SPaG - Spotlight on Spelling

The 2025 SATs SPaG and spelling papers will take place on Monday 12th May. It will involve a written element, the English grammar and punctuation paper, which will last for 45 minutes. Within the written paper, there are a number of questions focusing on vocabulary and spellings. On average, 5 out of the 50 questions will focus on spelling.

There will then be a 20-word aural spelling test which should last around 20 minutes. Pupils will write the spellings in the provided booklet.

These questions focus on prefixes, suffixes and word families.

Below are some example questions on each topic.

The written paper is marked out of 50 and the spelling test is marked out of 20. These scores are then combined to give a total score. Spelling therefore contributes to a large percentage of the marks (approximately 35%) so practising spelling rules in the months leading up to the SATS is very important.

<u>Prefixes:</u> a letter or group of letters that are added before the root word to make a new word

Add a prefix to the word <u>charge</u> in the sentence below to show that the	
waiter did not charge too much.	Add a different prefix to each word to form its antonym
The waiter was careful not to charge the customer.	honest
What does the prefix multi- mean in the words multicultural, multipurpos and multicoloured?	seseparable
Tick one.	noticeable
some	
few	
all	
many	

<u>Suffixes:</u> a letter or group of letters, for example '-ly' or '- ness', which is added to the end of a word in order to form a different word

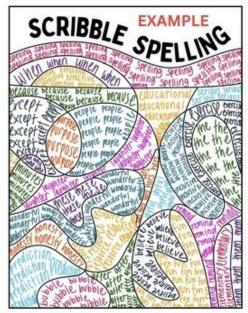
	plete the se ach line.	ntence by writing a w	vord forme	ed from the	root word <u>mu</u>	sic
Every	Every member of the Jones family was,					
but o	nly Mr Jone	s was a professional	l		·	
Comp	olete each s	entence below with	a word for	med from the	ne root word <u>s</u>	act.
Jack	always kne	w he would be an				
Alissa	a couldn't si	t still as she liked be	ing	·		
·		ord families are words d root (with prefixes, s				-
What does the	e root <u>struct</u> me	an in the word family belov	What does	the root graph	mean in the word	family below?
destruction	structure	reconstruct	graphics	auto graph	photo graph y	para graph
	Tick one.				Tick one.	
break			moving pio	ctures		
build			writing or	drawing		
carry			colourful o	r bright		
touch			in a group			

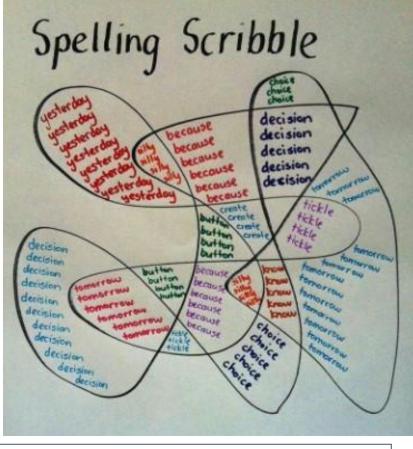
Ways to practise:

Tic-Tac-Toe

write the words <u>3</u> times each	write the words with Sill sy letters	ranbow write the words <u>2</u> times each
write the words with blue vowels and red consonants	write the words with all CAPITAL letters	write the words with dots on the letters
write the words and how much each is worth 3 letters = 3	write the words with an AB color pattern	write each word and a word that rhymes with it

Spelling Choice horizontal, Vertical, or diagonal					
write the words 3 times each	Write the Words W/ SIATES letters	write the words in rainbow letters			
Write the Words with blue vowels and red Consonants	write-the words in CAPTIAL letters	write the words in beautiful cursive			
Write the Words & their worth Vowels=3 pts. Corsonants=2 pts.	write the Words with an AB Color Pattern	Write the Words with			





Pyramid Writing



Spelling Game - Each player gets a turn to say 1, 2 or 3 letters of a word. Whoever lands on the last letter is out and if you spell it incorrectly you're also out.