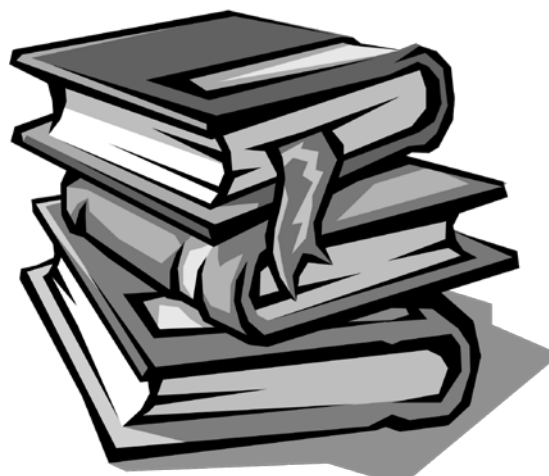


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Year 7 Homework Booklet 1

Book A



Instructions

Each week your teacher will allocate a task for you to complete. Write all your answers in the exercise book you have been given. Do not write in this booklet.

Ways to improve your spelling

All of us have words we don't know how to spell. Use the methods below to help you become a better speller.

1. Look. Say. Cover. Write. Check.

Look at a word. Say it (to yourself if you are not alone). Cover it up. Write it. Check if you were right. If you weren't, repeat the process.

2. Don't copy words letter by letter.

Try to remember the whole word, write it down and then check if you were correct. It not only helps your spelling, it is quicker.

3. Focus on the difficult parts of words.

Some parts of words are easy and so we need to concentrate on the difficult parts. For example, if you wanted to spell the word 'ghost', everyone knows it starts with a 'g' and they get the 'ost' right. What they have to remember is the 'h'.

4. Break long words up.

Many long words are actually quite easy to spell if you break them up into syllables. For example, 'technological' looks really difficult it is much easier if you think of 'tech' + 'no' + 'lo' + 'gi' + 'cal'.

5. Make rhymes to remember parts of words with.

For example, if you have trouble remembering whether the 'i' or the 'e' comes first in 'friend', remember the rhyme: He was a friend to the end. Another example: I like 2C success.

6. Use joined-up writing.

Research has shown that joining your letters improves your spelling. There are three reasons for this. Firstly, having to actually join the letters makes you think about the order of the letters. Secondly, it is easier to remember the shape of joined-up words. Thirdly, we remember the actual movement of the pen on the page.

7. Check words you aren't sure about.

Use a dictionary, a spelling checker or ask someone else. It is better to check than get it wrong.

8. Say a word as it is spelled, not as it is normally pronounced.

If you say a word differently you will be more likely to remember the unusual letters. For example, saying the word 'debt' pronouncing the 'b' will help you remember it has a silent letter.

Copy out the passage below filling in the blanks using the following words: letter; letter; improve; parts; cover; words; remember; into; writing.

You can _____ your spelling. When you come across a word you don't know use: Look. Say. _____ . Write. Check. Look for words within _____ to make things easier. Focus on the tricky _____ of words. Make up a sentence to help you _____ parts of words. Use joined-up _____. Break long words _____ syllables. Don't copy _____ by letter. Say a word with a silent _____ how it is spelled.

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A

accident
cinema
circle
circuit
circumstance
city
cities
decision
decisive
incident

B

celebrity
celery
cement
cemetery
centigrade
centipede
ceremony
certain
cylinder
cynical

C

beautiful
boastful
colourful
fanciful
helpful
hopeful
merciful
pitiful
plentiful
thankful

D

acidic
additional
adorable
allergic
alliteration
alliterative
analyse
analytical
anecdote
anniversary

E

apprehensive
comical
dramatist
driest
energetic
library
medical
missionary
national
seasonal

F

comprehensive
correction
dramatic
instrumental
islander
manager
necessary
occasional
personal
revolutionary

Spelling Rules

Can you remember which letters are vowels? They are 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u' and sometimes 'y'. Consonants are all the other letters of the alphabet: 'b', 'c', 'd', etc.

A very useful spelling rule is that if there is only one consonant between two vowels say the first vowel's name, not its sound.

Let's look at an example. You all know what 'h', 'a', 't' spells. You wear a hat on your head. But look what happens when you add an 'e' to the end. You get 'hate'. The 'a' has changed its sound.

h + a + t = hat → I wear a hat.
 vowel vowel
 ↓ ↓
 hăt + ě = hate → I hate cabbage.
 ↑
 consonant

Let's look at another example.

h + o + p = hop → I like to hop and skip.
 vowel vowel
 ↓ ↓
 hōp + ě = hope → I hope to win the lottery.
 ↑
 consonant

Double consonants

However, if there are two consonants between the vowels, the first vowel stays the same.

vowel vowel
 ↓ ↓
 hoppĕd → I hopped because my left foot hurt.
 ↑
 consonant
 consonant

The 'o' doesn't change. But look what happens if there is only one consonant.

hopĕd → I hoped my sick mother would get better.
 ↑
 consonant

This rule doesn't just work for 'e'. Other vowels have the same effect when there is only one consonant. Look at the two words below.

vowel
 vowel ↓
 ↓ ↓
 hoppĭng → I was hopping because I hurt my foot.
 ↑ ↑
 consonant
 consonant

hopĭng → I am hoping my mum will get better.
 ↑
 consonant

Task

For each word below write a sentence that shows its meaning. (Make sure you spell the words correctly.)

1. slop
2. slope
3. rag
4. raged
5. ragged

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G	H	I
agreeable	breakable	attention
collision	credible	confusion
edible	disposable	corrosion
horrific	enjoyable	dietician
journalist	enviable	discussion
machinist	forcible	electrician
nastiest	horrible	magician
neatest	indestructible	mission
reader	invincible	ocean
seasonal	legible	station

J	K
impossible	identifiable
possible	manageable
possibility	miserable
probability	probable
problem	reliable
telepathy	respectable
telephone	responsible
telescope	reversible
television	susceptible
terrestrial	tangible

Common Homophones

Instructions: Read the explanation and the examples. For each task read the sentences and write the answers as whole sentences in your exercise books.

There/Their/They're

there – a place; it has the word 'here' in it; you could replace it with 'here'

their – belonging to them; it has the word 'heir' in it

they're – they are; you could replace it with 'they are'

Examples

1. Put that down there.
2. I went in their car.
3. They're a really good team.

Task one

Write out each sentence inserting either 'there', 'their' or 'they're'.

1. Go and sit over _____.
2. I love _____ cat.
3. _____ is a beautiful flower.
4. _____ a lovely group of students.
5. _____ house is huge.

To/Two/Too

to – a preposition or part of a verb; the most common usage

two – a number; one plus one

too – 1. excessive degree 2. 'as well'

Examples

1. Go to the shop.
2. I want to talk to you.
3. Give me two pounds.
4. I was too clever for them.
5. I want one too.

Task two

Write out each sentence correctly.

1. It is _____ o'clock.
2. He will go _____.
3. She is going _____ kick the ball.
4. He is _____ tall.
5. Get a cup of coffee _____.
6. You have bought _____ many cakes.

Where/We're/Wear/Were

where – a place; it has the word 'here' in it; usually a question

we're – we are

wear – 1. something you do with clothes 2. erode

were – plural of 'was'; part of a verb

Examples

1. Where have you been?
2. We're the best students in the world.
3. I am going to wear a tie.
4. The water will wear away the rock eventually.
5. We were leaving the party when it happened.

Task three

Write out the sentences below.

1. You are not going to _____ that dress.
2. _____ do you think you two are going?
3. _____ going to a party.
4. If I _____ you I wouldn't go.
5. You _____ me out with your nagging.

Task four

Write down ten other common homophone pairs.

Apostrophes for Contractions

Task 1

Write out each pair of words and then their contraction. Remember to use an apostrophe where letters are missing. For example:

I am -- I'm

1. I will
2. I have
3. shall not
4. it is
5. they are
6. we are
7. she would
8. she will
9. will not
10. do not
11. have not
12. should not
13. should have
14. could have
15. because
16. of the clock
17. it was
18. over
19. even
20. ought not

Task 2

Copy the sentences below into your books.

The words 'should', 'could', 'would', 'may' and 'might' are **never** followed by the word 'of' in writing. The sound is a shortening of the word 'have', for example, 'should've'.