

Spelling Ninja: Level Thirty Words

brochure			
catalogue			
curious	curiosity		
persuade	persuaded	persuading	persuasion
pursue	pursued	pursuing	
occur	occurred	occurring	occurrence
scheme	schemed	scheming	schematic
flourish	flourished	flourishing	
cereal			
serial	series	serialise	serialised
aloud			
allow	allowed	allowing	
crucial	crucially		
solemn	solemnly		
conscious	unconscious	consciously	conscience
innocent	innocently		
leisure	leisurely		
desperate	desperately	desperation	
appreciate	appreciated	appreciating	appreciation
mechanic	mechanical	mechanism	

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

solemn, autumn: This word has the unusual **mn** spelling, like **Autumn** and **column**. **sol-em-n**

flourish, persuade, catalogue: Try using spelling speak.

flour-ish per-su-ade cat-a-log-ue

A common error is to misspell the second syllable of **separate**. Remember that the **r** **separates** the 2 **as**.

brochure: In this words, **ch** sounds like **sh**. In French, **ch** sounds as **sh**, so words that have come to English from French often have this. Other examples you have already learnt are **machine, moustache**.

scheme: In this word, **ch** sounds like **kkk**. See level 24 where you learnt to spell **stomach** and **ache**.

curious, curiosity: Try syllable splitting for these.

cur-i-ous cur-i-os-ity

crucial, conscious, conscience: In the **-cial** and **-cious** word endings, the **-ci-** sounds like **sh**, as in the suffixes **-cian, -cient**. You have already encountered **-cial** in **special** (level 17).

cru-cial con-s-ci-ous/ence

aloud and **allowed:** Be careful not to confuse these words. Think of their root words to decide which one you need.

Aloud comes from **loud**.

Allowed comes from **allow**.

pursue: Plenty of adults misspell this word. Remember **u** is **pursuing u!**

cereal and **serial:** You need to know that **cereal** is **cornflakes, cocoapops** and grain **crops**, whereas a **serial** is something that comes in a **series**.