

Spelling Ninja: Level Twenty Nine Words

parliament			
govern	government		
ease	disease	easy	uneasy
mechanic	mechanical	mechanism	
nuisance			
queue	queued	queuing	
ancient			
desperate	desperately	desperation	
leisure	leisurely		
exaggerate	exaggerated	exaggerating	exaggeration
community			
appreciate	appreciated	appreciating	appreciation
innocent	innocently		
receipt			
rhyme	rhythm		
restaurant			
separate	separately		
patient	impatient	impatiently	
appear	disappear	disappeared	appearance
fury	furious	furiously	

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

receipt and **rhyme**: Both words have a silent letter. Colour it to help you remember it. Also, **re****cei****pt** has a soft **c** followed by **ei** (remember **i** before **e** except after **c** – this is an **after c** case where they are the other way round). Also, **rhyme** has a y.

disease: When you have a **disease**, you lack **ease**, so it is **dis-ease**.

mechanical: This has silent **h** in it, so try spelling speak pronouncing the **ch**.
mech-an-ic-al

nuisance: See level 11, **fruit**, where Spelling Buzz explains that the **ui** digraph is not common in English (also comes in **suit**, **bruise**, **cruise**). Some children get the **u** and **i** the wrong way round. Try standing outside a door with your child and saying, “**u before i**” is the polite way when we let the other person go first.

queue: Imagine that the letter **q** is a bus stop. **u** and **e** come and line up at the bus stop and then their identical twins **u** and **e** line up behind them.
q-ue-ue

ancient, appreciate: Remember that **-ci-** sounds as **sh** in these fairly common word endings of **-cient** (also in **efficient, sufficient**) and **-ciate** (also in **officiate**).

leisure: You could try spelling speak
le-i-sure

parliament, government, desperate, exaggerate, community, innocent:
Use clear syllable splitting for these.

par-li-a-ment
ex-agg-er-ate

gov-ern-ment
comm-u-nit-y

des-per-ate
inn-o-cent