

# Spelling Dictation Activities

## Teacher Guidance

These dictation passages are intended for use at the end of a half-term to assess children's learning of the Twinkl Year 4 Term 3B spelling words. They are aligned with the National Curriculum 2014 requirement for Writing: Transcription (Spelling) where children are expected to 'write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.'

They are designed to be revision activities where children scribe several whole sentences (usually around 5 or 6 sentences per passage) that contain ten Twinkl Y4 Term 3B spellings within them. Within the dictation passages, these focus words are highlighted in bold. Optional dictation transcription booklets are included within this pack if you wish your pupils to use them.

These dictation passages will cover these **highlighted** words:

Week 1 Adding the suffix -ous  (No change to root word)	Week 2 Adding the suffix -ous  (No definitive root word)	Week 3 Adding the suffix -ous  (Words ending in 'y' become 'i' and words ending in 'our' become 'or')	Week 4 Adding the suffix -ous  (Words ending in 'e' drop the 'e' but not 'ge')	Week 5 Adverbials of frequency and possibility	Week 6 Adverbials of manner
dangerous	tremendous	various	famous	regularly	awkwardly
poisonous	enormous	furious	nervous	occasionally	frantically
mountainous	jealous	glorious	ridiculous	frequently	curiously
joyous	serious	victorious	carnivorous	usually	obediently
synonymous	hideous	mysterious	herbivorous	rarely	carefully
hazardous	fabulous	humorous	porous	perhaps	rapidly
riotous	curious	glamorous	adventurous	maybe	unexpectedly
perilous	anxious	vigorous	courageous	certainly	deliberately
momentous	obvious	odorous	outrageous	possibly	hurriedly
scandalous	gorgeous	rigorous	advantageous	probably	reluctantly

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## Dictation Activity 1

Mr Whoops was feeling **unexpectedly adventurous**. When he opened his curtains, he saw it was a **glorious** day and so he **frantically** packed **various** items he might **possibly** need on an adventure: a compass; a map; a sunhat; water and some snacks.

**Rapidly**, he climbed up into the **mountainous** region of Whoopsville, **deliberately** not looking over the edge of the **perilous** paths.

## Dictation Activity 2

A trip to the zoo is the **obvious** choice for those who are keen to see animals in an enclosed habitat. From **poisonous** snakes and **odorous** skunks, to **enormous** rhinos and **gorgeous** guinea pigs, there's something for everyone.

Watch the zookeepers feeding the **herbivorous** creatures their fruit and vegetables – **perhaps** they too need five a day? A more **hazardous** job is feeding the larger **carnivorous** beasts. Don't be **nervous**, though, as the meat is first placed in a feeding area and then the zookeepers retreat before they let the animals back in.

## Dictation Activity 3

Whoopsville's Fashion Fortnight is **probably** the most **glamorous** event of the year. **Tremendous** outfits, **outrageous** hats and high heels that look **dangerous** to walk in, its very name has become **synonymous** with wealth and celebrity.

If you are hoping to witness this spectacle, you will find it almost impossible. Security is **rigorous**, with guards patrolling the doors, **anxious** to protect the rich and **famous** from **scandalous** stories and unflattering photographs.