ENGLISH, LITERACY, AND COMMUNICATION

Spelling common words

Difficulty level: Easy

English, Literacy, and Communication

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Overview of the concept

This is how you spell the everyday words you write most, like in a text, an email, or a school assignment, so readers understand you without stopping to guess. These are the words that show up in nearly everything you write, so getting them right makes all of your writing smoother. A misspelt common word stands out and can make a reader pause, even when the idea behind it is good. Knowing them by heart means your message gets across without spelling getting in the way.



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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q Spell the word for a pet that says meow.

SOLUTION

Sound it out: kuh, ah, tuh.

Match each sound to a letter: c, a, t.

So the spelling is c a t.

EXAMPLE 2

Q Spell the word for the colour of the sky on a clear day.

SOLUTION

Sound it out: buh, loo.

Match the sounds to letters: b, l, u, e.

So the spelling is b l u e.

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Practice questions

1 What is the opposite of hot? Spell that word.

- A hot
- B cold
- C warm
- D summer

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2 Unscramble these letters to spell the word for a baby dog: p p u p y

- A puppy
- B pupy
- C puppie
- D yppup

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3 Count one, then say the next number. Spell that number word.

- A to
- B too
- C two
- D three

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4 At the library you borrow something to read. Spell the word for it.

- A look
- B cook
- C page
- D book

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5 Fill the missing letters to spell the word for the colour of grass: g r _ _ n

- A green
- B grown
- C grain
- D groan

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6 Every morning you go to a place to learn. Spell the word for that place.

- A skool
- B school
- C shool
- D house

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7 Which spelling is right for the season after summer?

- A fawl
- B winter
- C fall
- D spring

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8 On a farm, one animal gives milk. Spell the word for that animal.

- A caw
- B how
- C pig
- D cow

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9 Today is Monday. Spell the word for the day that comes after today.

- A tomorrow
- B tommorrow
- C tomorow
- D today

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10 After playing outside you want something to drink. Spell the word for it.

- A warter
- B water
- C watter
- D watch

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ANSWER KEY

1. cold

2. puppy

3. two

4. book

5. green

6. school

7. fall

8. cow

9. tomorrow

10. water

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