

Spelling Buzz: Level Seventeen Words

pretty	prettiness	prettier	prettiest
people			
sure	surely		
sugar	sugary		
treasure	measure		
build	building	built	
straight			
although	though		
enemy	enemies		
special	specially	especially	
animal			
tomorrow			
yesterday			
danger			
dangerous	dangerously		
mouth	mouthful		
arrive	arrived	arriving	arrival
parent			
cousin			
laugh	laughed	laughing	laughter

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

pretty: The **e** can cause a problem, so highlight it. Remember that **y** changes to **i** before adding suffixes.

enemy and **animal:** Think in syllables to spell these,
en-em-y an-im-al

-sure and **-cial** suffixes: These are common suffixes that come at the end of many words but do not spell as they sound. See if you can collect a list of **-sure** and **-cial** words that you come across.

dangerous: Use Spelling Speak and say it as **dan-ger-ous**. Remember **-ous** is another of the common suffixes.

build: Remember from “fruit” in Level 11 that the **ui** digraph is not common in English (also comes in suit, bruise, nuisance). 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.

people: Use a mnemonic for this one,
people eat oranges people like eggs
or say it in spelling speak syllables as **pe-op-le**

straight: add to the mnemonic for “night”, by saying
i go home tonight (straight home!)
for the **ight** part of these words.