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Opening extract from **School Spelling Dictionary**

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Preface

To the Teacher

After the publication of the revised and updated *Dictionary of Perfect Spelling*, Barrington Stoke has had numerous requests for a school version.

In my work as Head of English in a school for boys with specific learning difficulties, I continually witnessed the frustrations of children trying to use a conventional dictionary to help with their spelling. More often or not they gave up and spelt the word phonically. In the *School Spelling Dictionary*, following Christine Maxwell's inspirational idea, they can do just this.

But when they check their phonic spelling, if they find the word in **red**, it is wrong and beside it they will find the correct spelling in black.

For example: **eny** any

They can then locate the correct spelling and check any derivatives.

For example: any ~body ~how ~one
any ~thing ~way ~where

The tilde(~) tells the user to just add on the ending to the root word.

Irregular plurals are given.

For example: wolf wolves

Verb endings are given in full.

For example: fly [flies flying flew flown]

Comparative adjectives are spelt out.

For example: funny funnier funniest

If they have difficulty finding a word, there are hints as to where else to look.

For example: Under ci you will find



I have included some useful spelling rules which need to be taught and learnt. I found Gill Cotterell's Phonic Reference cards published by LDA an excellent resource.

To the Speller!

The English language is very hard for the person who hates spelling because groups of letters can make more than one sound. Even spell checkers find it hard! However, 86% of words do stick to rules and the tips on pages v to vii are there to help you. We call the other 14% of words 'irregular' because they do not follow rules or patterns and you need to find ways to remember them.

Pages viii to x will give you some ideas of ways to learn them.

We all need to spell words the same way to make sure that we can write what we want to say and so everyone who reads it can understand exactly what we mean.

Some Useful English Spelling Rules –

It does help to learn them!!

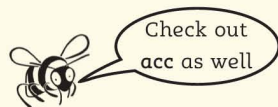
1. Remember vowels (a e i o u) can make a short sound or a long sound (like their name).
For example ā as in ape [long – its name], ă as in apple [short – its sound].
'y' sometimes acts as a vowel as well, e.g. 'cry' and 'rhythm'.
2. Have fun with words! Learn to build words from the root word, use **prefixes** (bits you add on the front) and **suffixes** (bits you add on the end).
For example: stand, understand, understanding, misunderstanding
3. 'q' always has 'u' with it and is written 'qu' like in 'quiz' and 'question'.
4. No word ends in 'v' **except** 'spiv' (a flashy man). Often 'e' comes after 'v' to prop it up like in 'active' and 'native'.



achieve achievement

[achieving achieved]

acid acid rain



acident accident

acksel axel *[jump]

axil *[leaf]

axle *[wheel]

acne

acorn

acownt account

acre acreage

acrobat acrobatic

across

acselerate accelerate

acsent accent

accept accept

acshun action

acsident accident

act [acting acted]

actchely actually

acter actor

action action-packed

active actively

activetys activities

activity activities

actor actress actresses

actual actually

acurate accurate

acuse accuse

acute acutely

ad *[advert] add *[sum]

Adam's apple

adapt [adapting adapted]

adaptable

add *[sum] ad *[advert]

[adding added]

addapt adapt

addenoys adenoids

adder

addict [addicted] addiction

addition *[sum] edition *[copy]

additional

additive

addoor adore

address addresses

[addressing addressed]

ade aid

adenoids

ader adder

adhesive

adishun addition

adjective

adjust adjustable

admier admire

admiral

admire [admiring admired]

admiration

admit [admitting admitted]

admyre admire

adopt adoption

adorable

adore [adoring adored]

adress address

adult

advance

[advancing advanced]

advantage

advencher adventure

adventure adventurous

adverb

advertise

[advertising advertised]

advertisement

advice *[a tip] advise *[suggest]

advise *[suggest] advice *[a tip]

[advising advised]

advurb adverb

advurtise advertise

ael ale

aer air

aerial



aerodrome

aeroplane

aerosol

aery airy

afar *[long] affair *[event]

afect affect *[alter]

effect *[result]

affair

affect *[alter] effect *[result]

affection affectionate

affectionately

affekshun affection

afford affordable

affraede afraid

afid aphid

afloat

aford afford

afraid

after

afternoon

afterwards

aftr after

again

against

agane again



bulk bulky
 bull bullock
 bull ~dog ~fight ~finch
 bulldoze bulldozer
 [bulldozing bulldozed]
 bullet
 bulletin
 bullion
 bully [bullying bullied]
 bully bullies
 bulrush bulrushes
buly bully
 bumble [bumbling bumped]
 bumblebee
bumerang boomerang
 bump [bumping bumped]
 bumpy bumpier bumpiest
 bun bunfight
 bunch bunches
 bundle [bundling bundled]
 bung [bunging bunged]
 bungalow
 bungee
bungel bungle
bungie bungee
 bungle [bungling bungled]
bunglo bungalow
bunjie bungee

bunk
 bunker
 bunny bunnies
 Bunsen burner
bunsh bunch
 buoy *[float] boy *[male]
 burble [burbling burbled]
urch birch
urd bird
 burden [burdening burdened]
urgeld burgled
 burger
 burglar
 burglary burglaries
 burgle *[rob] bugle *[horn]
 burial
 burly burlier burliest
 burn [burning burned]
 burnt
 burp [burping burped]
 burrow *[dig] borrow *[loan]
 bursar bursary bursaries
 burst [bursting burst]
bursurk berserk
urth berth *[bunk]
 birth *[born]
 bury *[cover] berry *[fruit]
 bus buses



busel bustle
 bush bushes
 bushy bushier bushiest
 business businesses
 business ~man ~woman
 busker busking
bussel bustle
 bustle [bustling]
 busy busier busiest
 but *[however] butt *[hit]
buten button
buter butter
butie beauty *[lovely]
 booty *[loot]
butiful beautiful
 butler
buton button
 butter buttery
 butter ~cup ~fly ~scotch
 buttock buttocks
 button buttonhole

buty beauty *[lovely]
 booty *[loot]
 buy *[shop] bye *[goodbye]
 by *[near]
 buy [buying bought]
 buzz [buzzes buzzing buzzed]
 buzzard
bwuty beauty
 by *[near] buy *[shop]
 bye *[goodbye]
byceps biceps



bycicul bicycle
 bye *[goodbye] buy *[shop]
 by *[near]
byer buyer
bynoculars binoculars
 bypass bypasses
 [bypassing bypassed]
 byte *[data] bite *[teeth]



confess confession
 [confessing confessed]
confest confessed
 confetti
 confide confidence
 [confiding confided]
 confident confidently
 confidential confidentially
 confine [confined]
 confirm confirmation
 [confirming confirmed]
 confiscate confiscation
 [confiscating confiscated]
 conflict
confrence conference
 confront confrontation
 [confronting confronted]
 confuse confusion
 [confusing confused]
confyde confide
congrachulate congratulate
 congratulate
 [congratulating congratulated]
 congratulations
 conical
 conifer coniferous
conjer conjure
 conjunction

conjure conjuror
 [conjuring conjured]
conkave concave
 conker **[nut]* conquer **[win]*
conkrete concrete
conkussed concussed
conkwest conquest
 connect connection
 [connecting connected]
 conquer **[win]* conker **[nut]*
 conqueror conquest
 conscience
 conscientious
 conscientiously
 conscious consciously
conseat conceit
 consecutive consecutively
conseel conceal
conseive conceive
 consensus
 consent [consenting consented]
consentrashun concentration
consestrate concentrate
consept concept
 consequence
consern concern
consert concert
 conservation

conservative
 conservatory
 conserve [conserving conserved]
conshense conscience
conshienshus conscientious
conshus conscious
 consider considerable
 [considering considered]
 considerate consideration
consise concise
 consist [consisting consisted]
 consistent consistently
 consolation prize
 console [consoling consoled]
 consonant
 conspiracy conspiracies
 constable
 constant
 constellation
 constipated constipation
construcshun construction
 construct construction
 [constructing constructed]
 constructive constructively
 consult consultant
 [consulting consulted]
 consume consumer
 [consuming consumed]

consurlashun consolation
consurvashun conservation
consurvativ conservative
consurvatory conservatory
consyoum consume
 contact [contacting contacted]
 contagious
 contain container
 [containing contained]
contajus contagious
 contaminate contamination
 [contaminating contaminated]
contane contain
 contemplate contemplation
 [contemplating contemplated]
 contemporary
 contemporaries
 contempt
 content contentment
 contest contestant
 [contesting contested]
 context
 continent **[land mass]*
 Continent **[the]*
 continual continually
 continuation
 continue continuity
 [continuing continued]