

Word list – years 3 and 4

accident(ally)	experiment	often	through
actual(ly)	extreme	opposite	various
address	famous	ordinary	weight
answer	favourite	particular	woman/women
appear	February	peculiar	
arrive	forward(s)	perhaps	
believe	fruit	popular	
bicycle	grammar	position	
breath	group	possess(ion)	
breathe	guard	possible	
build	guide	potatoes	
busy/business	heard	pressure	
calendar	heart	probably	
caught	height	promise	
centre	history	purpose	
century	imagine	quarter	
certain	increase	question	
circle	important	recent	
complete	interest	regular	
consider	island	reign	
continue	knowledge	remember	
decide	learn	sentence	
describe	length	separate	
different	library	special	
difficult	material	straight	
disappear	medicine	strange	
early	mention	strength	
earth	minute	suppose	
eight/eighth	natural	surprise	
enough	naughty	therefore	
exercise	notice	though/although	
experience	occasion(ally)	thought	

Notes and guidance (non-statutory)

Teachers should continue to emphasise to pupils the relationships between sounds and letters, even when the relationships are unusual. Once root words are learnt in this way, longer words can be spelt correctly, if the rules and guidance for adding prefixes and suffixes are also known.

