

Key Stage 2 Word Mat

This word mat is designed to support children across KS2. It could be laminated back-to-back and form part of the writing toolkit on pupils' tables.

Key words are listed alphabetically for ease of retrieval- the child has at their disposal a mini-dictionary of words that are:

- a) Frequently met in KS2
- b) Commonly misspelt by children

Included are

- a) Common exception words and words from the 200 highest frequency list
- b) Words for the National Curriculum Y3/4 spelling list
- c) Commonly used maths vocabulary
- d) Useful adverbials and conjunctions

The inclusion of words from the Y3/4 appendix is designed to encourage lower KS2 pupils to begin spelling these correctly. By Y5/6, these words become non-negotiable spellings and children need to be spelling them accurately to meet age-related expectations.

Children can use the word mat as a quick reference tool to check their own spellings independently. Get them into the habit of more accurate spelling by encouraging them to look at the mat regularly. They soon become aware of the words likely to be found on the list. Teachers could employ the principle of 'if a word is on the mat, it must be spelt correctly'.

Naturally, the inclusion of all the spelling patterns from the KS2 Programme of Study would make the word mat unmanageable. Similarly, the mat does not feature words that are fully decodable through phonics such as 'mum' or 'rain', even if they are HFWs. The addition of Y5/6 words is not necessarily appropriate as children are still in the process of learning these.

a	bicycle	consider	experiment	h	j	measure	often	pretty
about	both	continue	extreme	half	joke	medicine	old	probably
across	bought	could		happy	juice	mention	once	promise
accident(ally)	break	count	f	have	jump/jumped	mind	one	prove
actual (ly)	breath	climb	fast	head	just	minute	only	purpose
address	breathe		famous	healthy		money	opened	push
after	brother	d	father	heart	k	more	opposite	pull
again	brought	decide	favourite	heard	kind	most	ordinary	put
almost	build	describe	feel	height	killed	mother	other	
also	busy	did/ didn't	find	help/ helpful	knew /know	move	our	q
although	business	different	first	her	knowledge	Mr./ Mrs.	outside	quarter
always	buy	difficult	floor	here		must	over	question
answer	by	disappear	follow	high	l	my		queue
any		does/doesn't	forward (s)	history	last		p	quickly
another	c	done	found	hold	later	n	paper	quiet
appear	calendar	don't	friends	hour	laugh	natural	parents	quite
are	call (called)	door	from	house	learn	naughty	particular	
arrive	can't	during	fruit	huge	leave	near	pass	r
around	careful		further	hungry	left	nearly	past	ready
asked	caught	e			length	never	path	real
	centre	each	g	i	library	new	peculiar	really
b	century	early	girl	ice	likely	night	perhaps	recent
bath	certain	earth	give	I'm	listen	nobody	people	regular
be/ been	change	easy	gold	imagine	little	nothing	piece	reign
beautiful	child/ children	eight/ eighth	goes	important	live	notice	plant	remember
because	circle	eat/ (ate)	going/ gone	improve	lose	now	poor	round
before	class	enough	grammar	increase	love	number	popular	ruler
behind	clothes	every (body)	grass	interest			position	
being	cold	even	great	inside	m	o	possess (ion)	s
believe	colourful	everyone	group	into	made/ make	occasion(ally)	possible	said
Better	come/ coming	eyes	guard	island	many	of	potatoes	saw
between	complete	exercise	guide	isn't	material	off	pressure	school

seen	therefore	watch	time	maths	numbers	Adverbials and conjunctions		
sentence	they	want	Monday	circle	1	one	when:	opinion:
separate	think	water	Tuesday	cuboid	2	two	afterwards	fortunately
shall	those	weigh (t)	Wednesday	cylinder	3	three	as	happily
she	though	were	Thursday	diamond	4	four	at that moment	luckily
should	thought	what	Friday	equilateral	5	five	eventually	sadly
sign	through	when	Saturday	hexagon	6	six	finally	unfortunately
sister	today	where	Sunday	isosceles	7	seven	first	but:
small	together	whether	January	octagon	8	eight	immediately	although
some	to (going)	which	February	parallelogram	9	nine	just then	anyway
someone	told	who	March	pentagon	10	ten	last	beside
something	tomorrow	whole	April	pyramid	11	eleven	later	despite
sometimes	too (more)	why	May	rectangle	12	twelve	meanwhile	however
special	tried/ tries	wild	June	rhombus	13	thirteen	next	in spite of
square	try	with	July	square	14	fourteen	soon	on the other
started	turn	woman/ women	August	sphere	15	fifteen	suddenly	hand
stopped	two (2)	won't	September	tetrahedron	16	sixteen	then	since
straight	u	word	October	trapezium	17	seventeen	until	and:
strange	under	work	November	triangle	18	eighteen	while	also
strength	understand	world	December	addition	19	nineteen	why:	as well as
suddenly	until	write	Christmas	angle	20	twenty	as a result	furthermore
sugar	upon	written	Easter	division	30	thirty	because	in addition
sure	use/ used	would	afternoon	double	40	forty	consequently	moreover
suppose	usually	x	morning	equals	50	fifty	for this reason	with
surprise		y	weekend	fraction	100	hundred	so	
swimming	v	year	month	multiplication	1000	thousand		
symbol	variety	yesterday	spring	subtraction				
system	various	you	summer					
t	very	your	autumn					
than	view	young	winter					
that	village	z						
				Capital Letters			A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	
				Lower case letters			a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z	