

# *Personal Dictionary*

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## *Calendar Words*

<b>Days</b>	<b>Months</b>	<b>Holidays</b>	<b>Seasons</b>
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  
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 fourth  
 friend  
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 front  
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 game  
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 generally  
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 getting  
 girl  
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gone  
 good  
 goodbye  
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 government  
 grabbed  
 grade  
 grammar  
 grandfather  
 grandma  
 gray  
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 green  
 ground  
 group  
 grow  
 guarantee  
 guard  
 guess  
 guilty  
 gym  
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 handwriting  
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 happiness  
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 hello  
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 here  
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 hope  
 hoping  
 hopping  
 horse  
 hospital  
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 hour  
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 how  
 however  
 humorous  
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 hurried  
 hurry  
 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
absolutely	anxious	behavior	competent
absorb	apartment	biscuit	competition
abundant	apparatus	bookkeeper	condemn
academic	apparently	boundary	confused
academy	appetite	breathe	confusion
acceptable	appreciation	Britain	connection
acceptance	appropriate	bulletin	conqueror
accompany	approval	bureau	conscientious
accomplish	approximately	burial	consistent
accurate	arithmetic	buried	controlled
accused	arrangement	bury	cooperate
accustomed	arrival	cafeteria	cordially
achievement	ascend	campaign	counterfeit
acknowledge	ascertain	cancel	courageous
acquainted	assassinate	candidate	courteous
acquire	associate	capital	courtesy
adhesive	association	career	cruelty
advertisement	athlete	catastrophe	crystal
advice	athletic	cemetery	curiosity
advisable	athletics	certificate	customer
affectionately	attacked	challenge	debt
aggression	attempts	changeable	defendants
aggressive	attendant	characteristic	defense
aisle	attitude	chauffeur	descend
alcohol	audience	Christian	desert
altogether	authority	cigarette	despair
amateur	available	cinnamon	desperate
ambition	awkward	circumstances	desperately
amethyst	bachelor	colonel	despise
analyze	banana	column	dessert
angle	bargain	comfortable	destruction
anniversary	baseball	commercial	determined
annual	basically	commission	device
anonymous	basis	community	diarrhea

imagine	language	long	mischievous
immediate	large	look	miss
immediately	last	looked	misspell
important	later	loose	modern
impossible	laugh	lose	Monday
in	laughed	lot	money
incident	laughter	love	month
independence	lay	low	moon
independent	lead	luck	more
innocent	leader	luckily	morning
inside	learn	lucky	most
instead	learned	machine	mother
intelligent	least	made	motor
interest	leave	magazine	mountain
interesting	led	main	move
into	leisure	make	moving
is	length	making	Mr.
island	less	man	Ms.
it	lesson	many	much
it's	let	March	music
its	let's	matter	must
itself	library	may	my
January	lie	May	name
jealous	life	maybe	national
journal	light	me	near
July	lightning	mean	necessary
June	like	meant	need
just	liked	measure	neighbor
keep	line	medicine	neither
kept	list	meet	nephew
key	listen	men	nervous
kind	listened	middle	never
knew	little	might	new
know	live	mile	next
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*.























