

Question breakdown

Q	Spelling	Content domain reference
1	unknown	S41 – prefixes S60 – words with ‘silent’ letters
2	fiery	S9 – words ending in –y (/i:/)
3	knitted	S16 – the /n/ sound spelt <i>kn</i> – at the beginning of words S26 – adding –ed to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter
4	swarm	S32 – the /ɔ:/ sound spelt <i>ar</i> after <i>w</i>
5	hence	S15 – the /s/ sound spelt <i>c</i> before <i>e</i>
6	affecting	S1 – the sound /f/ spelt <i>ff</i> S36 – homophones and near-homophones
7	signified	S24 – adding –ed to a root word ending in –y with a consonant before it
8	guessed	S6 – adding the endings –ed to verbs where no change is needed in the root word S50 – words with the /g/ sound spelt <i>gue</i> S61 – homophones and near-homophones
9	purposely	S43 – the suffix –ly
10	hallmark	S27 – the /ɔ:/ sound spelt <i>a</i> before <i>ll</i> S12 – compound words
11	reassure	S41 – prefixes
12	wretched	S60 – words with ‘silent’ letters S3 – –tch
13	responsibly	S56 – words ending in –ibly
14	appearance	S8 – vowel trigraph: <i>ear</i> S55 – words ending in –ance
15	worthwhile	S31 – the /ɜ:/ sound spelt <i>or</i> after <i>w</i> S12 – compound words
16	guidance	S55 – words ending in –ance
17	archive	S48 – words with the /k/ sound spelt <i>ch</i> S4 – the /v/ sound at the end of words

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18	occasion	S45 – endings that sound like /ʒən/
19	prophecy	S10 – new consonant spellings <i>ph</i> S15 – the /s/ sound spelt <i>c</i> before <i>y</i>
20	chronic	S48 – words with the /k/ sound spelt <i>ch</i>
21	plough	S59 – words containing the letter string <i>ough</i>
22	emissions	S47 – endings that sound like /ʃən/, spelt <i>-ssion</i>
23	privilege	S14 – the /dʒ/ sound spelt as <i>-ge</i> at the end of words S37 – common exception words
24	inaudible	S41 – prefixes S56 – words ending in <i>-ible</i>
25	hygiene	S8 – vowel digraphs: <i>ie</i> (/i:/), <i>e-e</i>
26	misadventure	S41 – prefixes S44 – words with endings sounding like /tʃə/
27	vengeance	S55 – words ending in <i>-ance</i>
28	pronunciation	S37 – common exception words
29	embarrass	S37 – common exception words
30	luscious	S53 – endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt <i>-cious</i>
31	disassemble	S41 – prefixes S1 – the sound /s/ spelt <i>ss</i>
32	conceited	S15 – the /s/ sound spelt <i>c</i> before <i>e</i> S58 – words with the /i:/ sound spelt <i>ei</i> after <i>c</i>
33	brusque	S50 – words ending with the /k/ sound spelt <i>-que</i>
34	persuasion	S33 – the /z/ sound spelt <i>s</i>
35	tenacious	S53 – endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt <i>-cious</i>
36	authoritative	S8 – vowel digraphs: <i>au</i> , <i>or</i> , <i>i-e</i> S4 – the /v/ sound at the end of words
37	existence	S55 – words ending in <i>-ence</i>

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38	conceivable	S58 – words with the /i:/ sound spelt <i>ei</i> after <i>c</i> S56 – words ending in <i>-able</i>
39	circumstantial	S54 – endings which sound like /fəl/
40	pretentious	S53 – endings which sound like /fəs/ spelt <i>-tious</i>
41	intrigue	S50 – words ending with the /g/ sound spelt <i>-gue</i>
42	implausible	S41 – prefixes S56 – words ending in <i>-ible</i>
43	prevalence	S55 – words ending in <i>-ence</i>
44	questionnaire	S37 – common exception words
45	beautician	S8 – vowel trigraph: <i>eau</i> S47 – endings that sound like /fən/, spelt <i>-cian</i>
46	belligerent	S1 – the sound /l/ spelt <i>ll</i> S55 – words ending in <i>-ent</i>
47	impeccably	S56 – words ending in <i>-ably</i>
48	acquaintance	S55 – words ending in <i>-ance</i> S37 – common exception words
49	photosynthesis	S10 – new consonant spellings <i>ph</i> S12 – compound words S39 – the /ɪ/ sound spelt <i>y</i> other than at the end of words
50	mischievous	S8 – vowel digraphs: <i>ie</i> (/i:/), <i>ou</i> S46 – the suffix <i>-ous</i> S37 – common exception words