



Ninja Spellings

Homework Booklet

Name _____

Teacher _____



NINJA SPELLINGS



Weekly Spelling homework

Ninjas are to learn the first 15 spellings.

You need to complete the Look / Cover / Check table

Samurai are to learn all 30 spellings.

Weekly Test

Ninja – Tested on the first 15 words

Samurai – Tested on 20 from across the 2 tables of 30 words.

You should highlight any of the words that you misspell so that you focus on when revising.

Many of the key spellings are repeated to help ensure that you can spell them accurately.

Earning Your Bands

Every five weeks there will be a band test which will be on a selection of words from the 4 previous weeks.

This test will be on 30 words.

In order to achieve your band you will need to get **25 out of 30 to pass**.

Band 1	Pink	Date achieved
Band 2	Yellow	Date achieved
Band 3	Green	Date achieved
Band 4	Blue	Date achieved
Band 5	Red	Date achieved
Band 6	Black	Date achieved

The first time you pass a band test you will be awarded Band 1. The second time you pass a band test you will be awarded Band 2, and so on. In order to gain the final black band for your level, you will have to have passed the 5 previous band tests.

If you are finding the Ninja level easy, your teacher may choose to move you on to Samurai level.

Cluster: a + e

The letter **a** is often followed by an **e** with one letter in between. When this happens, the sound the '**a**' stands for is usually the same as the name of the letter **a**, and the '**e**' is not heard.

Ninja

Pane			
Made			
Tape			
Cape			
Calendar			
Mane			
Separate			
Average			
Persuade			
Material			
Pavement			
Shape			
Scrape			
Rotate			
Increase			

Samurai

Alliterate	Disgraceful	Primate
Manipulate	Amazement	Implicate
Immediate	Complicated	Illustrate
Hesitate	Imitate	Discriminate
Apparent	Exaggerate	Subordinate

Cluster: wh

There is a **h** after the **w** at the beginning of a number of common words. Many of these words are for asking questions.

Ninja

Why			
Who			
Which			
When			
What			
Where			
Wherever			
Wheat			
Whisker			
Whip			
Whale			
Whisper			
While			
Whine			
Wheel			

Samurai

Whether	Whim	Whiff
Whom	Whereas	Wheeze
Whoever	Whisky	Whereabouts
Whose	Whereas	Whirl
Wharf	Wheedle	Whinny

Cluster: i + e

The letter *i* is often followed by an *e* with one other letter in between. When this happens, the sound the *i* stands for is usually the same as the name of the letter *i*, and the *e* is not heard.

Ninja

Guide			
Twice			
Accident			
Exercise			
Device			
Arrive			
Quite			
Describe			
Decide			
Excite			
Excitement			
Empire			
Surprise			
Favourite			
Opposite			

Samurai

Identity	Despise	Prejudice
Acquire	Respite	Criticise
Definite	Capsize	Recognise
Sacrifice	Entirely	Advertisement
Precise	Definite	Fertile

Cluster: O + E

The letter **o** is often followed by an **e** with one other letter in between. When this happens, the sound the **o** stands for is usually the same as the letter **o**, and the **e** is not heard.

Ninja

Note			
Vole			
Whole			
Alone			
Zone			
Code			
Hole			
Hope			
Those			
Smoke			
Purpose			
Clover			
Suppose			
Envelope			
Postpone			

Samurai

Gruesome	Compose	Fluorescent
Controversy	Microscope	Xylophone
Opponent	Erroneous	Impose
Telescope	Kaleidoscope	Condone
Grotesque	Biodegrade	Covert

Cluster: U + E

The letter u is often followed by an e with one other letter in between. When this happens, the sound the u stands for is usually the same as the name of the letter u, and the e is not heard.

Ninja

Pure			
Sure			
June			
Picture			
Failure			
Refuse			
Future			
Pressure			
Confuse			
Secure			
Attitude			
Mature			
Capture			
Amuse			
Minute			

Samurai

Signature	Fortune	Miniature
Accuse	Amusement	Leisure
Assume	Departure	Acute
Insure	Manicure	Temperature
Assure	Manufacture	Agriculture

Cluster: ER

Many English words end with **-er**. **Er** is also the commonest way of spelling this sound in the middle of words, although **or**, **ir** and **ur** also occur and need to be learnt.

Ninja

Certain			
Quarter			
Soldier			
Perhaps			
Average			
Exercise			
Consider			
Service			
Remember			
Therefore			
General			
Exercise			
Interest			
Experience			
Experiment			

Samurai

Correspond	Interrupt	Delirious
Sincerely	Determined	Mysterious
Government	Cemetery	Persistent
Interfere	Exaggerate	Irrelevant
Controversy	persuade	Desperate

Cluster: OR

The two letters **or** are often found together to stand for the same sound that there is in the short word **or**. If it comes at the end of words, the sound is said quickly and seems a bit different, like the sound usually written **er**.

Ninja

Born			
Organ			
Uniform			
Morning			
Report			
Doctor			
Author			
Order			
Author			
Emperor			
History			
Forward			
Ordinary			
Important			
Forty			

Samurai

Gorgeous	According	Subordinate
Thorough	Correspond	Organise
Opportunity	Category	Fortunate
Foreign	Therefore	Solicitor
Information	Extraordinary	Abnormal

Cluster: AU and AW

The letters **au** or **aw** often stand for the same sound. At the end of a word, or before the letter **n**, we usually find **aw**. In the middle of the word we usually find **au**.

Ninja

Saw			
Thaw			
Law			
Straw			
Autumn			
Naughty			
Sawn			
August			
Daughter			
Pause			
Caught			
Taught			
Fault			
Because			
Dinosaur			

Samurai

Naughty	Audience	Restaurant
Automatically	Auction	Authority
Applaud	Caution	Launch
Nauseous	Aural	Automatic
Awkward	Audit	Autobiographical

Cluster: qu

In English words, the letter **q** is always followed by a **u**.

Ninja

Quick			
Quite			
Quiet			
Question			
Queen			
Quiz			
Quarrel			
Quantity			
Quarter			
Quality			
Require			
Request			
Squirrel			
Square			
Squash			

Samurai

Equip	Enquire	Qualify
Equipped	Acquire	Quota
Equipment	Quash	Quotation
Qualifications	Quadrant	Technique
Tranquil	Quadruplets	Queue

Cluster: ph

The letters **ph** are found instead of **f** in words that have come into English from Greek.

Ninja

photograph			
Telephone			
Microphone			
Photocopy			
Alphabet			
Elephant			
Phantom			
Graphic			
Telegraph			
Pheasant			
Physics			
Paragraph			
Trophy			
Phrase			
Phase			

Samurai

Triumph	Pharmacy	Sphere
Symphony	Photosynthesis	Apostrophe
Physician	Sphinx	Phobia
Sulphur	Sophisticated	Physical
Amphibian	Emphasis	Physically

Cluster : ai

Words that have the same sound in the middle as rain or raid, often have it spelt **ai**.

Ninja

Snail			
Train			
Trail			
Rail			
Rain			
Chain			
Paint			
Faint			
Straight			
Britain			
Mountain			
Certain			
Raid			
Again			
Plain			

Samurai

Available	Straight	Fountain
Sustain	Bargain	Saint
Maintain	Explain	Rainbow
Complain	Waist	Raised
obtain	Stain	Staircase

Cluster : EA

One of the ways of spelling the 'long e' sound is with the two letters *ea*.

Ninja

Appear			
Bead			
Beach			
Beautiful			
Breathe			
Season			
Teacher			
Feature			
Meaning			
Repeat			
Disappear			
Creature			
Creak			
Please			
Increase			

Samurai

Disappear	Cease	Grease
Colleagues	Feasible	Release
Beneath	Leaflet	Treatment
Repeal	Healing	Underneath
Conceal	League	Meander

Cluster: ie

There is a group of words with a sound like 'ee' in feet, where the sound is spelt with an *i* and an *e*.

For these words, remember the rhyme: *i before e except after c when the sound is 'ee'*.

Ninja

Brief			
Chief			
Grief			
Handkerchief			
Thief			
Shield			
Priest			
Niece			
Relief			
Achieve			
Believe			
Belief			
Wield			
Experience			
Eerie			

Samurai

Achieve	Variety	Mischief
Achievement	Mischievous	Hygiene
Convenience	Siege	Relieved
Experience	Soldier	Pierce
Conscience	Sufficient	Believable

Cluster: ge/ gi

When g is followed by e or i it often stands for the sound that can be written with j.

Ninja

Age			
Huge			
Hinge			
Ledge			
Gentle			
Bridge			
General			
Magic			
Knowledge			
Germ			
Danger			
Change			
Strange			
Imagine			
Manage			

Samurai

Vegetable	Suggest	Exaggerate
Gigantic	Generous	Exchange
Geography	Legible	Merge
Lounge	Privilege	Average
Language	Genuine	Plunge

Cluster: ci / ce

If the letter **c** is followed by an **-i** or an **-e**, or by a **-y**, it usually has the 'soft' sound of an **s** or **ss**.

Ninja

Bicycle			
Piece			
Deceit			
Decide			
Since			
Recent			
Century			
Certain			
Accident			
Medicine			
Centre			
Sentence			
Special			
Exercise			
Circle			

Samurai

Existence	Nuisance	Sincerely
Conscience	Prejudice	Hindrance
Excellent	Receive	Conscious
Cemetery	Sacrifice	Pronunciation
Necessary	Circuit	Ancient

Cluster: -tion / -sion

The sound at the end of words like station, pension, or fashion is spelt with **-tion**, **-sion**, or **-shion**. The letters **ti** can sometimes have the sound usually spelt **sh** (as they do in the word *initials*).

Ninja

Position			
Possession			
Mention			
Situation			
Invention			
Potion			
Option			
Question			
Competition			
Fiction			
Vision			
Fusion			
Occasion			
Supervision			
Erosion			

Samurai

Pollution	Conscious	Introduction
Competition	Explanation	Hesitation
Preparation	Impression	Pronunciation
Dictionary	Succession	Profession

Cluster: ia

Ninja

Bias			
Diary			
Material			
Trial			
Peculiar			
Piano			
Peculiar			
Denial			
Special			
Dialogue			
Triangle			
Especially			
Carriage			
Diamond			
Familiar			

Samurai

Familiar	Onomatopoeia	Appropriate
Pronunciation	Defiant	Parliament
Appreciate	Phobia	Aerial
Musician	Immediate	Enviably
Peculiar	Immediately	Alliance

Cluster: le / el

A lot of words end with *le*. In a smaller number of cases, the same sound is spelt with *el*. These just have to be learnt.

Ninja

Bicycle			
Double			
Circle			
Handle			
Possible			
Stable			
Battle			
Angle			
Angel			
Ankle			
Length			
Learn			
Calendar			
Complete			
Knowledge			

Samurai

Possible	Probable	Muscle
Vehicle	Impossible	Chapel
Bicycle	Muscle	Syllable
Illegible	Capable	Vegetable
Irreversible	Available	Flexible

Cluster :In, im, il or ir

By adding the prefixes **in, im, il, or ir**, you often make the antonym (opposite of the word), eg 'irregular' means 'not regular' and 'imperfect' means 'not perfect'.

Some words do not use these letter combinations as a prefix, eg. 'imagine'

Ninja

Indifferent			
Illegal			
Inexperienced			
Impure			
Impossible			
Immature			
Infamous			
Immense			
Imagine			
immodest			
Invisible			
Improbable			
Infirm			
Irregular			
Indirect			

Samurai

Irresistible	Infrequently	Interrupt
Impatient	Irrational	Insufficient
Immediately	Independent	Illogical
Irrelevant	Inconvenience	Insincere
Irritated	Interfere	Illustrate

Cluster: Doubling the last consonant

A lot of words double the last consonant before adding **a suffix, eg. -ly, -ing, -ed, -ence**. They are words that have a single vowel followed by one consonant and the stress is at the end of the word.

If the last syllable isn't stressed you don't need to double the consonant.

Ninja

Spotting			
Occasionally			
Netting			
Rotted			
Rotting			
Accidentally			
Fitting			
Putting			
Wedding			
Written			
Travelling			
Traveller			
Actually			
Dropped			
Skipped			

Samurai

Usually	Especially	Verbally
Basically	Regretted	Gratefully
Marvellous	Regrettable	Rebellious
Actually	Admitted	Beginning
occurrence	Controller	Environmentally

Cluster: Words with silent letters

Ninja

Feb r uary			
Wed d nesday			
Ans w er			
Naug h ty			
Que u e			
Busi n ess			
Inter e st			
Crumb b			
Lamb b			
Doub t			
H onour			
Rei g n			
K nife			
H onest			
W hole			

Samurai

Gov e rnment	Tong u e	Succumb b
Enviro n ment	Valu a ble	Parli a ment
Favou r ite	R h ythm	Yac t
Rei g n	R h yme	K nowledge
Forei g n	Ve h icle	Suffi c ient

Cluster : double consonants – pp, ff, cc, ss

Ninja

Accidentally			
Occasionally			
Occasion			
Difficult			
Different			
Addition			
Disappear			
Suppose			
Opposite			
Appear			
Possession			
Business			
Pressure			
Possible			
Address			

Samurai

Accommodate	Appreciate	Opportunity
Accompany	Appreciation	Approximate
Occur	Apparent	Approximately
Occupy	Apparently	Profession
According	Equipped	Professional

Cluster: double consonants in words

Ninja

Shallow			
excellent			
cancelling			
marvellous			
Controlling			
Patrolling			
Fuelling			
Grammar			
Programme			
Beginning			
Running			
Suffix			
Admitted			
Arrive			
Sorrow			

Samurai

Community	Attached	Parallel
Communicate	Embarrass	Excellent
Committee	Correspond	Aggressive
Recommend	Interrupt	Anniversary
Immediate	Approximate	Suggest

Cluster: Ou or Au

Ninja

Enough			
Group			
Though			
Although			
Thought			
Through			
Famous			
Various			
Fought			
Bought			
Nought			
Tough			
Taught			
Caught			
August			

Samuria

Disastrous	Neighbour	Authentic
Marvellous	Neighbourhood	Staunch
Hideous	Thorough	Haughty
Conscious	Thoroughly	Naughty
Self-conscious	Restaurant	Flaunt

Cluster: Prefixes

A prefix is placed before the stem of a word. Adding it to the beginning of one word changes it into another word. For example, when the prefix un- is added to the word happy, it creates the word unhappy.

Ninja

Unicycle			
Bicycle			
Tricycle			
Triangle			
Tripod			
Discover			
Dishonest			
Distrust			
Disappear			
Disappoint			
Although			
Uncaring			
Unhappy			
Unusual			
Unkind			

Samurai

Antisocial	Supervision	Disappointment
Autobiography	Submerge	Misbehave
Antiseptic	Submarine	Mistrust
Automatically	Prejudice	Mistake
Autograph	Preview	Recognise

Cluster: Suffixes

A suffix is placed after the stem of a word and it often changes the tense or word class which the word belongs to.

Ninja

Eight			
Eighth			
Eighteenth			
Accidentally			
Actually			
Careless			
Careful			
Sorrowful			
Peaceful			
Hopeful			
Equipment			
Probably			
Twelfth			
Trustworthy			
Lightning			

Samurai

Curiosity	Temperature	Marvellous
Criticise	Explanation	Mischievous
Definite	Frequently	Opportunity
Disastrous	Hindrance	Pronunciation
Environment	Immediately	Signature

Cluster: EU & VE

Ninja

Due			
Fuel			
Guest			
True			
Virtue			
Cruel			
Blue			
Value			
Argue			
Issue			
Queen			
Query			
Question			
Statue			
Continue			

Samurai

Amateur	Antique	Pursue
Feud	Boutique	Barbeque
European	Technique	Frequently
Neutral	Physique	Queue
Avenue	Clique	Queueing

Cluster : EA words

Ninja

Breath			
Earth			
Early			
Heard			
Heart			
Increase			
Learn			
Reach			
Teach			
Stream			
Please			
Breathe			
Spear			
Fear			
Really			

Samurai

Appear	Disease	Treaty
Beneath	Ordeal	Easter
Creature	Reason	Health
Decrease	Reveal	Wealth
Defeat	Season	Commonwealth

Cluster: Plurals

All you need to do is add **-es** to make the plurals words ending in **x**, **sh**, **s**, **ss**, and **ch**.

Some words which end with the letter **f** change the **f** to a **v** before adding **es** to make the plural. Words which end with a consonant and then a **y** change the **y** to an **i** before adding **es** to make the plural.

Ninja

Boxes			
Foxes			
Potatoes			
Buses			
Atlases			
Centuries			
Libraries			
Histories			
Crashes			
Guesses			
Bushes			
Dashes			
Women			
Shelves			
Halves			

Samurai

Symbols	Circuses	Wolves
Vegetables	Octopuses	Enemies
Yachts	Addresses	Flies
Amateurs	Heroes	Fairies
Restaurants	Zeroes	Libraries

Cluster: 'i'

'i' can be pronounced as a short vowel as in 'hit'.

'y' can also be pronounced as a short vowel as in 'myth'

Ninja

possible			
Build			
Continue			
Different			
Difficult			
History			
Imagine			
Interest			
Medicine			
Disappear			
Cinema			
Ignite			
Syrup			
Physical			
Egypt			

Samurai

Sincere	Opportunity	Sufficient
Dictionary	Variety	Disastrous
Citizen	Symbol	Existence
Vehicle	System	Hindrance
Believe	Equip	Immediate

Cluster: 'i' or 'y'

'i' can be pronounced as a long vowel as in 'hire'.

'y' can also be pronounced as a long vowel as in 'typist'.

Ninja

Surprise			
Guide			
Favourite			
Exercise			
Describe			
Height			
Delight			
Ignite			
Bicep			
Biology			
Library			
Bicycle			
Apply			
Type			
Try			

Samurai

Stifle	Identity	Hyperactive
Variety	Lightning	Cyclops
Decipher	Rhyme	Typhoon
Trial	Biologist	Tyrant
Silent	Hype	Multiply

Cluster: Drop or Keep 'e'

For words ending with a silent 'e' (achieve), drop the 'e' when adding a vowel suffix such as '-ing' (achieving).

Add '-ly' to a word whether or not the word ends with a vowel (extreme + ly) or a consonant (hopeless + ly). The few exceptions to this rule need to be learned.

Ninja

Believe			
Believing			
Describe			
Describing			
Decide			
Deciding			
Breathe			
Breathing			
Complete			
Completing			
Important			
Importantly			
Particular			
Particularly			
Famously			

Samurai

Immediate	Averagely	Sincere
Immediately	Conscious	Sincerely
Aggressive	Consciously	Frequent
Aggressively	Immediate	Frequently
Average	Immediately	Persuasively

Cluster: Other key spellings

Ninja

Answer			
Build			
Extreme			
Forward			
Fruit			
Grammar			
Guard			
Height			
Island			
Library			
Natural			
Often			
Popular			
Regular			
Reign			

Samurai

Bruise	Individual	Shoulder
Develop	Lightning	Stomach
Dictionary	physical	Symbol
Guarantee	Programme	System
Harass	Secretary	Twelfth

Earn extra epraise points

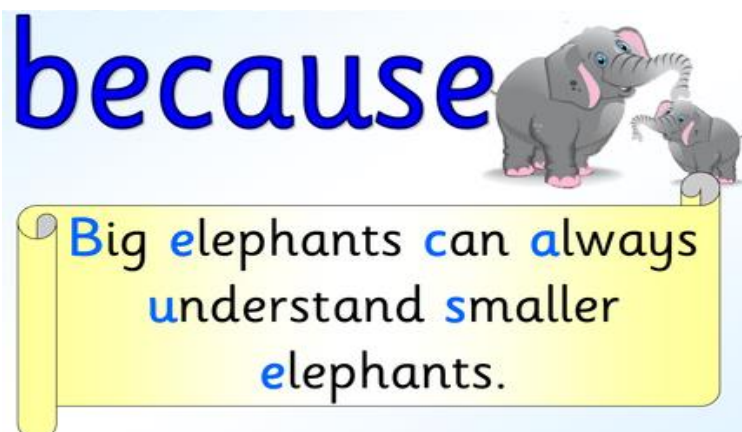
Earn extra epraise points for bringing in evidence that you have completed one of the following spelling tasks using your week's spelling words.

- Use Scrabble tiles to spell out as many of your spelling words as you can.
- Cut out individual letters or find the actual words from a newspaper and create a collage.
- Go to the beach and write 10 of your spelling words in the sand, then email your teacher with a photo.



- Play with your food and use alphabet spaghetti to write your words on a plate. Take a photo and email it to your teach rather than trying to bring it in.

- Write a paragraph using 15 of your spelling words.
- Write all of your spellings in alphabetical order.
- Write down 15 of your words and show how they can be broken down into separate syllables.



- Create your own mnemonic to help you remember how to spell 3 of your trickier words.

My test scores

Record your score each week.

1	2	3	4	5 Band test
6	7	8	9	10 Band test
11	12	13	14	15 Band test
16	17	18	19	20 Band test
21	22	23	24	25 Band test
26	27	28	29	30 Band test
31	32	33	34	35 Band test
36	37	Final test!	 <p>Earn extra epraise points by completing one of the activities on the previous</p>	