

Spelling Patterns Chart

WORD SETS	DEFINITION	WORD IN A SENTENCE
Pattern: —<i>cei</i>—		
1. Receive (receipt)	Acquire	She will receive her grades tomorrow.
2. Deceive (deceit, deceitful)	Cheat	They tried to deceive him by lying.
3. Perceive	To become aware of through the senses	He tried to perceive the reason for the conflict.
4. Conceive (conceivable)	Imagine	I can't conceive of you doing such hard work.
Pattern: —<i>mn</i> (<i>m</i> sound)		
5. Autumn	The season between summer and winter	The weather is pleasant during the autumn months.
6. Column	A supporting pillar	The building's front columns were starting to crack.
7. Condemn	To declare to be wrong or evil	The people condemn the crimes committed.
8. Solemn	Awe-inspiring, serious	We took a solemn oath.
Pattern: —<i>cious</i> (2 sets of 4)		
9. Precious	Of great value	My precious friend is going to move.
10. Gracious	Marked by kindness and courtesy	The gracious young woman took a bow.
11. Malicious	With intention to cause harm	Her malicious look gave me goose bumps.
12. Precocious	Exceptionally early in development	The precocious child finished high school at age 14.
13. Spacious	Large, roomy	The spacious music room contained a grand piano.
14. Conscious	Aware	I became conscious of the hole in my shoe when I stepped in a puddle.
15. Suspicious	Questionable	The man running away looked suspicious.
16. Delicious	Appealing, especially to taste or smell	Dinner was delicious.
Pattern: —<i>tious</i>		
17. Fictitious	Not true, relating to fiction	He uses a fictitious name.
18. Cautious	Wary	You must be cautious when crossing the street.
19. Ambitious	Wanting to get ahead, to achieve a particular goal	He was an ambitious worker, eager to accept extra assignments and learn new skills.
20. Nutritious	Providing nourishment	Eating nutritious food helps us stay healthy.
Pattern: —<i>lves</i>		
21. Shelves	Plural of shelf	The bookshelves fell down.
22. Wolves	Plural of wolf	A pack of wolves was threatening the hunter.
23. Yourselves	Plural of yourself	You can do it yourselves.
24. Halves	Plural of half	Both halves of the pizza have extra toppings.
Pattern: —<i>mm</i>—		
25. Community	A unified body of individuals	The acting community will be presenting a play.
26. Command	Order	I command you to stop.
27. Immediately	Without interval of time	They immediately came when I called them.
28. Committee	A group of people with a delegated task	A student committee will discuss the issue of changing the dress code.

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Spelling Patterns Chart (cont.)

Pattern: — <i>sc</i> — with <i>s</i> sound		
29. Scenic (scene, scenery)	Relating to natural scenery	We took the scenic route by the coast.
30. Science (scientist, scientific)	Systemized knowledge as an object of study.	Science helps us to understand our world.
31. Fascinate (fascination)	To be irresistibly attractive	The enormous blue whales fascinate everyone.
32. Discipline	Orderly conduct	The school must have discipline to avoid fights.
Pattern: — <i>pt</i>		
33. Slept	Past tense of sleep	I slept until 9 a.m.
34. Crept	Past tense of creep (crawl)	The children crept under the bed.
35. Inept	Unfit; incompetent	The inept governor was voted out of power.
36. Wept	Past tense of weep (cry)	The baby wept for his mother.
Pattern: — <i>ie</i> — (2 sets of 4)		
37. Niece	A daughter of one's brother, sister, brother-in-law or sister-in-law	My niece came to live with us.
38. Diesel	An internal-combustion engine that burns heavy oil	Our school buses have diesel engines.
39. Grief	Something that causes great unhappiness	War and violence cause a lot of grief.
40. Yield	To give way, end resistance	You will yield to my command.
41. Piece	Part of a whole	There's only one piece of cake left.
42. Relieve (relief)	Lessen or take away (a burden)	Aspirin can relieve the pain of a headache.
43. Believe (belief, believer)	Accept as true or real	I don't believe in ghosts.
44. Achieve (achievement)	Successfully carry out or reach	We won't stop working until we achieve our goal.
Pattern: — <i>ou</i> — with short <i>u</i> sound		
45. Cousin	The child of your aunt or uncle	My cousin is coming to our family reunion.
46. Rough	Boisterous, fierce	That kid is rough and mean.
47. Young	In an early stage of life or development	The young horse had never been ridden.
48. Enough	An adequate quantity	Have you eaten enough?
Pattern: silent <i>b</i> before <i>t</i>		
49. Doubt (doubtful)	Uncertainty about the truth	I doubt my friends will come over.
50. Subtle (subtlety)	Faint, difficult to analyze	The subtle, sweet aromas came from the kitchen.
51. Debt	An obligation to pay or do something	I have to pay my debts.
52. Indebted	Owing gratitude or recognition to another for help or favors	I am indebted to everyone who helped me.