

spelling strategies

What can you do when you aren't sure how to spell a word?

Look in the Spelling Table on page 265 to find common spellings for sounds in the word.

Think about related words. They may help you spell the word you're not sure of.

instruction—*instruct*

Say the word aloud. Make sure you say it correctly. Listen to the sounds in the word. Think about letters and patterns that might spell the sounds.

Guess the spelling of the word and check it in a dictionary.

Write the word in different ways. Compare the spellings and choose the one that looks correct.

tuch toch touch tooch

Think about any spelling rules you know that can help you spell the word.

To form the plural of a singular word ending in a consonant and *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add *-es*.

Listen for a common word part, such as a prefix, a suffix, or an ending.

appointment

personal











Break the word into syllables and think about how each syllable might be spelled.

an-i-ma-tion

Create a memory clue to help you remember the spelling of the word.

Clothing is made of cloth.

Proofreading Marks

Mark	Meaning	Example
	spell correctly	I(liek)dogs.
	add period	They are my favorite kind of pet .
	add question mark	What kind of pet do you have ?
	capitalize	My dog's name is scooter.
	take out	He is a great companion for me and my my family.
	add	We got Scooter when ^{he} was eight weeks old.
	make lowercase	My U ncle came over to take a look at him.
	trade places	He watched the puppy run(in around)circles.
	add quotation marks	“Scooter! That's the perfect name!”I said.
	indent paragraph	¶ I love my dog Scooter. He is the best pet I have ever had. Every morning he wakes me with a bark. Every night he sleeps with me.

Words with /ă/

act	sandwich	traffic	magic
chapter	rabbit	snack	rapid
plastic	laughter	calf	program
planet	crash	salad	aunt
factory	magnet	half	crack

Say and Listen

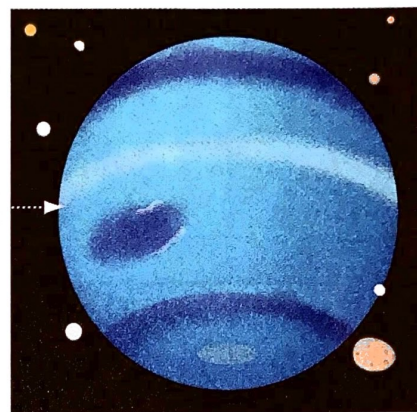
Say each spelling word. Listen for the /ă/ sound you hear in *act*.

Think and Sort

Look at the letters in each word. Think about how /ă/ is spelled. Spell each word aloud.

How many spelling patterns for /ă/ do you see?

- Write the **eighteen** spelling words that have the *a* pattern, like *act*.
- Write the **two** spelling words that have the *au* pattern, like *laughter*.



planet

1. a Words

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2. au Words

_____	_____
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Definitions



Write the spelling word for each definition.
Use a dictionary if you need to.

1. a heavenly body that circles the sun _____
2. a place where things are made _____
3. the movement of cars and trucks _____
4. a young cow or bull _____
5. a sound that shows amusement _____
6. a ceremony or presentation _____
7. a substance made from chemicals _____



Analogies

An analogy states that two words go together in the same way as two others. Write the spelling word that completes each analogy.

8. *Perform* is to _____ as *exercise* is to *jog*.
9. *Big* is to *large* as *fast* is to _____.
10. A *third* is to *three* as _____ is to *two*.
11. *Bear* is to *honey* as *nail* is to _____.
12. *Feast* is to _____ as *mansion* is to *cottage*.
13. *Correct* is to *right* as *smash* is to _____.
14. *Hire* is to *employ* as *split* is to _____.
15. *Man* is to *woman* as *uncle* is to _____.
16. *Lettuce* is to _____ as *flour* is to *bread*.
17. *Kitty* is to *cat* as *bunny* is to _____.
18. *Room* is to *house* as _____ is to *book*.
19. *Artist* is to *art* as *magician* is to _____.



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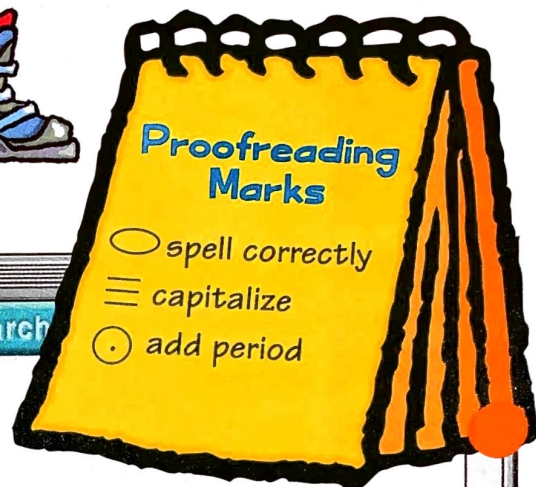
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Proofreading

Proofread the e-mail message below.

Use proofreading marks to correct five spelling mistakes, three capitalization mistakes, and two punctuation mistakes. See the chart on page 131 to learn how to use the proofreading marks.



e-mail				
New	Read	File	Delete	Search
Hi, andy,				
This weekend I went skiing with my dad I was coming down a hill at a rapud speed when a calf ran out in front of me. I managed to avoid hitting it, but i tripped and landed with a krash. Nothing was hurt but the egg salad sanwitch I had brought along as a snak. it was squashed flat in its plastic wrapper I burst into laugter at the sight! What did you do this weekend? Let's talk later!				
Bailey				

Alphabetical Order

Words are listed in alphabetical order in a dictionary.

When two letters are the same, the next letter is used to alphabetize them.

about around

able about

aboard about

Write each group of words in alphabetical order.

1. traffic half rabbit plastic

2. program aunt planet act

3. chapter calf crack factory

4. salad sandwich magic magnet

5. loose laughter library length

6. raw raccoon rabbit rapid

