

Teacher Guidance

These dictation passages are based solely on the list of Y5/Y6 statutory spelling words from the DfE English Appendix 1: Spelling. They give pupils the chance to practise these spellings in context and are aligned with the National Curriculum 2014 requirement for Writing: Transcription (Spelling) where children are expected to 'write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.'

They are designed to be mini-assessment/ revision activities where children scribe several whole sentences (usually around six sentences per passage) that each contain thirteen Y5/Y6 statutory spelling words within them. Within the dictation passages, these focus words are highlighted in bold. Optional dictation transcription sheets or mini-booklets are included within this pack if you wish your pupils to use them.

Year5/6 Statutory Spelling List

This dictation pack will cover the following statutory spelling list:

accommodate	criticise	identity	queue
accompany	curiosity	immediate	recognise
according	definite	immediately	recommend
achieve	desperate	individual	relevant
aggressive	determined	interfere	restaurant
amateur	develop	interrupt	rhyme
ancient	dictionary	language	rhythm
apparent	disastrous	leisure	sacrifice
appreciate	embarrass	lightning	secretary
attached	environment	marvellous	shoulder
available	equip	mischievous	signature
average	equipped	muscle	sincere
awkward	equipment	necessary	sincerely
bargain	especially	neighbour	soldier
bruise	exaggerate	nuisance	stomach
category	excellent	occupy	sufficient
cemetery	existence	occur	suggest
committee	explanation	opportunity	symbol
communicate	familiar	parliament	system
community	foreign	persuade	temperature
competition	forty	physical	thorough
conscience	frequently	prejudice	twelfth
conscious	government	privilege	variety
controversy	guarantee	profession	vegetable
convenience	harass	programme	vehicle
correspond	hindrance	pronunciation	yacht

Year 5/6 Dictation Passages

Activity 1

Leon is an **amateur** boxer, who is **desperate** to make it to the 2020 Olympic Games. With his **determined** attitude, he goes to the gym for a **thorough** training session every day. **According** to his trainers, he has the **physical** presence and **necessary** commitment to hopefully **achieve** his dream. Almost every **individual** in Leon's family supports his choice of **profession** except his Gran, who often tries to **persuade** him to give up boxing. She thinks the sport is too **aggressive** and **frequently** gets upset at his matches.

Activity 2

The **Twelfth** Night is a **marvellous** comedy written by William Shakespeare. The play begins when twins, Sebastian and Viola, set off on a **disastrous** journey to sea. During a terrible **lightning** storm, their **yacht** is destroyed and they both **Immediately** think that the other has drowned. Viola is washed up in a strange **community** so to feel safe, she conceals her real **identity** and pretends to be a young man. Meanwhile, on another part of the island, Sebastian is found safe and well. From then on, many **awkward** incidents **occur** when a **variety** of the other characters confuse Viola and her brother- people don't **recognise** them and think they are both the same person! The play ends in **controversy** when Viola reveals herself as a woman!

Activity 3

Amy would have always described herself as **mischievous** but this time it was quickly becoming **apparent** to her that she had gone too far. This time, she was finding it hard to live with her guilty **conscience**. When she had tinkered with the **equipment** before the school sports day **competition**, she didn't **bargain** on causing such chaos! Now there was a **queue** of angry children, parents and teachers wanting an **explanation** as to why there were banana skins on the running track, holes cut in the bottom of the sack race sacks and glue **attached** to the head teacher's chair. Amy hadn't meant to be a **nuisance** or to **embarrass** anyone, **especially** not her friends. But now the head teacher had pulled a **muscle** trying to get unstuck, she was surely going to have detention for years to come!

Activity 4

As a cold wind swept over the eerie **cemetery** and **ancient** gravestones, Ben looked over his **shoulder** in fear. Was he in any **immediate** danger? The **temperature** seemed to suddenly drop along with Ben's **stomach**. The **rhythm** of his heart quickened and began to **interfere** with his breathing. He was suddenly very **conscious** that he was alone, still at least a mile from home and that he wasn't **equipped** to fight a ghost or ghoul on his own. His friends would always **exaggerate** their stories about Lost Souls Graveyard. Now tonight, Ben's **curiosity** had got the better of him and he'd risk taking the shortcut straight through. Right now though, he **sincerely** wished he hadn't!

Activity 5

The EU is a group of almost **forty foreign** countries, who have formed a special **committee** to make important decisions. There are 751 Members of the European **Parliament** (or MEPs) from all over Europe, who meet in the main EU building in Brussels. It is an MEPs job to **correspond** with people from their own country and **communicate** their views in important meetings. They are also able to **suggest** ideas that will benefit their home country. Sometimes members of the UK **government** will **accompany** the MEPs to Brussels to give them an **opportunity** to discuss important decisions about the **environment** or **prejudice** issues. Currently, the UK **occupy** 73 seats in the EU meetings.

Activity 6

I would definitely **recommend** the new French **restaurant** in town and it was a great **privilege** to go there last night to celebrate my birthday. We were very lucky that they could **accommodate** us as they were very busy, and we were given the last **available** table. We soon realised that the menu was written in a different **language** but luckily the waiter helped us with the tricky **pronunciation** of the French dishes. I ordered a bowl of **vegetable** stew which I could not **criticise** in anyway- it was far from **average** (in fact I would have described it as delicious!) If you are a fan of French food, I would visit at your earliest **convenience**. The staff there really **appreciate** your custom and I am **definite** that you won't be disappointed!

Activity 7

My little sister Lily is an absolute pain! Her whole **existence** is based on the need to **harass** me and be a **hindrance** in my life. Mum always utters the same **familiar** phrase, 'Leave her-she's only three.' But she gets away with everything! How would Mum like it if Lily were to always **interrupt** her favourite TV **programme**, pinch her last toast **soldier** when she was eating her breakfast, or deliberately repeat the same annoying nursery **rhyme** over and over while she tried to play on her computer. Just last week, she kicked me so hard that I had a massive **bruise** on my leg AND scribbled in a **dictionary** that I'd borrowed from school. But still she didn't get in trouble! I think I have **sufficient** grounds to leave home. I might even move in with our **neighbour** then I might get some **leisure** time without her annoying me. I'd only miss her a little bit!

Activity 8

I want to make a formal complaint about my new **vehicle** and the less than **excellent** service I have received from your company. I have a five-year **guarantee** certificate with a **signature** on from your **secretary** that isn't worth the paper it is written on. I had to **sacrifice** a lot of luxuries to be able to afford a car from your most expensive **category**, but as soon as I drove off from the showroom a **symbol** appeared on my dashboard to say there was a fault with my engine management **system**. A fault that now keeps happening again and again. Although your service staff have offered me their **sincere** apologies, they have not got the **relevant** skills to fix it. You really need to **develop** their expertise to better **equip** them in dealing with these kind of issues.