

# 11-14 YEAR OLDS SPELLINGS

Here are some notes on the spelling skills we practised in today's lesson. You will also find an extension activity which you can complete in your own time.

## THERE/THEIR/THEY'RE

These words are some of the most frequently mixed up homophones. Remember to check you've used the correct spelling when writing these words.

- **There:** Can be used as an adverb or pronoun. "The park is over **there**".
- **Their:** Can be used as a possessive adjective or possessive pronoun. "It's **their** netball".
- **They're:** Is a contraction of 'they are'. "**They're** heading to the park".

## ROOTS, PREFIXES & SUFFIXES

Root words are the **primary lexical units of words**. They can form the basis of new words through the addition of prefixes and suffixes. For example:

**Root Word = success   Prefix = un   Suffix = ful**  
**unsuccessful**

There are some general rules which can help you spell words by breaking them down into prefixes, roots and suffixes. Remember, there will always be some exceptions to these rules!

### Vowel Suffixes (e.g. ary, ist, ing, ed, er):

- Consonant endings of root words are often doubled e.g. bigger, cancelled.
- If the root ends in 'e', it's usually dropped before adding the suffix e.g. hoping, user.

### Consonant Suffixes (e.g. ly, ful, less, tion):

- Generally, the root doesn't change if it ends in a consonant.
- There are some changes if it ends in a vowel or a 'y' e.g. friendliness.

### Prefixes (dis, im, il, un, mis):

- Often create double letters at the start of words e.g. irrational, illegal, unnecessary.

## TAKEAWAY CHALLENGE

### Spelling Bookmark

Design yourself a new bookmark. On the back, draw lines across the bookmark to write words on. Fill in half of the bookmark with tricky words from today's lesson. You can see these words regularly every time you read, and add in new words as you come across them!

My Tricky Words
their
irregular
postponement

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