

Baseline assessment content domain coverage

Year 8 Spelling

Question breakdown

Q	Spelling	Content domain reference
1	mock	S1 – the sound /k/ spelt <i>ck</i>
2	developing	S6 – adding the ending – <i>ing</i> to verbs where no change is needed in the root word
3	steel	S8 – vowel digraph: <i>ee</i> S61 – homophones and near-homophones
4	umbrella	S1 – the sound /I/ spelt II
5	vehicle	S18 – the /əl/ sound spelt –le at the end of words S37 – common exception words
6	feeble	S8 – vowel digraph: ee
7	rough	S59 – words containing the letter string <i>ough</i>
8	burglary	S8 – vowel digraph: <i>ur</i> S9 – words ending in – <i>y</i> (/ɪ/)
9	divine	S8 – vowel digraph: <i>i-e</i>
10	familiar	S37 – common exception words
11	soldiers	S37 – common exception words
12	persuade	S8 – vowel digraph: <i>a-e</i>
13	definitely	S43 – the suffix <i>–ly</i> S37 – common exception words
14	seized	S58 – words with the /i:/ sound spelt <i>ei</i> after <i>s</i>
15	defence	S55 – words ending in <i>–ence</i>
16	variety	S8 – vowel digraph: <i>ie (/aɪ/)</i> S9 – words ending in –y (/i:/)
17	tattoo	S8 – vowel digraph: <i>oo (/u:/)</i>
18	average	S14 – the /dʒ/ sound spelt as –ge at the end of words
19	purpose	S8 – vowel digraph: <i>ur</i> S37 – common exception words
20	suggested	S37 – common exception words
21	circuit	S15 – the /s/ sound spelt c before i



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22	compound	S8 – vowel digraph: <i>ou</i>
23	equipped	S37 – common exception words
24	interrupt	S37 – common exception words
25	deserve	S4 – the /v/ sound at the end of words
26	mourning	S61 – homophones and near-homophones
27	apparent	S55 – words ending in <i>-ent</i>
28	typical	S39 – the I / sound spelt I / other than at the end of words
29	immediately	S43 – the suffix –ly
30	convenience	S55 – words ending in <i>-ence</i>
31	sacrifice	S15 – the /s/ sound spelt c before e
32	separate	S37 – common exception words
33	empty-handed	S12 – compound words
34	especially	S15 – the /s/ sound spelt c before i S43 – the suffix –ly
35	sophisticated	S10 – new consonant spellings <i>ph</i>
36	docile	S15 – the /s/ sound spelt c before i S8 – vowel digraph: i-e
37	minuscule	S8 – vowel digraph: <i>u-e</i>
38	impartial	S41 – prefixes S54 – endings which sound like /ʃəl/
39	cologne	S60 – words with 'silent' letters
40	chameleon	S48 – words with the /k/ sound spelt <i>ch</i>
41	exquisite	S8 – vowel digraph: <i>i-e</i>
42	spacious	S53 – endings which sound like /ʃəs/ spelt –cious
43	syllables	S39 – the /ɪ/ sound spelt y other than at the end of words S1 – the sound /l/ spelt /l S56 – words ending in –able



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44	alliance	S55 – words ending in <i>–ance</i>
45	necessity	S15 – the /s/ sound spelt <i>c</i> before <i>e</i> S1 – the sound /s/ spelt <i>ss</i>
46	adjacent	S55 – words ending in <i>-ent</i>
47	programme	S37 – common exception words
48	predecessor	S15 – the /s/ sound spelt c before e S1 – the sound /s/ spelt ss
49	environment	S34 – the suffixes –ment
50	accommodate	S37 – common exception words