



Progression of Skills and Knowledge for Writing Transcription EYFS Year 5 Year 4 Year 6 Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Spell words Use knowledge Use further Sometimes gives Leave spaces Use further Use knowledge meaning to of morphology containing each between words prefixes and prefixes and of morphology marks as they of the 40+ suffixes and suffixes and and etymology in and etymology in Use capital letter spelling and draw and paint. phonemes understand how understand how spelling and to add them to add them understand that Gives meaning to already taught for names understand that the spelling of the spelling of marks they make (English (English Appendix 1) as they draw, Spell common Use capital letter Appendix 1) some words some words write and paint. exception words for the personal needs to be needs to be that have been pronoun 'l' Spell words that Spell further learnt learnt Begins to break are often taught homophones specifically, as specifically, as the flow of misspelt (English Begin to listed in English listed in English Spell words that speech into Name the letters punctuate Appendix 1) Appendix 1 Appendix 1 of the alphabet sentences using are often words. Use dictionaries in order a capital letter Use the first two misspelt (English Use the first and a full stop or three letters Appendix 1) three or four to check the Uses some spelling and of a word to letters of a word clearly Use letter names check its spelling to check spelling, identifiable to distinguish Join words using Place the meaning of 'and' letters to between in a dictionary possessive meaning or both words communicate alternative apostrophe of these in a spellings of the meaning, Begin to Form nouns accurately in dictionary Use a thesaurus using prefixes representing same sound punctuate words with Recognise how some sounds sentences using e.g. super, anti, regular plurals Use a thesaurus correctly and in Use -ing and e.g. boys', girls' words are a question mark auto ed. where no and in words Use further related by sequence. change is needed Join clauses Spell further with irregular prefixes and meaning as in the spelling of using 'and' suffixes and Writes own homophones plurals e.g. synonyms and name and other root words and understand children's understand the antonyms their meanings





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things such as	Spell the days of	Use a capital	Explore and	Use the first two	guidance for	Use further
labels, captions.	the week	letter for days of	accurately use	or three letters	adding them e.g.	prefixes and
		the week	word families	of a word to	dis-', 'de-', 'mis-',	suffixes and
Attempts to	Use the spelling		based on	check its spelling	'over-' and 're-'	understand the
write short	rule for adding –	Begin to	common words,	in a dictionary		guidance for
sentences in	s or –es as the	punctuate	showing how		Spell some	adding them
meaningful	plural marker for	sentences using	words are	Spell plural	words with	
contexts.	nouns and the	an exclamation	related in form	nouns of words	'silent' letters	Spell some
	third person	mark	and meaning e.g.	ending in 'o'.		words with
Children use	singular marker		solve, solution,		Continue to	'silent' letters
their phonic	for verbs	Use simple noun	solver, dissolve,	Write from	distinguish	
knowledge to		phrases	insoluble	memory simple	between	Continue to
write words in	Begin to spell	(adjective +		sentences,	homophones	distinguish
ways which	words using	noun)	Write from	dictated by the	and other words	between
match their	contracted forms		memory simple	teacher, that	which are often	homophones
spoken sounds.		Can use the	sentences,	include words	confused	and other words
	Can use the	following	dictated by the	and punctuation		which are often
They write some	prefix un–	terminology	teacher, that	taught so far		confused
irregular		from Appendix 2	include words			
common words.	Can add prefixes	to discuss their	and punctuation			
	and suffixes	writing: letter,	taught so far			
They write	using –er and –	capital letter,				
simple	est where no	word, singular,				
sentences which	change is needed	plural, sentence,				
can be read by	in the spelling of	punctuation, full				
themselves and	root words	stop, question				
others.		mark,				
	Write from	exclamation				
Some words are	memory simple	mark				
spelt correctly	sentences					
and others are	dictated by the					
phonetically	teacher that					





include words			
using the GPCs			
and common			
exception words			
taught so far			

		Composition	on (planning, draf	ting, editing)		
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Gives meaning to	Say out loud what	Consider what	Writing is clear in	Discuss writing	Note and develop	Note and develop
marks they make as	they are going to	they are going to	purpose	similar to that	initial ideas,	initial ideas, drawing
they draw, write	write about	write before		which they are	drawing on reading	on reading and
and paint.	Discuss what they	beginning by	Plan their writing	planning to write in	and research where	research where
	have written with	planning or saying	by discussing	order to	necessary	necessary
Attempts to write	the teacher or	out loud what	writing similar to	understand and		
short sentences in	other pupils	they are going to	that which they are	learn from its	Identify audience	Identify the
meaningful		write about	planning to	structure,	for, and purpose of,	audience for and
contexts.	Use simple word		write in order to	vocabulary and	the writing	purpose of the
	choice that helps	When planning,	understand and	grammar		writing
	to convey	write down ideas	learn from its		Select the	
	information and	and/or key words,	structure,	Plan their writing	appropriate form	Select the
	ideas, e.g. story or	including new	vocabulary and	by discussing and	and use other	appropriate form
	topic related	vocabulary	grammar	recording ideas	similar writing as	and use other
	vocabulary	Make simple	When planning,	Evaluate and edit	models for their	similar writing as
	Select basic ideas	additions,	discuss and record	by assessing the	own	models for their
	and content linked	revisions and	ideas	effectiveness of		own
	to the purpose of	corrections to		their own and	Select appropriate	
	a task	their own writing	Compose and	others' writing and	grammar and	Evaluate and edit by
		by evaluating their	rehearse sentences	suggesting	vocabulary,	assessing the
	Re-read what they	writing with the	orally (including	improvements	understanding how	effectiveness of
	have written to		dialogue),		such choices can	





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check that it	teacher and other	progressively	In narratives,	change and	their own and
makes sense	pupils	building a varied	creates settings,	enhance meaning	others' writing
		and rich vocabulary	characters and plot		
Use simple	Re-read to check			Evaluate and edit by	Propose changes to
prepositions	that writing makes	Evaluate and edit	Writing is clear in	assessing the	vocabulary,
	sense e.g. verb	by assessing the	purpose	effectiveness of	grammar and
	tense	effectiveness of		their own and	punctuation to
		their own and	Use a varied and	others' writing	enhance effects and
	Proof-read to	others' writing and	rich vocabulary		clarify meaning
	check for errors in	suggesting		Propose changes to	
	spelling, grammar	improvements	Description or	vocabulary,	Use adverbs,
	and punctuation	In narratives,	detail in both	grammar and	prepositional
		creates settings,	narrative and non-	punctuation to	phrases and
	Selection of	characters and plot	narrative is	enhance effects and	expanded noun
	relevant content		expanded through	clarify meaning	phrases effectively
	shows an	Vocabulary choices	an appropriate and		for qualification and
	awareness of	move from generic	precise range of	Use expanded noun	precision
	purpose and an	to specific e.g. from	vocabulary	phrases to convey	
	emerging	'dog' to 'terrier'		complicated	Understand and
	awareness of their	Expansion of detail	Viewpoint is	information	apply the difference
	audience	/ events may be	consistently	concisely	between vocabulary
		supported through	maintained (for		typical of informal
	Use adventurous	vocabulary	example, word	In narratives,	speech and
	vocabulary	(technical, vivid	choice indicates	describe settings,	vocabulary
	appropriate to	language) and	child's viewpoint	characters and	appropriate for
	task	explanation	on a character or	atmosphere	formal speech and
	Use a range of		an issue)		writing e.g. find out/
	prepositions			Choose the	discover; find out/
	(behind, before,		Use figurative	appropriate register	request; go in/
	above, along)		language such as	for the audience	enter
			similes, alliteration	and purpose	
			to build a picture in	(formal or informal)	In narratives,
			the readers head		describe settings,





		Viewpoint is	characters and
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		established and	atmosphere
		generally	
		maintained	Integrate dialogue
			to convey character
		Use figurative	and advance the
		language such as	action
		similes, alliteration,	
		metaphors and	Use figurative
		personification in	language such as
		poetry	similes, alliteration,
			metaphors and
		Edit sentences by	personification in a
		either expanding or	range of writing
		reducing for	
		meaning and effect	Selects verb forms
		meaning and effect	for meaning and
		Content is balanced	effect e.g.
		e.g. between	deliberate change of
		action/ description/	tense
		-	tense
		dialogue, fact and	Namasa shifta in
		comment	Manage shifts in
			levels of formality
			within a text
			Select synonyms
			accurately for effect
			rather than as an
			alternative for an
			original word









			such as 'If I were' or
			'Were they to come'

	Vocabulary, grammar, punctuation								
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
They write simple	Leave spaces	Use capital letters,	Use conjunctions to	Use inverted	Proof-read for	Proof-read for			
sentences which can	between words	full stops,	express time, place	commas and other	spelling and	spelling and			
be read by		question marks	and cause	punctuation to	punctuation errors	punctuation errors			
themselves and	Use capital letter	and exclamation		indicate direct					
others.	for names	to demarcate	Use adverbs and	speech e.g. a	Use relative clauses	Ensure the			
		sentences	prepositions to	comma after the	beginning with	consistent and			
Some words are	Use capital letter		express time, place	reporting clause;	who, which, where,	correct use of tense			
spelt correctly and	for the personal	Use coordinating	and cause	end punctuation	when, whose, that	throughout a piece			
others are	pronoun 'l'	conjunctions		within inverted		of writing			
phonetically		(or/and/but)	Use inverted	commas: The	Use commas to				
plausible.	Begin to		commas to	conductor shouted,	clarify meaning or	Use relative clauses			
	punctuate	Write expanded	punctuate direct	"Sit down!"	avoid ambiguity in	beginning with who,			
Uses vocabulary	sentences using a	noun phrases to	speech		writing	which, where,			
focused on objects	capital letter and a	describe and		Noun phrases		when, whose, that			
and people that are	full stop	specify	Know when to use	expanded by the	Convert nouns or	or with an implied			
of particular			'a' and 'an'	addition of	adjectives into	(i.e. omitted)			
importance to	Join words using	Use the present		modifying	verbs using '-ate', '-	relative pronoun			
them.	'and'	and past tenses	Proof-read for	adjectives, nouns	ise' or '-ify'				
		correctly and	spelling and	and preposition		Use correct subject			
Builds up vocabulary	Begin to	consistently	punctuation errors	phrases e.g. the	Ensure correct	and verb agreement			
that reflects the	punctuate			strict maths	subject and verb	when using singular			
breadth of their	sentences using a	Use –ly to turn	Use irregular	teacher with curly	agreement when	and plural			
experiences.	question mark	adjectives into	simple past-tense	hair	using singular and				
		adverbs – slow/	verbs e.g. awake /		plural	Use brackets,			
Extends vocabulary,	Join clauses using	slowly	awoke	Understand the		dashes or commas			
especially by	'and'			difference between	Use brackets,	to indicate			
grouping and					dashes or commas	parenthesis			





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naming, exploring	Use a capital letter	Use subordinating	Use the present	plural and	to indicate	
the meaning and	for days of the	conjunctions	perfect form of	possessive -s	parenthesis	Use a colon to
sounds of new	week	(when/ if /that	verbs in contrast to			introduce a list
words.		/because)	the simple past	Proof-read for	Use the perfect	
	Begin to		tense e.g. he has	spelling and	form of verbs to	Use a semi colon
	punctuate	Use commas to	gone out to play,	punctuation errors	mark relationships	within lists
	sentences using	separate items in	he went out to play		of time and cause	
	an exclamation	a list		Propose changes to		Use semi colons,
	mark		Indicate possession	grammar and	Use modal verbs or	colons or dashes to
		Use apostrophes	by using the	vocabulary to	adverbs to indicate	mark boundaries
	Use simple noun	to mark where	possessive	improve	degrees of	between
	phrases (adjective	letters are missing	apostrophe with	consistency,	possibility	independent clauses
	+ noun)	in spelling	plural nouns	including the		
				accurate use of	Ensure the	Use hyphens to
	Can use the	Use the suffixes –	Propose changes to	pronouns in	consistent and	avoid ambiguity
	following	er, -est, in	grammar and	sentences	correct use of tense	
	terminology from	adjectives	vocabulary to		throughout a piece	Use the perfect
	Appendix 2 to		improve	Standard English	of writing	form of verbs to
	discuss their	Use the	consistency,	forms for verb		mark relationships
	writing: letter,	progressive form	including the	inflections instead	Use a colon to	of time and cause
	capital letter,	correctly and	accurate use of	of local spoken	introduce a list	
	word, singular,	consistently e.g he	pronouns in	forms		Use modal verbs or
	plural, sentence,	was shouting.	sentences		Use and understand	adverbs to indicate
	punctuation, full			Use fronted	the grammatical	degrees of
	stop, question	Use apostrophes	Use fronted	adverbials followed	terminology in	possibility
	mark, exclamation	to mark singular	adverbials	by a comma	English Appendix 2	
	mark	possession in			accurately and	Punctuate bullet
		nouns	Use commas after	Use the present	appropriately when	points consistently
			fronted adverbials	perfect form of	discussing their	
		Form nouns using		verbs in contrast to	writing and reading:	Use and understand
		suffixes –ness, -er	Use and	the past tense	modal verb, relative	the grammatical
		and by	understand the		pronoun, relative	terminology in
		compounding e.g.	grammatical		clause, parenthesis,	English Appendix 2
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whiteboard,	terminology in	Indicate possession	bracket, dash,	accurately and
superman	English Appendix 2	by using the	cohesion, ambiguity	appropriately when
	in discussing their	possessive		discussing their
Use and	writing:	apostrophe with		writing and reading:
understand the	preposition,	plural nouns		subject, object,
grammatical	conjunction, word			active, passive,
terminology in	family, prefix,	Use and		synonym, antonym,
English Appendix	clause, subordinate	understand the		ellipsis, hyphen,
2 in discussing	clause, direct	grammatical		comma, semi colon,
their writing :	speech, consonant,	terminology in		bullet points
noun, noun	consonant letter	English Appendix 2		
phrase,	vowel, vowel letter,	accurately and		
statement,	inverted comma	appropriately when		
question,		discussing their		
exclamation,		writing and		
command,		reading:		
compound, suffix,		determiner,		
adjective, adverb,		pronoun,		
verb, tense,		possessive		
apostrophe,		pronoun, adverbial		
comma				
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Handwriting									
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
Draws lines and	Sit correctly at a	Form lower-case	Use the diagonal	Use the diagonal	Write legibly,	Write legibly,			
circles using gross	table, holding a	letters of the	and horizontal	and horizontal	fluently and with	fluently and with			
motor movements.	pencil comfortably	correct size	strokes that are	strokes that are	increasing speed by	increasing speed by			
	and correctly	relative to one	needed to join	needed to join	choosing which	choosing which			
Holds pencil		another	letters and	letters and	shape of a letter to	shape of a letter to			
between thumb and			understand which	understand which	use when given	use when given			





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two fingers, no	Begin to form	Write capital	letters, when	letters, when	choices and	choices and
longer using whole-	lower-case letters	letters and digits	adjacent to one	adjacent to one	deciding whether or	deciding whether or
hand grasp.	in the correct	of the correct size,	another, are best	another, are best	not to join specific	not to join specific
Holds pencil near	direction, starting	orientation and	left unjoined	left unjoined	letters	letters
point between first	and finishing in	relationship to	Increase the	Is able to maintain	Write legibly,	Write legibly,
two fingers and	the right place	one another and	legibility,	fluency of writing	fluently and with	fluently and with
thumb and uses it		to lower case	consistency and	and has sufficient	increasing speed	increasing speed
with good control.	Form capital	letters	quality of their	stamina for typical	choosing the	choosing the writing
	letters		handwriting	written tasks	writing implement	implement that is
Can copy some		Use spacing			that is best suited	best suited for a
letters, e.g. letters	Form digits 0-9	between words		Can correctly join	for a task	task
from their name.		that reflects the		letters in		
	Understand which	size of the letters		accordance with		
Shows a preference	letters belong to			the school's agreed		
for a dominant	which handwriting	Use some of the		style		
hand.	'families' (i.e.	diagonal and				
	letters that are	horizontal strokes		Increase the		
	formed in similar	needed to join		legibility,		
	ways) and practise	letters and		consistency and		
	these.	understand which		quality of their		
		letters, when		handwriting		
		adjacent to one				
		another, are best				
		left unjoined				

Evidence for greater depth								
Children can spell	There is no	Write effectively	There is no specific	There is no specific	There is no specific	To use the full range		
phonically regular	specific national	and coherently	national guidance	national guidance for	national guidance	of punctuation		
words of more than	guidance for	for different	for working at	working at greater	for working at	accurately.		
one syllable as well	working at	purposes,	greater depth for	depth for Years 1, 3,	greater depth for			
as many irregular	greater depth for	drawing on their	Years 1, 3, 4, 5.	4, 5.	Years 1, 3, 4, 5.			





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but high frequency	Years 1, 3, 4, 5.	reading to inform	However, at	However, at	However, at	To accurately use
words.	However, at	their vocabulary a	Elvington, we	Elvington, we would	Elvington, we	semi-colons to mark
	Elvington, we	nd grammar.	would use some of	use some of the	would use some of	boundaries
Children use key	would use some		the following to	following to begin to	the following to	between clauses.
features of narrative	of the following	Make simple	begin to assess for	assess for greater	begin to assess for	
in their own writing.	to begin to assess	additions,	greater depth in	depth in these year	greater depth in	To accurately use
	for greater depth	revisions and	these year groups:	groups:	these year groups:	colons to mark
	in these year	corrections to				boundaries
	groups:	their own writing.	Evidence that	Evidence that	Evidence that	between clauses.
			children are	children are applying	children are	
	Evidence that	Use the	applying this	this standard of	applying this	To manipulate
	children are	punctuation	standard of literacy	literacy across other	standard of literacy	grammar structures
	applying this	taught in KS1	across other areas	areas of their	across other areas	and vocabulary to
	standard of	mostly correctly.	of their learning.	learning.	of their learning.	control the level of
	literacy across					formality in my
	other areas of	Spell most	Children are	Children are applying	Children are	writing.
	their learning.	common exceptio	applying their	their knowledge	applying their	
		n words.	knowledge	consistently,	knowledge	
	Children are		consistently,	confidently and	consistently,	
	applying their	Use suffixes mostl	confidently and	fluently.	confidently and	
	knowledge	y correctly in	fluently.		fluently.	
	consistently,	their writing (e.g.		Children are		
	confidently and	-ment, -ness, -ful,	Children are	beginning to use the	Children are	
	fluently.	-less, -ly).	beginning to use	next year group's	beginning to use	
			the next year	punctuation	the next year	
	Children are	Join letters in	group's	objectives.	group's	
	beginning to use	most of their	punctuation		punctuation	
	the next year	handwriting.	objectives.	Being able to explain	objectives.	
	group's			their thought		
	punctuation		Being able to	process confidently	Being able to	
	objectives.		explain their	eg a word choice	explain their	
			thought process		thought process	





Being able to explain their	confidently eg a word choice	Moderate these children's writing	confidently eg a word choice
thought process confidently eg a word choice	Moderate these children's writing across school	across school and/or within the cluster	Moderate these children's writing across school
Moderate these children's writing across school and/or within the cluster	and/or within the cluster		and/or within the cluster