

## Spelling Ninja: Level Twenty Three Words

mystery	mysterious		
until			
final	finally		
fault	faulty		
scissors			
sign	signal	signature	
daughter			
son			
island			
vary	various	variety	
country	countryside	countries	
neigh	neighbour	neighbouring	
scene	scenery	scenic	
temperature			
possible	impossible	possibly	impossibly
different	differently	difference	
important	importantly	importance	unimportant
decide	decided	deciding	
reply	replied	replies	replying
usual	unusual	unusually	

## A few ideas that may help:

- 1) Use the spelling strategies tips explained in the “Guidance for Parents” pages.
- 2) Play games as explained in the “Games Ideas” page.
- 3) Try the following

**scissors** and **scene**: It is important to remember **c** followed by **i**, **y** or **e** makes a **sss** sound, so **sc-** sounds as **sss** in these words. However, for spelling it can be helpful to pronounce the **c** as **kkk**.

**s-c-iss-ors**

**s-c-ene**

**fault**: **au** usually sounds as “or” in English (eg. Paul, autograph, caution). **Fault** is an exception, so inventing a mnemonic might help.

**daughter**: In level 14, it was explained that **ough** is a difficult group of letters and if you have difficulty spelling it, just remember that it comes in words that are monstrously difficult to read, so say, “**o u great hairy monster of a word**”. For **augh**, as in **daughter**, **slaughter**, **taught**, **caught**, try saying, “**another ugly great hairy monster of a word**”.

**country**: See level 22, **couple**.

**neigh**: See **eight** in level 5.

**vary**, **various**, **variety**: Remember that when adding a suffix like **-ous** to a word ending in **y**, the **y** changes to **i** (unless there is a vowel in front of it – then it doesn’t change).

**soldier**: Two little words, **old** and **die**, are hiding in **soldier**. It might help to remember that

“**old soldiers die**”

**temperature**: Use clear syllable splitting for this.

**tem-per-a-ture**

and remember from level 15 that the sound ‘cher’ is usually spelt **-ture**, as in adventure, rapture, mature, feature. If you say it with a posh accent, it sounds as it spells, **-ture**.