

Spelling Dictation Activities

Teacher Guidance

These dictation passages are intended for use at the end of a half-term to assess children's learning of the Twinkl Year 5 Term 2B spelling words. They are aligned with the National Curriculum 2015 requirement for Writing: Transcription (Spelling) where children are expected to 'write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.'

They are designed to be revision activities where children scribe several whole sentences (usually around 5 or 6 sentences per passage) that contain ten Twinkl Y5 Term 2B spellings within them. Within the dictation passages, these focus words are highlighted in bold. Optional dictation transcription booklets are included within this pack if you wish your pupils to use them.

These dictation passages will cover these **highlighted** words:

Week 1 Words with an /or/ sound spelt 'or'	Week 2 Words with an /or/ sound spelt 'au'	Week 3 Convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffix -ate	Week 4 Convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffix -ise	Week 5 Convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffix -ify	Week 6 Convert nouns or adjectives into verbs using suffix -en
forty	pause	pollinate	criticise	amplify	blacken
scorch	cause	captivate	advertise	solidify	brighten
absorb	sauce	activate	capitalise	signify	flatten
decorate	fraud	motivate	finalise	falsify	lengthen
afford	launch	communicate	equalise	glorify	mistaken
enormous	author	medicate	fertilise	notify	straighten
category	August	elasticate	terrorise	testify	shorten
tornado	applaud	hyphenate	socialise	purify	thicken
according	astronaut	alienate	visualise	intensify	tighten
opportunity	restaurant	validate	vandalise	classify	toughen

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Dictation Activity 1

Natural disasters **cause** widespread devastation all over the globe every year. One of the deadliest hazards in this **category** is the **tornado**. These violent storms **terrorise** and **vandalise** whole towns and cities when they take hold. The **enormous** funnel-shaped twisters can **flatten** buildings and rip through land. Once scientists suspect a storm is approaching as the skies **blacken**, it is important that they **notify** the public straight away so that they are able to take the **opportunity** to evacuate if they need to.

Dictation Activity 2

Most people would **classify** Tim Peake as one of Britain's most famous **astronauts**. From a young age, Tim would **visualise** himself as a space traveller. On the 15th December 2015, Tim achieved his dream at the age of **forty**-three. Millions of people watched the **launch** as Tim set off to the International Space Station. During his six months on the ISS, he would **socialise** with the other Russian cosmonauts on board, conduct experiments and he even managed to **communicate** with The Queen. **According** to Tim's autobiography, this was the biggest achievement of his career; a feat that surely nothing can **equalise**. He will be sure to **motivate** many British schoolchildren to follow in his footsteps.

Dictation Activity 3

"You must be **mistaken**. I had nothing to do with the **fraud!**" pleaded the man in the dock.

"I believe that you were able to **falsify** the bank documents and then trick people into giving you money that they just could not **afford**. I am very disappointed that you aren't here to **testify** that you committed these crimes," said the judge.

There was a long **pause** in the courtroom before the jury read their guilty verdict. The fraudster's victims began to **applaud**.

"I strongly **criticise** your behaviour. Your lack of remorse can only **signify** to me that I should **lengthen** your prison sentence," bellowed the judge firmly.