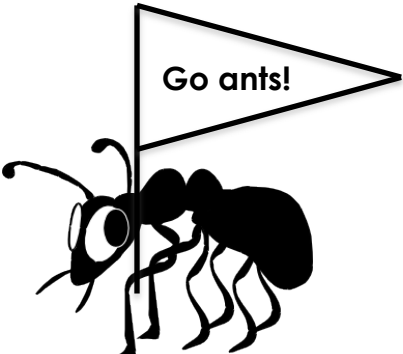



MNEMONICS

Here are my favourite mnemonics – some are old favourites and some I've made up myself.

Word or Word Family	Mnemonic
words containing 'ould'	o u lucky duck could, would, should
forty	Naughty forty does not play with 'u'
'ight' word family	Practice this one like a rap – Mrs I, Mrs G, Mrs H, Mrs T Bright, light, slight, fight, height, night, might, sight
practice, practise	Pract ice has ' ice ' in it – both words are nouns (names of people, places and things) but pract ise has ' is ' in it and both words are verbs (doing words)
stationery, stationary	You buy station ery from a station er . A car is station ary when it is stopped.
there , their	There as 'here' inside it – they are both places words. Their has 'heir' inside it and they are both ownership words.
believe	There is a ' lie ' in believe.
Principal	The princ ipal of the school is your pal .
piece	P iece has the word ' pie ' inside it.
accommodation	Remember two people are sharing the room – Clever Claire and Marvellous Meg – 2 c's and 2 m's
affect, effect	RAVEN – Remember A ffect V erb E ffect N oun A ffect for a ction and e ffect for e ventual outcome
pennant	
bargain	You gain something from getting a bargain .
business	I take the bus to my business .
difficulty	Mrs D, Mrs I, Mrs FFI, Mrs C, Mrs U, Mrs LTY
embarrass	When you become embarr ass ed, you go really red (2 r's) and feel like a silly sausage (2 s's).
complement, compliment	The red roses will comple ment the table setting and make it comple te for us to eat! Listen for the long 'e' in 'ete'. When you gave Jane that lovely comple ment about her smile,

	she felt like she was standing in the lime light.
words ending in vowel + consonant + 'e'	The magic 'e' or Bionic 'e' makes the vowel in front of it say its own name (not sound) – site, cute, rate, wrote. site 
2 vowels together	When two vowels going out walking, the first one does all the talking. When you have two vowels together, the first one generally says its own name while the other stays silent. coat, green, que, mean, rain, vial
hear, here	You hear with your ear .
necessary	It is necessary for a shirt to have one collar (1 'c') and two sleeves (2 's's').
rhythm	really has your two hips moving
said	You said to speak and I did .
separate	Never separate a paratrooper from his parachute .
secretary	A secretary must know how to keep a secret .
son, sun	A son is a boy . All things live under the sun .
special	The CIA is full of special agents.
to, too, two	To go home from home is one round trip, To say too much – oo those lips slip Two dollars for a pencil is way too high when also or too a ruler I must buy.
thought, though, through	I thought I saw a dinosaur Though I can't be certain It came in through the back door Then hid behind the curtain.
together	If you come with me, we'll go together to get her .
February	' Br it's cold in the Northern Hemisphere in February .'
desert, dessert	A desert is sandy (one 's') but a dessert is sticky and sweet (two 's's').
meat, meet	I like to eat meat .
island	An island is land .
ascertain	When you ascertain information, be as certain as you can.
argument	I lost an 'e' in that argument.
'ie' / 'ei' rule	'i' before 'e' except after 'c' or when sounding like 'a' as in 'neighbour' and 'weigh' 'counterfeit' does not run true to form and 'weird' is just a long way from the norm! Here are all the exceptions in one odd sentence! <i>Neither counterfeit foreign sheikh seized the weird heights!</i>