: the realisation or fulfillment of a project
- tribulation: a state of great distress or suffering
- saturation: the action of saturating or the state of being saturated - denoting containing maximum concentration
- reservation: the act or an instance of reserving something; a specific doubt or objection; an area of land set aside
- publication: the act or process of publishing; a published work
- mention: a brief reference to somebody or something
- extension: a part added to make something larger or longer; the act or instance of extending
- transmission: the act or instance of sending or transmitting something
- nutrition: nourishing or being nourished; the processes by which an organism takes in and uses food.

Exercise 121

Own work

Exercise 122

- compassionate: sympathetic, having or showing compassion or sympathy
- widen: to make something larger over a horizontal distance
- solidify: to make something solid
- swollen: expanded beyond its normal limit
- activate: to cause something to start operating
- lengthen: to become longer
- horrify: to cause somebody to feel horror, shock, fear, dread or dismay
- modernise: to adapt something to modern (up-to-date) needs, standards or style
- sadden: to make somebody unhappy
- clarify: to make something understandable and free of confusion
- locate: to determine, discover or indicate the position, site or limits of something
- traumatise: to inflict an injury or emotional stress or shock on somebody
- realise: to be or become fully aware of something; to cause something to become a reality

Exercise 123

1. comical
2. tragic
3. adventurous
4. pathetic
5. courageous
6. factual
7. structural
8. cautious
9. strategic
10. nauseous
11. tropical
12. hungry
13. selfish
14. territory
15. commercial
16. gigantic
17. wobbly
18. newish
19. religious
20. continuous

Exercise 124

1. These are my comparative accounts.
These are accounts that show how my accounts from different years are the same and different.
2. It was a festive occasion.
A time that was full of happiness, fun and laughter.
3. He was receiving palliative care
He was receiving medical treatment that was aimed at managing the symptoms of an illness that could not be cured.
4. Pandas are native to China.
China is the country that pandas originally come from. They may live in other countries but they have been introduced to these countries.
5. I have three dependent children.
My three children are not yet able to take care of themselves on their own.
6. Now is a convenient time for you to visit.
It would suit me if you were to visit me now.
7. He is a very lenient teacher.
He is a teacher who does not have a lot of rules and he doesn't seem to mind if we don't always do things the way we should.
8. Your comments are not relevant to this discussion.
The things you are saying have nothing to do with what we are talking about.

Exercise 125

1. enjoyable
2. wearable
3. horrible
4. flexible
5. suitable
6. breakable
7. responsible
8. readable
9. miserable
10. convertible
11. adorable
12. visible

Exercise 126

forgivable	changeable
tangible	traceable
divisible	reasonable
charitable	knowledgeable
permissible	avoidable
manageable	excitable
peaceable	irritable

Exercise 127

Own work

Exercise 128

Word	er or more	est or most
careful	<i>more careful</i>	<i>most careful</i>
sunny	<i>sunnier</i>	<i>sunniest</i>
simple	simpler	simplest
conventional	more conventional	most conventional
realistic	more realistic	most realistic
weary	wearier	weariest
kind	kinder	kindest
exceptional	more exceptional	most exceptional
hopeful	more hopeful	most hopeful
quiet	quieter	quietest
deep	deeper	deepest
cold	colder	coldest
angelic	more angelic	most angelic
dark	darker	darkest
controllable	more controllable	most controllable
loud	louder	loudest
avoidable	more avoidable	most avoidable

Exercise 129

Word	Word + ly
practical	practically
simple	simply
final	finally
tragic	tragically
personal	personally
angry	angrily
noisy	noisily
frantic	frantically
fortunate	fortunately
tidy	tidily
terrific	terrifically
polite	politely
capable	capably
beautiful	beautifully
foolish	foolishly
annual	annually
brave	bravely
sedate	sedately
scarce	scarcely
large	largely

TOPIC 13: Plurals

Exercise 130

moths	journeys
chips	pianos
echoes	guesses
gases	elves
volcanoes	radios
flashes	beaches
paragraphs	trout
addresses	mosquitoes
loaves	ourselves
navies	chiefs
valleys	companies
sketches	brushes
kilos	blocks
apples	lasses
chops	hippos
boxes	rocks

Exercise 131

1. The gardeners put up new fences to stop the sheep and the calves eating their vegetables and flowers.
2. The thieves took some knives to cut through the bags containing the gold pennies.
3. The men rode some donkeys down through the valleys and back up to the cliffs.
4. The mice ate the biscuits I had put on the shelves.
5. The dogs dug up the radishes, tomatoes, and potatoes I had just planted.
6. We cooked the potatoes in the ashes when the fires had died down.
7. It is very scary when the wolves howl and the leaves rustle.
8. Will the men, women and children standing in the doorways please sit down.
9. I would love to catch some crayfish and salmon.
10. I dropped my handkerchiefs and the geese walked all over them with their muddy feet.
11. It is unusual to see buses with boxes on their roofs, driving towards the beaches.
12. The buffalo that were grazing on the prairies were startled by the loud noises and bolted towards the cliffs.

Exercise 132

shops	clocks
mothers	churches
wishes	boxes
buses	buzzes
bosses	calves
wolves	halves
thieves	wives
knives	sheep
geese	crayfish
women	children
salmon	fairies
cities	strawberries
canaries	puppies
ladies	hands
hills	books
oranges	schemes
whales	dishes
witches	dresses
heroes	potatoes
photos	princesses
circuses	stitches
leaves	shelves
scarves	wharves
selves	lives
feet	teeth
mice	flies
spies	skies

Exercise 133

vertebrae
gateaux
indices
crises
phenomena
cacti
hypotheses
theses
foci
analyses

Exercise 134

sticks-in-the-mud
grownups
brothers-in-law
runners-up
run-ups
busybodies
put-downs
jack-in-the-boxes
standoffs
take-outs

TOPIC 14: Compound Words

Exercise 135

- handbag: A bag designed for carrying small personal articles and money.
- handball: A game played in a walled court: a game between two teams that involves throwing and catching a football; the offence of handling the ball during a game of football.
- handbook: A short reference book on a particular subject.
- handcuff: A pair of metal rings for locking around a prisoner's wrists.
- handmade: Made by hand, rather than by machine.
- handshake: A clasping or shaking of each other's hands in greeting or agreement.
- handwriting: Writing done by hand.

Exercise 136

- overactive: Active to an excessive or abnormal degree.
- overboard: Over the side of a ship or boat and into the water.
- overcast: A covering of clouds over the sky; to darken or overshadow something.
- overcome: To deal with a problem successfully; to overpower or overwhelm (somebody).
- overdue: Delayed beyond the proper or appointed time.
- overrate: To rate something or somebody too highly.
- overview: A brief general survey.

Exercise 137

- outlook: A view from a particular place; an attitude or point of view; a prospect for the future.
- outlying: Remote from a centre or main point.
- outrun: To run faster than somebody; to exceed or surpass something.
- outsmart: To get the better of somebody, to outwit them.
- outspoken: Direct and open in speech or expression, frank.
- outline: A line bounding the outer limits of something or indicating its shape.
- outburst: A violent expression of feeling; a surge of activity or growth.

Exercise 138

- headache: A sustained pain in the head.
- headland: A point of high land jutting out into the sea.
- headline: A title printed in large type above a newspaper article or story.
- headset: An attachment for holding earphones and a microphone to one's head.
- headstone: A memorial stone placed at the head of a grave.
- headlight: The main light mounted on the front of a motor vehicle.
- headrest: A support for the head.

Exercise 139

- homework: Schoolwork that a pupil is given to do at home.
- home-stay: A home offered to visitors so that they can experience a different lifestyle.
- homesick: Longing for home and family while absent from them.
- homecoming: A returning home.
- homemade: Made in the home, on one's premises or by one's own efforts.
- homeowner: A person who owns the house in which they live.
- homeward: Heading towards home.

Exercise 140

1. deep-rooted
2. well-respected
3. all-out
4. fast-paced
5. built-up
6. over-the-top
7. level-headed
8. high-quality
9. star-studded
10. clear-cut
11. heart-felt
12. all-weather

TOPIC 15: Homonyms, homophones and homographs

Exercise 141

Homophone: same sound, different spelling, different meaning

Homograph: different sound, same spelling, different meaning

Homonym: same sound, same spelling, different meaning

Own work

TOPIC 17: Possessive Apostrophes

Exercise 142

1. The witch's broom was old.
2. The bird's wing was broken.
3. The woman's purse was stolen.
4. The cat's kittens had just been born.
5. The children's lunches were wet.
6. The TV's reception was bad.
7. The boys' helmets were forgotten.
8. The boys' fathers all came to cricket.
9. The car's tyre had a puncture.
10. I borrowed my friend's play-station game.
11. The skateboard's deck had new grip-tape.
12. The tree was blown over by the gale's force.
13. Snow at lambing time is every sheep-farmer's nightmare.

Exercise 143

1. This was the fastest lap for their **team's** top driver this year.
2. One of the problems with **Jack's** new bike was that the gears kept sticking.
3. The book was so exciting they couldn't wait to hear the **story's** ending.
4. Security is strict at airports to make sure passengers are safe.
5. Dolphins often get caught up in **fishermen's** nets and then they drown.
6. We had a look at the **Endeavour's** galley when it was in port.
7. Dogs often make a mess when they rip open **people's** rubbish bags.
8. The hills looked beautiful in the **lake's** reflection.
9. The windows looked very dirty because of the **children's** sticky fingermarks.

Exercise 144

John was halfway across the paddock when he saw the bull. The **bull's** eyes followed his every move. It shook its head and its hooves began to paw the ground. **John's** heart began to thump. His hands felt sweaty and his throat was dry. He tried to remember his **mother's** instructions about facing angry bulls. Should he stop or keep going? Should he run or walk slowly? He didn't dare look to see the **bull's** reactions but he suddenly heard a frightening noise. The **bull's** territory had been invaded and it was charging.

John's body reacted instantly. He ran as fast as he could towards the fence. The **bull's** hooves were pounding behind him, getting closer and closer. He would never reach the fence in time. Suddenly he had an idea. He could almost feel the **bull's** breath on the back of his neck when he reached a tree. The **tree's** branches were low enough for him to grab. He swung his legs up just in time but his **bag's** strap caught on the branch. As his bag hit the ground all **John's** books scattered everywhere.

The bull stopped and then began to stamp and snort at the books. It charged at them and ripped them to pieces. All the **bull's** rage was taken out on **John's** books. It trotted round the tree a few times then wandered off to the other side of the field. John sat in the tree and looked at his belongings on the ground. His nearly finished assignment was ruined. His bag was in a dozen pieces and he would have a bit of explaining to do when he got home. Keeping his eyes fixed on the bull on the other side of the paddock, John carefully slid down the tree and ran for the fence. Two **week's** work on the assignment was wasted but at least he was still in one piece.

So much for a short-cut home!

Exercise 145

Nick and Cherie Brown were going on holiday with their parents. **Nick's** clothes were in a new brown suitcase he had bought yesterday from the local **store's** luggage department. Cherie had an old suitcase she'd used when she went to a **friend's** house in Auckland. Mum and **Dad's** luggage was packed in old suitcases they had from when they had travelled before Nick and Cherie were born. They were going to Brisbane and it was the **children's** first trip out of New Zealand. The Browns were very excited.

They took a taxi to the airport and were soon on the plane. The **airline's** entertainment system had several movies they had not seen so they were really pleased. The flight time was about three and a half hours and it passed really quickly. They landed in Brisbane, checked through immigration and collected their luggage. Nick pushed the luggage trolley but the **trolley's** front wheel was wonky and he kept pushing it into people. **Nick's** dad took it off him and then ran into a pile of suitcases on the ground. All the **Browns'** luggage fell off the trolley and the suitcases were scattered over the floor. When they had picked them all up they caught a bus to their hotel.

Mr Brown carried the luggage into the **children's** rooms. He put **Nick's** suitcase on the bed and went through his pockets for Nick's key. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get the key to unlock the suitcase. Nick looked at the label. It said J. Sinclair. It was someone **else's** suitcase. They must have got muddled up at the airport when Dad crashed the trolley. Nick couldn't believe it. Why couldn't it have been **Cherie's** suitcase or Mum and **Dad's** old ones that got muddled? Not his lovely new one!