

Spelling Tips and Tricks

We've all heard of "I before E except after C."

Well, these tips and tricks are *not* about helpful but oft-broken spelling rules like that. Instead, these are some practical (and SILLY) ways to remember spelling.

(You'll see on the video of how to "perform" the tricks that we can be *playful* when we use them and it helps us to remember them all the more!)

1. Some random silly tricks

- a. Misspell: "**Miss Pell**" misspells everything.
- b. Separate: There is A RAT in sep-**a-rat-e**.
- c. Rhythm: "**Rhythm helps your two hips move.**"
- d. Embarrass: "You'll be *embarrassed* if you don't have **2 r's** and **2 s's!**" e.
Necessary: It's **necessary** to have 1 collar and 2 sleeves (1 C and 2 S's).

2. Homonyms

- a. Too/Two/To
 - i. I'll be tooooooo sad if I can't go tooooooo!
 - ii. "**Two**" has two points on the "w."
 - iii. "To" is pronounced poorly. "I have ta go ta the store." (It sounds like a short o/short u.)
- b. There/they're/their
 - i. There's another "e" over there.
 - ii. Their "i" is dotted.
 - iii. Remember contraction "they are."
- c. Desert vs dessert: **strawberry shortcake** is "**dessert**".

d. Bye/by/buy: "I say "bye" when I pass "by" something I shouldn't "buy."

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e. Hear/here: You **hear** with your **ear**.

f. Piece vs peace: I want a **piece** of PIE.

3. Using phonics: say it like it sounds to spell it. Can be silly!

a. Beautiful: "bee-ay-you-tee-full"

b. People: "pee-oh-plee"

c. Wednesday: "Wed-nes-day"

d. February: "Feb-roo-air-ee"

e. Antique: "Antie-quee"

f. Chaos: "chay-ahs"

g. Tortilla: "tor-til-l-ah"

h. Exaggerate: "ex-aj-j-er-ate"

i. Chihuahua: "chi-hooah-hooah"

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Spelling Tricks Practice Sheet

1. Who misspells everything? _____ 2. What's in

"separate?" _____ 3. What helps your two

hips move? _____ 4. You'll be embarrassed if you

don't have _____ . 5. It's

_____ to have one collar and two sleeves. 6.

Too/two/to

a. It's _____ sad if I can't go _____ .

b. There are 2 points on the _____.

c. I have _____ go _____ the store.

7. There/their/they're

a. _____ is another "e" over _____.

b. _____ "i" is dotted.

c. Remember they ARE = _____.

8. Strawberry shortcake is a delicious _____.

9. I say _____ when I pass _____ something I shouldn't _____.

10. You listen (or _____) with your _____.

11. I want a _____ of pie.

12. "Be-a- _____"

13. "Pe _____"

14. "Wed _____"

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15. "Feb _____"

16. "Anti _____"

17. "Cha _____"

18. "Tor _____"

19. "Exag _____"

20. "Chihu _____"

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Hints to Remember the Spelling Tricks

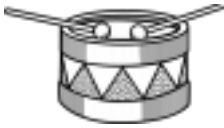
1. Her name is Miss _____.



2.



3.



When your body finds the beat, you have _____.

4. 2



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5. Another word for *needed* that rhymes with “very” and “hairy” and starts with n.

6. Options: W or toooooooooooooooooo or to

7. Options:

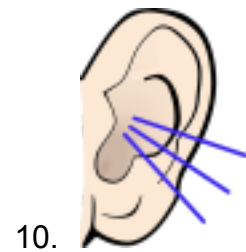
They ~~are~~ my friends. (They' ___ my friends.)

The + **i** +r (Whose “i” is dotted?)

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There is another “e” over **there**

8. **S**trawberry **S**hortcake is des_____rt. (How many "s"es?)



12. -you-tee-_____

13. -O-PLIEE

14. -nes_____

15. -ROO-AIR-_____



This car is *very* old. It's an _____ car.

17. Another word for **DISORDER** is ("kay...")



18.



19.



20.

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Spelling List

(to check answers for the practice sheet and/or use for a quiz)

1. Misspell
2. Separate
3. Rhythm
4. Embarrass
5. Necessary
6. Too
7. Two
8. To
9. There
10. Their
11. They're
12. Dessert

13. Bye
14. By
15. Buy
16. Hear
17. Piece
18. Beautiful
19. People
20. Wednesday
21. February
22. Antique
23. Chaos
24. Tortilla
25. Exaggerate
26. Chihuahua