

Word list: Years 3 and 4

accident(ally)	early	knowledge	purpose
actual(ly)	earth	learn	quarter
address	eight/eighth	length	question
answer	enough	library	recent
appear	exercise	material	regular
arrive	experience	medicine	reign
believe	experiment	mention	remember
bicycle	extreme	minute	sentence
breath	famous	natural	separate
breathe	favourite	naughty	special
build	February	notice	straight
busy/business	forward(s)	occasion(ally)	strange
calendar	fruit	often	strength
caught	grammar	opposite	suppose
centre	group	ordinary	surprise
century	guard	particular	therefore
certain	guide	peculiar	though/ although
circle	heard	perhaps	thought
complete	heart	popular	through
consider	height	position	various
continue	history	possess(ion)	weight
decide	imagine	possible	woman/ women
describe	increase	potatoes	
different	important	pressure	
difficult	interest	probably	
disappear	island	promise	

The word-list for years 3 and 4 is statutory and has been created by the Department of Education. This means that these are words that children in Year 3 and 4 are required or expected to know and be able to spell by the end of Year 4. The list is a mixture of words pupils frequently use in their writing and those which they often misspell. Some of the listed words may be thought of as quite challenging, but the 100 words in this list can easily be taught within the first two years of key stage 2 alongside other words that teachers consider appropriate.