

SPELLING ON-THE-GO



A Mom & Me Spelling-Bee Resources
for the car, waiting room,
grocery store, sports game,
anywhere kids have to wait!

The 100 Most Commonly Misspelled Words

This list was compiled over 50 years ago by National Curriculum Associates from the creative writings of 14,643 children. The submissions were checked for spelling errors by city and by grade levels (3-8). The following represents the 100 most commonly misspelled words, arranged in alphabetical order. It is interesting that a half century later these same words are still causing problems for writers.

again
all right
always
an
and
animals
another
around
asked
babies
beautiful
because
before
believe
bought
came
caught
children
clothes
coming
course
cousin
decided
didn't

different
dropped
every
February
first
for
friend
friends
frightened
from
getting
going
happening
hear
heard
here
him
interesting
it's
its
jumped
knew
know
let's
like
little
looked
many
money
morning
mother
name
named
off
once
our
people
pretty

received
running
said
school
some
something
sometimes
started
stopped
surprise
swimming
than
that's
their
then
there
they
they're
things
thought
threw
through
to
together
too
tried
two
until
very
wanted
went
were
when
where
with
woman
would
you're

102 Frequently Misspelled Words

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a lot
absence
accidentally
accommodate
achieve
acquaintance
against
already
argument
attendance
because
beginning
believe
business
calendar
cemetery
chief
committee
conscience
convenience
courageous
criticize
decision
definitely
desperately
dictionary
different
disease
doesn't
embarrass
enough

environment
especially
exaggerate
excellent
excitement
experience
familiar
fascinate
favorite
February
finally
foreign
friend
government
grammar
guarantee
height
immediately
independent
instead
interrupt
judgment
leisure
library
lightning
lonely
lying
millionaire
mischievous
necessary
niece
noticeable
occasion
occurred
opposite
particular
physical
pneumonia

possess
practically
preferred
privilege
probably
raspberry
realize
receive
recommend
remember
restaurant
rhythm
ridiculous
schedule
scissors
separate
similar
sincerely
straight
strengthen
studying
summarize
surprise
thorough
tomorrow
truly
until
vacuum
vegetable
Wednesday
weight
weird
yacht

**Dolch
Pre-Primer Word
List**

a
and
away
big
blue
can
come
down
find
for
funny
go
help
here

I
in
is
it
jump
little
look
make
me
my
not
one
play
red
run

said
see
the
three
to
two
up
we
where
yellow
you

**Dolch
Primer
Word List**

all
am
are
at
ate
be
black
brown
but
came
did
do
eat
four
get
good
have
he

into
like
must
new
no
now
on
our
out
please
pretty
ran
ride
saw
say
she
so
soon
that
there

they
this
too
under
want
was
well
went
what
white
who
will
with
yes

**Dolch
1st Grade
Word List**

after
again
an
any
as
ask
by
could
every
fly
from
give
giving
had

has
her
him
his
how
just
know
let
live
may
of
old
once
open
over

put
round
some
stop
take
thank
them
then
think
walk
were
when

**Dolch
2nd Grade
Word List**

always
around
because
been
before
best
both
buy
call
cold
does
don't
fast
first

five
found
gave
goes
green
its
made
many
off
or
pull
read
right
sing
sit
sleep

tell
their
these
those
upon
us
use
very
wash
which
why
wish
work
would
write
your

**Dolch
3rd Grade
Word List**

about
better
bring
carry
clean
cut
done
draw
drink
eight
fall
far
full
got

grow
hold
hot
hurt
if
keep
kind
laugh
light
long
much
myself
never
only
own

pick
seven
shall
show
six
small
start
ten
today
together
try
warm

**Dolch
Nouns
Word List**

apple
baby
back
ball
bear
bed
bell
bird
birthday
boat
box
boy
bread
brother
cake
car
cat
chair
chicken
children
Christmas
coat
corn
cow
day
dog
doll
door
duck
egg
eye
farm
farmer
father

feet
fire
fish
floor
flower
game
garden
girl
good-bye
grass
ground
hand
head
hill
home
horse
house
kitty
leg
letter
man
men
milk
money
morning
mother
name
nest
night
paper
party
picture
pig
rabbit
rain
ring
robin
Santa Claus

school
seed
sheep
shoe
sister
snow
song
squirrel
stick
street
sun
table
thing
time
top
toy
tree
watch
water
way
wind
window
wood

6th Grade Spelling Bee

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accidentally
acknowledgement
acquire
action
ambulance
ancient
appearance
audience
bough
climate
comfortable
convenience
courageous
descendant
desperately
disastrous
emergency
encyclopedia
especially
exaggerate
excellent
express
further
gaze
gesture
governor
grateful
grief
hangar
headache
heroes
honorable

hyphen
immediate
increase
independence
ingredient
inquire
intermission
jealous
league
lightning
listening
mammal
marriage
mechanic
millionaire
mischievous
museum
myth
nationality
noisy
noticeable
operational
partial
patient
performance
persuade
poem
preferable
pressure
quote
recently
recyclable
rehearse
requirement
restaurant
rhythmic
rumor
rural

safety
sailor
scarcely
scientific
scissors
sentence
separate
separately
simply
solar
spaghetti
squawk
strengthen
struggling
studios
surface
sword
systematic
teaspoon
temperature
unbelievable
unmistakable
unsuccessful
vacuum
variety
vault
vegetable
violence
whose
wrestle

5th Grade Spelling Bee

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action
actor
agreed
ambulance
annual
beginning
business
captain
carefully
chemical
chocolate
constant
constitution
daytime
dessert
details
determine
different
enjoyment
equation
exact
except
express
favorite
few gold
forward
grasp
happily
human
include
inventor
island
journey

language
laughter
length
mammal
melody
members
message
music
natural
necessary
neither million
notice
numeral
paid
pattern
pause
perhaps
period
permit
pleasure
possible
president
probably
protection
puzzle
quietly
raise
rarely
receive
rehearse
repay
represent
rising
sandal
schedule
scissors
section
separate

shelter
shoulder
single
slippery
soil
solve
southern
squeeze
state
stomach
successful
suitcase
surprise
sweater
syllable
thoughtful
tornado
trail
trouble
type
understood
warn
weight
weird
whisper
women
yesterday

4th Grade Spelling Bee

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actively
alert
alive
amount
animal
aunt
avenue
banana
beautiful
beggar
camera
cancel
cheer
chicken
chimney
consistent
continue
copying
cottage
couch
crow
crumb
curl
dawn
dear
decide
degree
discover
doubtful
earth
equal
evening

false
felt
fever
few
fleece
follow
forecast
fruit
gain
garden
gasoline
giant
gold
government
graceful
guitar
impossible
jaw
laughter
libraries
machine
middle
mountain
neighbor
newscast
noise
odd
paper
paste
path
pioneer
pour
quarter
recommend
remind
roof
safe
scariest

select
self
sharp
shoulder
sink
slumber
sneezing
stretch
striving
surprise
terrible
tuna
twenty
twice
uncle
urge
useful
usual
vacation
visit
voyage
vulture
wait
weekend
wheelchair
whistling
world
zebra
zero
zoo

3rd Grade Spelling Bee

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about
afraid
age
also
angriest
balloon
body
breakfast
build
cardboard
caught
circus
climb
clock
clothing
color
crawl
crayon
damage
dinner
disappear
doesn't
dollar
driving
eyes
finish
flies
funny
gift
guess

half
handsome
happen
health
heard
heavy
hundred
I've
important
isn't
key
kitchen
knew
know
laugh
leave
libraries
life
listen
Lose
machine
merry
neighbor
neither
newspaper
none
only
past
picnic
piece
prize
queen
raised
really
said
Saturday
school

scratch
scream
shiny
sitting
slept
smiling
stairs
stopped
straight
stretch
string
suit
tenth
threw
today
together
tooth
touch
treat
tries
trouble
Tuesday
until
used
voice
walk
warm
Wednesday
wrist
wrong
you're
young
your

Spelling Demons

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No matter our age, we all have our own unique spelling demons. You can greatly increase your own spelling skills when you:

1. identify a handful of words that most often give you trouble
2. memorize the correct spelling for each word, and/or
3. figure out a trick to help you remember to spell them correctly

Sometimes the biggest "demons" in your own writing are NOT the words that weird, obscure and very long. Rather, they are more frequently-used words that are easily confused with other words.

Here's our list of devilish words. We've included a brief definition of these words. You'll also see some tricks to help you remember some of them in bold.

Accept: to receive

Except: other than; Everyone came **except** **Tex**.

Affect: to have an influence on

Effect: result; **effects** of contaminated **beef**...

Allusion: an indirect reference

Illusion: misleading belief or perception; Her good health was only an **illusion**. She was actually very **ill**.

Altogether: entirely; completely

All together: all at the same time; **All** of us are **together** in the car.

ascent: a movement upward; The **scent** of the skunk sent me running **up** the hill

assent: agreement

Counsel: advice given to someone else, or to advise. Wise **counsel** **sells** good products.

Council: a group of people selected to advise others

Descent: a movement downward; **descent** - **decline**

Dissent: disagreement

Desert: to abandon, or an arid place; Sahara desert has **just one s**

Dessert: after-dinner course

Elicit: to bring out

Illicit: illegal; Both **illicit** and **illegal** begin with il

Gorilla: a large primate; Do you like **gorillas** **or** apes best?

Guerilla: a type of soldier

Loose: not tight; The **noose** was **loose**.

Lose: to come to be without something; Did you lose your keys?

Quiet: making no sound

Quite: completely; That's **quite** a nice **kite**.

Straight: without a bend

Strait: narrow passage of water; I can't **wait** to ride through the straits.

Weather: the state of the atmosphere, including temperature, wind, moisture, etc.

Whether: introduces the first choice; **Whether** **he** goes or stays, he must decide soon.

Which: one of a group

Witch: a sorcerer; The **witch** **outwitted** the fox.