

Accurate spelling

Spelling = the process or activity of writing or naming the letters of a word.

Significance

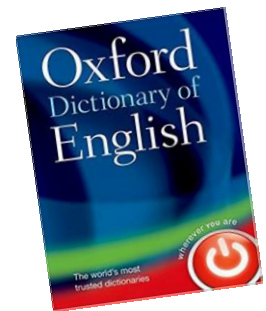
Learning to spell well, is very useful and helps you to become a confident writer. If you are constantly stopping to think about how words are spelled while you write, it can interrupt your flow of thoughts, taking you away from thinking about: your choice of words and how you construct those words into sentences that communicate exactly what they want to say. If you are a confident speller, you're also much more likely to make adventurous vocabulary choices, selecting the exact word to communicate your message, rather than playing it safe and using a word you already know how to spell.

While you are always learning to spell new words, sometimes you wish to check you have not misspelled a new word. Never assume it is correct if you are unsure, use some of the resources available to you, to check it and confirm you have spelt it correctly. This will make you more confident about spelling it correctly in the future.

Resources

Try using the following resources to check your spelling for accuracy: -

1. A dictionary
2. A spell-checking program
3. Textbooks
4. Class notes
5. A family member
6. Glossaries



Struggling to remember how to spell a new word in any of your subjects? Go back to basics!

Technique: Look, Cover, Write, Check is a strategy you can use to help you learn new spellings.

- look at it
- cover it over
- write the spelling again next to the word
- uncover the spelling to check if you have got it right.

You could even keep a notebook of tricky words that you need to work on, for example: -

Subject	Word	1	2	3
Science	Mitochondria	Mitokondria	Mitochondria	Mitockondria
	Electrolysis			
	Iodine			

Use the 3 columns, on the right, to write out the word using the Look, Cover, Write, Check technique! Keep practising until you get it just right.



Top tip: you can also log tricky words in your spelling log within your **learning journal!**

Next steps

Try the following websites to learn more about spelling: -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic/words-to-watch-out-for>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic/plurals>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic/prefixes-and-suffixes>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic/root-words>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic/common-letter-patterns>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic/memory-aids>