

Personal Dictionary

Name _____

Grade _____

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Calendar Words

Days	Months	Holidays	Seasons
Sunday	January	New Year's Day	spring
Monday	February	Valentine's Day	summer
Tuesday	March	St. Patrick's Day	autumn
Wednesday	April	Easter	winter
Thursday	May	Memorial Day	
Friday	June	Fourth of July	
Saturday	July	Labor Day	
	August	Halloween	
	September	Thanksgiving	
	October	Christmas	
	November		
	December		

Spelling Study Procedure

- Read the word aloud from the spelling list.
- Spell the word aloud as you point to each letter, then read it.
- Write the word on your own paper as you spell and read it.
- Check the model. Point to each letter.
- Check and correct the first word you wrote. Point to each letter.
- Cover the first word you wrote. Repeat steps 3–5 two more times.
- Close your eyes. Spell the word aloud and say it.

If You Can't Find a Word in the Dictionary

- If you can't find a word under *f*, try **ph** (*phone*).
- If you can't find a word under *j*, try **g** (*giant*).
- If you can't find a word under *k*, try **c** (*camp*) or **ch** (*chasm*).
- If you can't find a word under *n*, try **kn** (*knife*), **gn** (*gnaw*), **pn** (*pneumonia*), and **en** (*energy*).
- If you can't find a word under *o*, try **en** (*encore*).
- If you can't find a word under *r*, try **wr** (*write*).
- If you can't find a word under *s*, try **ps** (*psychology*) and **c** (*cement*).

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1000 Core Spelling Words

a	although	attention	board
a lot	always	August	body
able	am	aunt	book
about	America	author	both
above	American	away	bottom
absent	among	awful	bought
accept	an	awhile	boy
accident	and	back	bread
accidentally	animal	barely	break
accommodate	another	be	breakfast
ache	answer	bear	bridge
achieve	any	beautiful	brilliant
acquaint	anybody	beauty	bring
acquaintance	anyway	became	broke
across	apologize	because	brother
act	apology	become	brought
action	appear	been	brown
actual	appearance	before	build
actually	appreciate	began	building
addition	approach	begin	built
address	April	beginning	business
affect	arctic	being	busy
afraid	are	believe	but
after	area	below	buy
afternoon	aren't	benefit	by
again	argue	best	calendar
against	argument	better	call
age	arm	between	called
air	around	bicycle	came
all	art	big	can
all right	article	bird	can't
allow	as	black	cannot
almost	ask	blew	captain
alone	asked	blood	car
along	at	blow	care
already	ate	blue	careful

Proper Nouns

Continents and Oceans

North America	Asia	Australia	Pacific Ocean
South America	Africa	Antarctica	Atlantic Ocean
Europe			Indian Ocean
			Arctic Ocean

Countries

Canada	France	Iraq	Panama
China	Germany	Israel	Russia
Colombia	Greece	Italy	Saudi Arabia
Egypt	India	Japan	Spain
England	Iran	Mexico	United States

States

Alabama	Indiana	Nebraska	Rhode Island
Alaska	Iowa	Nevada	South Carolina
Arizona	Kansas	New Hampshire	South Dakota
Arkansas	Kentucky	New Jersey	Tennessee
California	Louisiana	New Mexico	Texas
Colorado	Maine	New York	Utah
Connecticut	Maryland	North Carolina	Vermont
Delaware	Massachusetts	North Dakota	Virginia
Florida	Michigan	Ohio	Washington
Georgia	Minnesota	Oklahoma	West Virginia
Hawaii	Mississippi	Oregon	Wisconsin
Idaho	Missouri	Pennsylvania	Wyoming
Illinois	Montana		

Major Cities

Atlanta	Denver	Memphis	Pittsburgh
Austin	Detroit	Miami	Portland
Baltimore	El Paso	Milwaukee	St. Louis
Boston	Honolulu	New Orleans	San Antonio
Chicago	Houston	New York	San Diego
Cincinnati	Indianapolis	Oklahoma City	San Francisco
Cleveland	Kansas City	Philadelphia	Seattle
Dallas	Los Angeles	Phoenix	Washington, D.C.

original	psychology	severely	sympathy	carefully	complete	definitely	drop
outrageous	pursue	shepherd	synagogue	carried	completely	delicious	dropped
pageant	pursuit	shriek	synonym	carry	concentrate	describe	dropping
pamphlet	quantity	siege	technique	carrying	conscience	description	during
paralyze	questionnaire	signature	temperament	case	conscious	destroy	duty
parliament	raspberry	significant	temperature	catch	continue	develop	each
partially	referred	simple	temporary	caught	continuous	development	earlier
partner	registration	simply	tendency	center	control	did	early
pastime	rehearse	soldier	theory	central	convenient	didn't	earth
patience	relevant	solemn	therefore	certain	copy	die	easiest
peaceable	religion	sophomore	thorough	certainly	corner	died	east
perceive	religious	source	thoroughly	character	cost	difference	easy
performance	rendezvous	souvenirs	tobacco	cheat	could	different	eat
permanent	repellent	spaghetti	transferred	check	countries	difficult	edge
permissible	repetition	specimen	treacherous	chief	country	dining	education
persistent	represent	spiritual	tremendous	child	course	dinner	effect
personally	representative	sponsor	twelfth	children	cousin	direction	eight
personnel	reservoir	squirrel	typical	chocolate	cover	dirty	either
perspiration	resources	stationary	tyranny	choose	cries	disappear	eleven
persuade	response	stationery	unanimous	chose	criticism	disappoint	else
phenomenon	revealed	statue	undoubtedly	circle	criticize	discipline	embarrass
philosophy	rheumatism	strengthening	unique	city	cry	discuss	end
physician	rhyme	strictly	unnecessary	class	crying	discussion	enemy
picnicking	ridiculous	stubborn	unusually	clean	cut	disease	enjoy
pneumonia	righteous	successful	useful	clear	dark	distance	enough
political	sacrifice	successfully	useless	climb	daughter	do	entertain
politician	safely	sufficient	vacuum	climbed	day	doctor	equipped
possession	salary	suggest	valley	climbing	dead	does	escape
precede	satisfactory	suggested	valuable	clock	dear	doesn't	especially
precious	scarcely	summarize	various	close	death	dog	etc.
preferred	scenery	superintendent	vegetable	clothes	deceive	doing	even
prejudice	scent	surely	village	cold	December	dollar	evening
preparation	schedule	surrounding	villain	college	decide	don't	ever
proceed	semester	suspense	visible	come	decided	done	every
propaganda	separation	suspicion	yacht	coming	decision	doubt	everyone
prophecy	sergeant	syllable	yield	commit	deep	down	everything
psychologist	servant	symbol	yolk	committee	definite	draw	everywhere

exaggerate
 example
 excellent
 except
 excite
 excitement
 exciting
 excuse
 exercise
 existence
 expect
 experience
 explain
 extremely
 eye
 face
 fact
 fail
 fair
 familiar
 families
 family
 far
 fascinate
 fasten
 father
 favorite
 February
 feel
 feeling
 felt
 few
 field
 fight
 figure
 fill
 filled

final
 finally
 find
 fire
 first
 five
 fly
 follow
 food
 foot
 for
 force
 foreign
 forest
 forget
 forty
 found
 four
 fourth
 friend
 from
 front
 full
 further
 game
 gave
 generally
 get
 getting
 girl
 give
 giving
 go
 goes
 going

gone
 good
 goodbye
 got
 gotten
 government
 grabbed
 grade
 grammar
 grandfather
 grandma
 gray
 great
 green
 ground
 group
 grow
 guarantee
 guard
 guess
 guilty
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 hospital
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 humorous
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 hurried
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 hurrying
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dictionary
 disastrous
 disgusted
 dissatisfy
 drudgery
 duplicate
 dying
 eager
 ecstasy
 eligible
 elementary
 eliminate
 emphasize
 encouraging
 enormous
 entirely
 entrance
 envelope
 environment
 equipment
 equivalent
 etiquette
 evidently
 exceed
 exceedingly
 excellence
 exceptional
 exhausted
 exhibit
 expensive
 experiment
 explanation
 extraordinary
 fantasy
 fashion
 fatigue
 feasible

feminine
 fictitious
 fiery
 financial
 financier
 forecast
 forehead
 foresee
 foretell
 forfeit
 formally
 formerly
 fragile
 freight
 fulfill
 furniture
 genius
 gentlemen
 genuine
 glimpse
 glisten
 governor
 grateful
 guardian
 guidance
 guiding
 handkerchief
 handled
 handsome
 heroes
 hopeless
 hunger
 hurriedly
 hypocrite
 ignorant
 imaginary
 imagination

immensely
 imitate
 imitation
 incidentally
 inconvenience
 Indian
 individual
 industrial
 inevitable
 influence
 ingenious
 ingredient
 initial
 inoculate
 instance
 intelligence
 interference
 intermediate
 interpret
 interrupted
 interruption
 irresistible
 judgment
 kindergarten
 laboratory
 license
 lieutenant
 literature
 luxury
 magnificent
 maintain
 maintenance
 management
 maneuver
 manufacturer
 marriage
 material

mathematics
 mechanic
 medal
 medical
 medieval
 melancholy
 menace
 messenger
 methods
 millionaire
 miniature
 minimum
 mischief
 model
 mortgage
 mosquito
 murmuring
 muscles
 museum
 mutual
 mysterious
 mystery
 narrative
 naturally
 nature
 ninth
 noble
 noticeable
 nuisance
 numerous
 obedience
 obedient
 obstacle
 occasionally
 omitted
 operate
 opponent

Challenge Words

absence	anxiety	beggar	compelled	imagine	language	long	mischievous
absolutely	anxious	behavior	competent	immediate	large	look	miss
absorb	apartment	biscuit	competition	immediately	last	looked	misspell
abundant	apparatus	bookkeeper	condemn	important	later	loose	modern
academic	apparently	boundary	confused	impossible	laugh	lose	Monday
academy	appetite	breathe	confusion	in	laughed	lot	money
acceptable	appreciation	Britain	connection	incident	laughter	love	month
acceptance	appropriate	bulletin	conqueror	independence	lay	low	moon
accompany	approval	bureau	conscientious	independent	lead	luck	more
accomplish	approximately	burial	consistent	innocent	leader	luckily	morning
accurate	arithmetic	buried	controlled	inside	learn	lucky	most
accused	arrangement	bury	cooperate	instead	learned	machine	mother
accustomed	arrival	cafeteria	cordially	intelligent	least	made	motor
achievement	ascend	campaign	counterfeit	interest	leave	magazine	mountain
acknowledge	ascertain	cancel	courageous	interesting	led	main	move
acquainted	assassinate	candidate	courteous	into	leisure	make	moving
acquire	associate	capital	courtesy	is	length	making	Mr.
adhesive	association	career	cruelty	island	less	man	Ms.
advertisement	athlete	catastrophe	crystal	it	lesson	many	much
advice	athletic	cemetery	curiosity	it's	let	March	music
advisable	athletics	certificate	customer	its	let's	matter	must
affectionately	attacked	challenge	debt	itself	library	may	my
aggression	attempts	changeable	defendants	January	lie	May	name
aggressive	attendant	characteristic	defense	jealous	life	maybe	national
aisle	attitude	chauffeur	descend	journal	light	me	near
alcohol	audience	Christian	desert	July	lightning	mean	necessary
altogether	authority	cigarette	despair	June	like	meant	need
amateur	available	cinnamon	desperate	just	liked	measure	neighbor
ambition	awkward	circumstances	desperately	keep	line	medicine	neither
amethyst	bachelor	colonel	despise	kept	list	meet	nephew
analyze	banana	column	dessert	key	listen	men	nervous
angle	bargain	comfortable	destruction	kind	listened	middle	never
anniversary	baseball	commercial	determined	knew	little	might	new
annual	basically	commission	device	know	live	mile	next
anonymous	basis	community	diarrhea	knowledge	lived	million	nice
				known	living	mind	nickel
				laid	lonely	minute	niece

night	other	please	quite
nine	our	pocket	rain
nineteen	out	poem	raise
ninety	outside	point	reach
no	over	poison	read
nobody	own	poor	ready
noise	page	possess	real
noisy	paid	possible	realize
north	parallel	power	really
northern	parents	practical	reason
not	part	practically	receipt
note	particular	practice	receive
nothing	pass	prairie	recess
notice	passed	prepare	recognize
November	patient	prettier	recommend
now	pattern	pretty	red
occasion	pay	price	reference
occur	peculiar	principal	referred
occurred	people	principle	regular
occurrence	perfect	prison	relative
occurring	perform	private	relief
October	perhaps	privilege	remember
of	period	probably	repeat
off	person	problem	repetition
office	physical	procedure	responsible
often	picture	profession	restaurant
oh	pie	professor	return
old	piece	program	rhythm
on	place	progress	ridge
once	plain	promise	right
one	plan	pronunciation	road
only	planned	purpose	room
open	planning	put	rules
opinion	play	question	run
opportunity	played	quick	running
opposite	playing	quiet	safety
or	pleasant	quit	said

Some Spelling Mnemonics

all right	It's either all right or all wrong.
argument	He lost an <u>e</u> in the argument.
beauty	<u>Be a beauty</u> .
believe	Don't <u>believe</u> a <u>lie</u> .
business	Busy <u>ness</u> .
cemetery	You go to the <u>cemetery</u> with e's (ease).
etc.	Remember <u>E.T.</u> , the extra terrestrial?
familiar	He is a <u>familiar</u> <u>liar</u> .
February	You say " <u>br</u> " in <u>February</u> .
foreign	Kings <u>reign</u> in <u>foreign</u> countries.
friend	You'll be my <u>friend</u> to the <u>end</u> .
grammar	<u>Gramma</u> knows her <u>grammar</u> .
hear	You <u>hear</u> with your <u>ear</u> .
independent	There is a <u>dent</u> in <u>independent</u> .
innocent	in no cent
lose	Whenever you use one <u>o</u> you <u>lose</u> .
misspell	No little <u>miss</u> should <u>misspell</u> this!
niece	My <u>niece</u> is <u>nice</u> .
parallel	Not <u>all</u> lines are <u>parallel</u> .
piece	Have a <u>piece</u> of <u>pie</u> .
pleasant	Picnics are <u>pleasant</u> for an <u>ant</u> .
prairie	There is <u>air</u> on the <u>prairie</u> .
principle	A <u>rule</u> can be called a <u>principle</u> .
prison	Her <u>son</u> is in <u>prison</u> .
receive	<u>R-E C-E Is Very Easy</u>
secretary	A <u>secretary</u> can keep a <u>secret</u> .
separate	There is a <u>rat</u> in <u>separate</u> .
sincerely	You can <u>rely</u> on me, <u>sincerely</u> .
stationery	Use <u>stationery</u> to write a <u>letter</u> .
together	to get her - They went <u>together</u> <u>to get her</u> .
tomorrow	Tom or row.
weather	We <u>eat</u> in all kinds of <u>weather</u> .
weird	<u>We</u> are <u>weird</u> .
whether	I wonder <u>whether</u> they're <u>together</u> .
whose	<u>Whose</u> <u>hose</u> is that?

Spelling Guidelines

1. **k or c** — *k* is generally used before short *e* and short *i* in one-syllable words, whereas *c* is generally used before short *a*, *o*, and *u* in one-syllable words.
2. To pluralize many nouns ending with a single *f* or *fe*, change the *f* to *v* and add *-es*. Check the dictionary if in doubt.
3. Add *-es* rather than *-s* to words ending with the sound of *s*, *x*, *z*, *sh*, or *ch*.
4. **-ize, -ise or -yze** — Most common words end with *-ize*. *Surprise*, *exercise* and *revise* are the only common words which end with *-ise*. *Paralyze* and *analyze* are the only common words which end with *-yze*.
5. **-ary or -ery** — Most common words end with *-ary* rather than *-ery*, with the exception of *cemetery* and *stationery*.
6. **-able or -ible** — The suffix *-able* is more common than *-ible*. *-ible* is generally not added to a whole word (*break / breakable*). *-ible* is used to keep a *c* or *g* soft (*eligible*, *invincible*). Since *notice* is a whole word, *-able* is added. *Noticeable* retains its *e* to keep the *c* soft. *-ible* is used if a related word ends in *-ion* (*collection / collectible*).
7. **-le, -el or -al** — *-le* is more common at the end of a word than *-el* or *-al*.
8. **-ence or -ance** — If the base word ends with *-ent*, *-ence* is correct. If the base word ends with *-ant*, *-ance* is correct.
9. **-cede, -ceed or -sede** — *-cede* is the most common spelling of this root. Only three words end with *-ceed*: *succeed*, *proceed*, and *exceed*. Only one word ends with *-sede*: *supersede*.

sale	sick	start	swimming
same	side	state	system
sandwich	sign	statement	table
Saturday	similar	stay	take
saw	simple	stayed	taking
say	since	stepped	talk
scare	sincerely	still	taught
scared	single	stomach	teach
scene	sister	stood	teacher
school	sit	stop	team
science	six	stopped	tell
scissors	size	stopping	terrible
sea	skiing	stories	than
search	sledding	story	thank you
season	sleep	straight	that
second	slipped	street	that's
secret	slow	strength	the
secretary	small	stretch	their
see	smile	strong	them
seem	smooth	student	themselves
seen	so	studied	then
seize	social	study	there
sense	some	studying	these
sentence	somebody	succeed	they
separate	something	success	they're
September	sometimes	such	thing
serious	somewhere	sudden	think
seven	son	sugar	third
several	soon	suggest	this
shall	sorry	summary	those
she	south	summer	though
shine	speak	Sunday	thought
shining	special	suppose	thousand
short	speech	supposed to	three
should	spring	sure	threw
show	stairs	surprise	through
shown	stand	surprised	throw

Thursday	tying	we	window
ticket	type	weak	winter
tie	uncle	wear	wish
tight	under	weather	with
time	understand	Wednesday	without
tired	United States	week	woman
to	unless	weight	women
today	until	weird	wonder
together	up	welcome	wonderful
told	upon	well	word
tomorrow	us	went	work
too	use	were	world
took	used to	weren't	would
touch	using	what	wreck
tough	usual	when	write
toward	usually	where	writer
town	very	whether	writing
tragedy	view	which	written
tried	voice	while	wrong
trouble	wait	white	wrote
true	waiting	who	year
truly	walk	who's	yellow
try	want	whole	yes
trying	war	whose	yesterday
Tuesday	warm	why	you
turn	was	wide	you're
twelve	watch	will	young
twenty-one	water	win	your
two	way		

Your city _____

Your state _____

Spelling Rules

The following rules in English spelling have very few exceptions:

1. The letter *q* is always followed by a *u* in English words.
(*question, quite*)
2. English words do not end with the letter *v*. (*gave, have*)
3. When a one-syllable word ends with a short vowel and a single consonant, double the final consonant before adding a suffix beginning with a vowel. (*swim + -ing* is *swimming*)
In a two-syllable word, double the final consonant only if the word is accented on the last syllable. (*begin + -ing* is *beginning* but *open + -ing* is *opening*)
4. When a word ends in silent *e*, drop the *e* before adding a suffix beginning with a vowel. (*make + -ing* is *making*)
Keep the silent *e* before adding a suffix beginning with a consonant. (*time + -ly* is *timely*)
5. When a word ends in a consonant and *y*, change the *y* to *i* before adding a suffix, unless the suffix begins with *i*. (*happy + -ly* is *happily*, but *hurry + -ing* is *hurrying*)
When a word ends in a vowel and *y*, do not change the *y* to *i*. (*play + -ed* is *played*)
6. Capitalize proper nouns.
7. Write *i* before *e* except after *c*, or when sounded like *-ay* as in *neighbor* and *weigh*. This rule doesn't apply when *ci* is pronounced *sh* as in *ancient*.

