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Grade 5 Spelling Lists

Module by Module

The fuller path. Each week draws its words from that week's own reading, so the spelling grows in stamina right alongside the passage, from the short Module 1 reading to the fullest Module 4 reading. Five words from the reading, five new words for the rule, and a seen and unseen check at the end of every set.

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Prepare Cluster

Each week from its own module reading · The Great Chocolate Chip Cookie Mystery; The Fifth-Grade Cookie Commission

MODULE	SPELLING RULE	FIVE WORDS FROM THE READING	FIVE NEW WORDS, SAME RULE
Module 1	Syllable types and division review	accident, accounts, accurate, across, actually	complicate, obstacle, fantastic, calculate, celebrate
Module 2	Prefix review	unusual *, rearrange *, disappear *, incorrect *, preview *	mislead, nonstop, unfriendly, rewrite, disconnect
Module 3	Suffix review	carefully *, happiness *, hopeful *, quickly *, kindness *	useless, thankful, sadly, brightness, peaceful
Module 4	Base word building review	enjoy, treat, govern *, government *, agree *	agreement, develop, development, enjoyment, treatment

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Cluster 1

Each week from its own module reading · From Tension to Revolution; The Ocean Lesson

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Module 1	Prefixes de and trans	declaration, determination, developed, transition, defrost *	defuse, deform, deflate, transport, transform
Module 2	Prefixes super and mid	superpower, superhero *, supermarket *, superstar *, supervise *	superior, midnight, midway, midfield, midterm
Module 3	Prefixes semi and anti	semicircle *, semifinal *, semicolon *, semisweet *, semiannual *	antibiotic, antifreeze, antisocial, antibody, antivirus
Module 4	Prefixes inter, over, under	understand, interact *, international *, interview *, overflow *	overcome, overlook, underground, underline, underwater

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Cluster 2

Each week from its own module reading · Spanish Rule in Early Texas; A Harvest to Remember

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Module 1	Suffix al and ial	local, several, personal *, natural *, musical *	central, final, financial, special, official
Module 2	Suffix ive	native, productive, protective, survive, creative *	positive, active, massive, expensive, attractive
Module 3	Suffix ous, eous, ious	famous *, nervous *, dangerous *, curious *, serious *	gorgeous, courageous, mysterious, generous, various
Module 4	Suffix ion, tion, sion	celebration, cooperation, exploration, mission, protection	opinion, division, tension, action, decision

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Cluster 3

Each week from its own module reading · Our Rights, Our Voices; A Voice of Their Own

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Module 1	Suffix logy	biology *, geology *, zoology *, technology *, apology *	ecology, mythology, anthology, psychology, archaeology
Module 2	Suffix ance and ence	distance *, difference *, balance *, entrance *, importance *	confidence, patience, silence, absence, sentence
Module 3	Suffix ment and ity	amendment, authority, government, parliament, movement *	community, agreement, ability, equipment, activity
Module 4	Suffix able and ible	valuable *, responsible *, comfortable *, possible *, reliable *	sensible, enjoyable, terrible, believable, invisible

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Cluster 4

Each week from its own module reading · The Garden That Wouldn't Grow; Words That Changed a Nation

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Module 1	Root dict, meaning say	predict *, dictionary *, dictate *, contradict *, verdict *	diction, dictator, prediction, unpredictable, contradiction
Module 2	Root ject, meaning throw	objected, project *, reject *, inject *, eject *	object, subject, injection, rejection, projector
Module 3	Roots terr and rupt review	territory *, terrain *, terrace *, terrarium *, erupt *	interrupt, disrupt, corrupt, rupture, abrupt
Module 4	Roots tract and port review	important, support, distract *, attract *, subtract *	extract, contract, export, import, transport

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Cluster 5

Each week from its own module reading · A Difficult Compromise; A Visit to the Workshop

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Module 1	Root geo, meaning earth	geography *, geology *, geometry *, geographic *, geographer *	geothermal, geode, geologist, geologic, geoscience
Module 2	Root chrono, meaning time	chronology *, chronic *, chronicle *, synchronize *, chronological *	chronometer, chronologically, chronicled, synchronous, chronicler
Module 3	Root audi, meaning hear	audience *, audible *, audio *, auditory *, audition *	auditorium, inaudible, audiobook, auditor, audiovisual
Module 4	Root photo, meaning light	photograph *, photosynthesis *, photography *, photocopy *, photographer *	photogenic, telephoto, photon, photographic, photojournalist

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Cluster 6

Each week from its own module reading · A Voice in the Community; A Gift that Welcomed Millions

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Module 1	Roots phon and tele	phonics *, telephone *, television *, telescope *, telegraph *	symphony, microphone, telephoto, phoneme, teleport
Module 2	Roots graph and scope	autograph *, periscope *, paragraph *, telescope *, microscope *	photograph, biography, kaleidoscope, telegraph, geography
Module 3	Root meter, meaning measure	thermometer *, perimeter *, diameter *, kilometer *, barometer *	speedometer, centimeter, odometer, millimeter, geometry
Module 4	Root spect, meaning look	inspected, respectful, inspect *, spectator *, respect *	inspector, spectacles, suspect, expect, prospect

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Cluster 7

Each week from its own module reading · One Voice Can Start a Wave; Try, Learn, Change

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Module 1	Confused its and it's	your, its *, it's *, you're *, whose *	who's, theirs, there's, hers, ours
Module 2	Confused affect and effect	affect *, effect *, affects *, effects *, affected *	effective, affecting, effectively, ineffective, unaffected
Module 3	Confused accept and except	accept *, except *, accepts *, excepts *, accepted *	exception, accepting, acceptance, exceptional, unacceptable
Module 4	Confused than, then, aloud, allowed	than, then, whether, aloud *, allowed *	past, passed, whose, who's, weather

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Cluster 8

Each week from its own module reading · From Protest to Participation: How a; How Change Happens: Observe,; Six Turning Points: What Made; The Change Files: How Questions

MODULE	SPELLING RULE	FIVE WORDS FROM THE READING	FIVE NEW WORDS, SAME RULE
Module 1	Synonyms and antonyms in spelling	enormous *, gigantic *, ancient *, modern *, generous *	selfish, brave, timid, rapid, gradual
Module 2	Analogies and word relationships	cause, compare, similar, opposite, example	effect, contrast, related, category, sequence
Module 3	Unusual and multiple patterns	rhythm *, foreign *, ancient *, science *, conscience *	gauge, muscle, license, sincerely, guarantee
Module 4	Cumulative review	necessary, immediately, believe, definitely *, occasion *	embarrass, recommend, privilege, separate, tomorrow

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