

Houghton Mifflin Reading Additional Spelling Words – Grade 6

	Spelling Rule	Easy	Average	Challenge
Theme 1: Courage				
Hatchet	short vowels	split stuck crush fond fund	strict plump flex glimpse pulse script graph	intact valid quintet pastel epidemic knickknack signal divinity division revision invitation definition resident recitation deprivation induction seduction misconstruction conduction reduction production serenity brevity remedy express profess relative nativity volcanic gravity

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Passage to Freedom	long vowels	deal raise sign growth leaf stroke	frame probe squeal scheme plea crease	refute humane conceal dungarees betray accelerate chlorine biology biome voracious ecology hydrophobia presumable peaceable excusable ecology hydrophobia presumable peaceable excusable decompose acclaim colleague volcano insane nature divine deride recite deprive reside famous conceive remedial harmonious

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Climb or Die	more vowel spellings	treasure discover machine pleasure wealth	defy mystery marine tongue tangerine	dynamic limousine satisfy symphony mezzanine physician fissure salmon asparagus sagacity flammable arisen burrow aperture exposition harmonious photosynthesis teleconference visionary hypodermic procedure injure tricycle triad imposition fracture pasture pleasure leisure manicure

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The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	the /ou/, /oo/, /ô/, and /oi/ sounds	pause ounce thousand fault proof	sprout truce lounge applause rejoice pounce	taut resume dawdle devour scoundrel flamboyant closet profit prophet recount cowardly loudly proudly robin posture moisture obscure sonnet sponsor dominance abound phosphorous buoyancy miscount rebound
Frequently Misspelled Words (49F)			two here coming swimming getting	
Spelling Review (117)				

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Theme 2: What Really Happened?				
Amelia Earhart: First Lady of Flight	vowel + /r/ sounds	torch pour scar thirst harsh tore barge bore	source frontier flirt slur orbit	forfeit distort cashier gnarled circuit sea turtle Vermont Maryland California Virginia West Virginia Oregon Delaware Arizona New York Florida Puerto Rico Arkansas Colorado Georgia Missouri New Jersey North Carolina South Carolina diameter circumference perimeter immortal innumerable inspector

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The Girl Who Married the Moon	homophones	sole soul pore pour loan lone poll pole main mane hall haul peace piece heal heel flea flee wait weight meet meat dear deer steel steal marry merry	cereal serial stationery stationary canvas canvass patience patients coarse course prey pray fourth forth	aisle isle dissent descent barren baron assent ascent morning mourning kernel colonel cinder sender oral aural censor sensor incite insight accept except council counsel mussel muscle presence presents

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Dinosaur Ghosts	final /schwa+r/, /schwa+n/, and /schwa+l/	popular banner regular liar laughter mirror quarter shoulder loyal major inner	minor caterpillar senior major treasurer junior whistle bundle panel token hasten onion senator minister superior barrier grammar surrender particular rumor character meter editor armor linen panel horror sample moral litter soldier cancel	monitor peculiar administer extracurricular specimen original accordion punctual artificial ambassador chancellor councilor courier escalator perpendicular angular coordinator cursor corporal valor cellar vapor pillar decimal cannon congratulation convulsion intractable spectacle imposition

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Frequently Misspelled Words (167F)			they're their there your you're we're anyone anyway anything can't cannot going once before	
Spelling Review (215)				

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Theme 3: Growing Up				
Where the Red Fern Grows	vcv, vccv, vcccv patterns	surgeon employ captain declare farther rocket orphan value remind protect report tulip notice elect robot shadow shiver volume weary scenic	author system standard burden rescue anthem ballot secure recent spirit unite beware alert dentist custom admit banquet bullet surface campus candid frantic trophy Congress instead release panic stupid vital rebel pirate focus	expire effect translate symptom century monarch vital elude license aspire intern astute beckon exclaim crescent misspell flourish vigor crevice column merit lapel chorus pageant blizzard blossom mammal

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Last Summer With Maizon	words with -ed or -ing	whipped visiting bragging covered begged	quizzed focused scanned plugged offered referring shuddered admitted quartered upsetting	excelling conferred profited outwitted reddened summoned omitted excelled tapered regretted welcomed thundered whimpering umpired wondering wintered lumbered harvested signaled welcoming pardoned injuring orbited subjected thundering trumpeted mastered entering

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The Challenge	endings and suffixes	dreadful countless lately basement happiness	teasing priceless choosing ignored changeable achievement eagerly whining sparkled	subtly requirement merely ceaseless coordinated impressively dejected inspiring feebleness commencement barely juiciest finest lawful youthful powerless wearily hereditary imagery legendary literary solitary stationery stationary compulsory scenery expectance reluctance significance vigilance

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The View From Saturday	prefixes in- and con-	insist install instruct impress insult increase impression inform inspect invite contain complex companion conduct complain confess continue	instinct immortal indirect informal improper insult indent inflate immoral impassable individual inquire innocent indent instrument inclined inject intrude impose contact conflict complain conquer composition commit constitution confront conference commotion content confirm concise convene compass compassion compact	impose imprecise incapable immune impede infer impartial inflexible induce infinite indefinite impatient compliment contaminate contagious commission compensate compliance consolidate confident conservation constellation convenient contingent constitution consistent congruent impudent incident indulgent

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Frequently Misspelled Words (273F)			a lot all right write writing didn't don't they again captain indifferent	
Spelling Review (353)				

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Theme 4: Discovering Ancient Cultures				
Lost Temple of the Aztecs	the /sh/ sound	action election ashamed publish vacation	shuffle quotation suspicion delicious starvation nourish	depression abbreviation transportation perish precious ambitious snowshoe sugar ammunition coalition perdition lotion toothbrush furnish shelve insurance assurance species vanish fissure sure dispossession decompression clinician cosmetician tactician diagnostician optician physician

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The Great Wall	adding -ion or -ation	locate location promote promotion correct correction express expression pollute pollution	devote devotion quote quotation explode explosion extend extension invade invasion divide division exclude exclusion alter alteration irritate irritation instruct instruction graduate graduation confuse confusion conclude conclusion oppose opposition affect affection suggest suggestion discuss discussion except exception expose exposition	appreciate appreciation designate designation suspend suspension intrude intrusion excavate excavation disrupt disruption evacuate evacuation substitute substitution introduce introduction evade evasion adaptation affectation confrontation pigmentation indentation accession aggression dispossession obsession repossession

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The Royal Kingdoms of Ghana, Mali, and Songhay	unstressed syllables	partner canary respond apartment memory popular	ballot rascal vessel regretful criminal	punctual frequency crucial indicate gallery courteous constitution population planetarium Sacramento Tallahassee imitation regulation definition diagnosis irrigation declaration exclamation unusual amphibian apprentice asparagus uncommon abilities mechanic election endurance judicial ignition navigator erosion romantic

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Frequently Misspelled Words (387F)			family finally really suppose pretty happened	
Spelling Review (429)				

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Theme 5: Doers and Dreamers				
A Kind of Grace	final /long i +z/, /iv/, /ij/, /ik/, /ch+schwa+r/, /schwa+s/	voyage baggage luggage native language postage notice creative practice knowledge captive average justice bandage service shortage passage televise detective relative village package manage cottage marriage cabbage damage office garbage carriage spoilage storage feature culture romantic lecture moisture	modernize advise summarize compromise legalize penalize civilize generalize sterilize heritage cooperative apprentice superlative primitive festive yardage encourage sausage rummage prejudice positive attractive image recognize descriptive criticize percentage protective advantage cowardice active finalize patriotic democratic terrific gigantic generous	despise prioritize alphabetize improvise aggressive alternative beverage fugitive privilege foliage adhesive negative symbolic strategic stature various rupture titanic legislature tremendous capture culture texture torture preacher poacher archer mathematic statistic politic cosmetic

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		magic plastic	torture furious dramatic numerous specific venture aquatic toxic garlic fabric	

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Under the Royal Palms	plurals	abilities countries duties enemies lilies	wives cliffs cuffs knives elves earmuffs videos silos tacos rodeos tomatoes portfolios	clefs bailiffs sheaves spoofs reproofs embargoes piccolos curios torpedoes mosquitoes avocados casualties tributaries alumni hippopotami syllabi bombs doubts paradigms vehicles mnemonics hymns heirs columns canoes bounties flurries quarries indices leeches

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Chuck Close, Up Close	suffixes: -ant/-ance, -ent/-ence, able/-ible, -ate	different student resident fashionable vacant horrible servant imitate decorate educate locate migrate populate	evident distant urgent current hesitant acceptance influence patience substance reference conference absence insurance presence permissible valuable remarkable divisible sensible portable likable available miserable flexible enjoyable passable ignorant impossible washable gallant capable considerable president accident peasant torrent continent admirable legible	elegant resident reluctant intelligent independence resistance significance acquaintance preference knowledgeable audible noticeable indestructible eligible improbable predominant apparent abundant miserable exaggerate illuminate appliance confidence reluctance violate delicate gullible ostensible negligible compatible laughable maneuverable

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			performance entrance silence appreciate violence allowance associate considerate donate reverence fragrance climate	

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Frequently Misspelled Words (475F)			clothes people basketball everything stopped heard instead morning cousin because Saturday would wouldn't haven't	
Spelling Review (519)				

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Theme 6: New Frontiers: Oceans and Space				
The Adventures of Sojourner	prefixes: de-, dis-, ex-, inter-, per-, pre-, pro	perhaps personal preserve permit disaster district excuse dismiss dispute extend exchange excite prefix propose prefer proverb perfect destroy detective deposit decided delay degree deliver depend	expand extreme distress disguise perfume predict pronounce preside proclaim experiment discovery dishonest export interrupt interfere discourage expensive disbelief exert interject excess intersect prehistoric prohibit permanent project profession promise prepaid persist prospect process perturb prejudice profound prelude profile debate	distortion exposure disgraceful preservation provoke precipitation perspective propaganda disinfectant intervene disadvantage dissolve exquisite disappointment explanation persevere persecute perspiration prevalent prodigious deficient decipher derisive disseminate discern disdain diffraction excavate eccentricity efface

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			defense defeat demand dedicate decay decrease decline detour depress detach demerit	

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Franklin R. Chang-Diaz	prefixes: ad- and ob-	adore	opposite occupation oblong obsess opponent occurrence obstruction observatory occupied arrest apply admit accent appointment assemble assure advise applaud appeal accuse adorn assert adapt accompany afflict obvious	oblivion oblique obsolete obstacle opportunist obnoxious accelerate accommodate apprentice assertion approximate appropriate adjourn admonish advent adjoin account affirm annotate assign assort assure oblong opposition oppress

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Beneath Blue Waters	words with ie or ei	thief height receive achieve field	vein believe reins grieve beige prairie	receipt siege perceive reprieve sieve species grieve windshield heavyweight glacier besiege relieve levies conceivable leniency resilience debrief patients patience efficiency kaleidoscope medieval

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Out There	word parts	inspection remarkable department retirement confession	recyclable incurable contamination enforcement unlawful	countersign disrespectful transcription prescription intersection insignificant coconspirator circumspect retrospect antiperspirant respiration transpire infrastructure indestructible unstructured subterranean terrarium tributary subcontractor superintendent boa constrictor unicycle reevaluate valedictorian provocation reversible insectivore devolution

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Frequently Misspelled Words (571F)			might tonight eight favorite probably field received there's happily beautiful guy o'clock friend believe	
Spelling Review (641)				