

Spelling words for fortnight of 27th April and 4th May

Words	Spelling Rules
lazy	Root word: long 'a' phoneme with 'y' representing 'ee' phoneme
lazier	Root word above – to add suffix, replace 'y' with 'i' and add er
laziest	Root word above – to add suffix, replace 'y' with 'i' and add st
carer	Root word care – irregular spelling pattern (just have to know it). To add the 'er' sound to root word, just add the 'r', not 'er' (career – different word, different meaning).
cared	Root word care – again to convert to past tense (ed), just add 'd'
caring	Root word care – to add 'ing' remove final 'e' then add 'ing'
cuter	Root word cute – split digraph u-e. To add 'er' suffix, add 'r' only
cutest	Root word cute – split digraph u-e. To add 'est' suffix, add 'st' only
nose	Root word nose – split digraph o-e.
nosy	Root word nose – split digraph o-e. To suffix with 'ee' phoneme, replace 'e' with 'y'
snapper	Root word snap – Word ends in short vowel sound then a consonant – '_ap'. Rule in this case is to double the final consonant to prevent the formation of a split digraph which would make the 'a' into a long vowel sound (because the suffix begins with an 'e'), then add 'er'. Snap -> snaper ✗ Snap -> snapper ✓
wettest	Same rule as snap/snapper
whined	Challenging spelling: root word 'whine' is a verb that means to make a long, high cry to express pain, complaint or fear. Whine has the split digraph i-e making the long vowel 'ie', therefore add a 'd' only, otherwise you write whined which would be pronounced <i>whinnied</i> which is a new word with a different meaning.
shopper	Root word shop – Word ends in short vowel sound then a consonant – '_op'. Rule in this case is to double the final consonant to prevent the formation of a split digraph which would make the 'o' into a long vowel sound (because the suffix begins with an 'e'), then add 'er'. Shop -> shoper ✗ Shop -> shopper ✓
last	High frequency word – just learn it. If you can spell last, you can spell past.
past	High frequency word – just learn it. If you can spell past, you can spell last.