

Spelling Ninja: Level Twenty Five Words

lose	losing	lost	
loose	loosely		
decision			
type	typed	typing	
typical	typically		
naughty	naughtiness		
taught			
caught			
immediate	immediately		
special	specially	especially	
awkward	awkwardly		
jealous	jealousy	jealously	
crystal	crystalline		
competition			
material			
woman	women		
interest	interesting	interested	interestingly
science	scientist	scientific	
ought	thought	bought	fought
excellent	excellently	excellence	

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

lose and **loose**: These 2 words are often confused. If you can remember that **lose** links with **lost**, that might help to remember only one **o**.

decision: **Decision** links with **decide** (level 22). Verbs ending with **-d** or **-de** quite often end with **-sion** when they become nouns. eg. **explode** becomes **explosion**.

naughty, taught, caught: In level 23, it was explained that **ough** (in daughter) 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, “**another ugly great hairy** monster of a word”. Also, you could link the words together as in

My naughty daughter caught a slug and taught it to laugh!

special: A repeat from Level 17, so it should be easy for you.

immediate, material: Think of these in syllables

imm-ed-i-ate mat-er-i-al

but also remember that the **eee** sound is spelt with an **-i-**. This is quite common before a suffix. Eg. **-ious** (various), **-ient** (convenient), **-iable** (enviable). Often, but not always, it comes from a **y** that has changed to **i** as a suffix was added.

type, typical: Learn these two words together and perhaps link them with **crystal** and **mystery**. All have **y** in the first syllable.

The Crystal Pyramid System is a typical type of mystery.

competition: Use clear syllable splitting for this.

com-pet-i-tion