**Spelling Rule – the sh sound in spelling pattern: cial /tial**

**cial – this suffix is usually added after a vowel, or when the root word ends in a c, cs, ce.**

**E.g superficial (you can see a vowel before the cial)**

**office – official (the root word ends in a ce)**

**The English language is always tricky and there are some exceptions to the rule which you just need to know:**

**beneficial (which would have the root word benefit, so it would be assumed it is tial, but it isn’t!)**

**spatial ( which comes from the root word space, so it would be assumed it is cial, but again, it’s not – we do have a hard language to learn!**

**Tial – this suffix is used when following a consonant or the root word ends in t.**

**e.g confident – confidential**

**Evidential – the consonant n is before the tial**

**Words to learn:**

**substantial provincial ( root province )**

**evidential artificial**

**confidential prejudicial**

**antisocial superficial**

**residential circumstantial**