

# Percival's Essential Spellings

## Information Sheet

What is Percival's Essential Spellings? It's a program which gives pupils different methods to remember high frequency words. It uses cartoons, sound effects, animation, puzzles, chants and hand movements to motivate the children and give them ways to remember irregular/non-phonetic words.

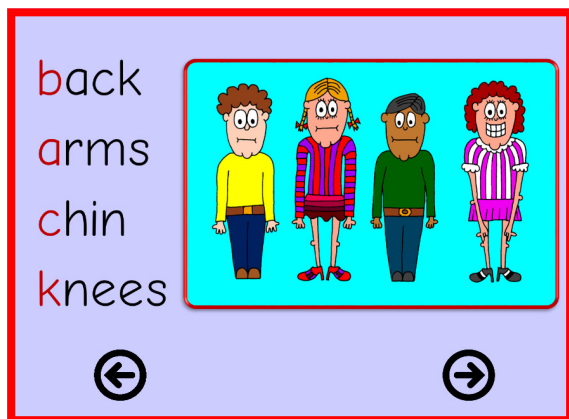


Also known as Percival's Help for Dyslexia, Percival's Essential Spellings focuses on 107 common words that are phonetically irregular, but which are commonly used by primary school children, such as days of the week, colours, months of the year, connectives, pronouns etc. A full list of the words that are in Percival's Essential Spellings can be found on our website below this document

Percival's Essential Spellings uses a wide variety of techniques to help children retain spellings. The cartoons used in the slides are designed to appeal to both boys and girls, as well as children of different ages.



Chanting is another technique that is widely used within the program. Ideally the child chants with the computer, or simply listens if this is impractical. Where possible we have used spelling techniques that are already widely used in schools, so that prior learning is reinforced.



Many of the slides are animated to motivate the children. The animations embed the word in the child's memory by remembering what happened. Kinaesthetic learners have also been catered for by the slides that contain movements, adding another dimension to spelling learning.

Percival's Essential Spellings also features a hilarious group of slides called the "Fridge Safety Tips"! These comic slides, warning the children how to avoid scary fridge characters, are bound to appeal to your learners.



Percival's Essential Spellings can be used with the whole class or individual children to practise these key spellings. The teacher can choose which option to use with the click of a button. There are also other options such as being able to change the word and background colour, which may be crucial in helping children with dyslexia access the spellings.

Ultimately, Percival's Essential Spellings gives you another facet to your teaching of irregularly spelt words. Whether it is used with the whole class in Key Stage One or Two, special needs assistance in Key Stage Two or Three, or for one-to-one interventions throughout any Key Stage, Percival's Essential Spellings is bound to appeal to the children in your care and will make the learning of spellings more interesting and entertaining.

