

# 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 6 Term 3B spelling words. They are aligned with the National Curriculum 2016 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 Y6 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 Synonyms & Antonyms	Week 2 Synonyms & Antonyms	Week 3 Synonyms & Antonyms	Week 4 Synonyms & Antonyms	Week 5 Synonyms & Antonyms	Week 6 Synonyms & Antonyms
<b>bellowed</b>	immense	ecstatic	<b>deafening</b>	scorching	<b>ambled</b>
<b>screeched</b>	vast	jovial	piercing	searing	tottered
squealed	gigantic	<b>exultant</b>	blaring	sizzling	strolled
<b>shrieked</b>	<b>gargantuan</b>	<b>elated</b>	<b>ear-piercing</b>	blistering	<b>staggered</b>
<b>squawked</b>	<b>mammoth</b>	<b>delighted</b>	<b>raucous</b>	<b>sweltering</b>	sauntered
whispered	miniature	<b>despondent</b>	<b>silent</b>	chilly	<b>sprinted</b>
murmured	<b>miniscule</b>	forlorn	tranquil	<b>frozen</b>	<b>raced</b>
<b>breathed</b>	insignificant	dejected	inaudible	<b>arctic</b>	darted
<b>sighed</b>	<b>microscopic</b>	woeful	unobtrusive	<b>bitter</b>	<b>dashed</b>
muttered	petite	dismal	<b>peaceful</b>	<b>wintery</b>	galloped

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## Dictation Activity 1

It was a **bitter** but **peaceful** morning when the polar bear suddenly **sprinted** across the **frozen** ground. His **gargantuan** paws pelted the ice and he roared with an **ear-piercing** cry of determination. The focus of his hunt was a slithering seal playing in the surface water, **delighted** to find a patch of **wintry** sun. At the bear's cry, the seal **shrieked** in terror and dived deep into the **arctic** depths.

## Dictation Activity 2

**Miniscule** drops of sweat gathered on Felicity's head and she **breathed** deeply to calm herself. The silence was **deafening** in the **sweltering** laboratory as she sat hunched at the computer. She was searching for the **microscopic** Bacterium X-326, the key to a new kind of medicine.

Her heart **raced** for there it was! She **dashed** out of her chair and **staggered** down the corridor towards Professor Tipman's office.

"I've found it!" she **squawked** as she flung open the door, **elated** and overwhelmed in equal measure.

## Dictation Activity 3

It was another normal day at the zoo. The **mammoth** male gorillas were in a **raucous** mood and **bellowed** at the females as they **ambled** past. They, in return, simply **sighed** and remained **silent**.

Across the park, the monkeys **screeched** and the excited children screeched back, **exultant** at the noise they were making.

It was a different story outside the warthog pen. The male lay **despondent** and **dejected**, watching the female as she sniffed at her young.