English tests

Grammar, punctuation and spelling

Paper 2: spelling task script and administrator instructions

National Curriculum assessments

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Notes for use of this script

The task should take approximately 15 minutes to complete, although you should allow the children as much time as they need to complete it.

Please read out the instructions as stated below. Once you have read out the instructions you should ask the children whether they have any questions.

Listen carefully to the instructions I am going to give you.

I am going to read twenty sentences to you. Each sentence has a word missing in your answer booklet. You should listen carefully to the missing word and fill this in, making sure you spell it correctly.

I will read the word, then the word within a sentence, then repeat the word a third time.

Do you have any questions?

Once the children’s questions have been answered, you should read the twenty spellings three times.

The twenty spellings should be read to the children as follows:

1. Give the spelling number
2. Say ‘The word is…’
3. Read the context sentence
4. Repeat ‘The word is…’

Leave at least a 12-second gap between spellings.

Finally, you should read all 20 sentences again.

Give the children the opportunity to make any changes they wish to their answers.

At the end of the task say:

‘This is the end of the task – now please put down your pen or pencil.’
Spelling task

Spelling one: the word is dinner.
We sat at the table to eat our dinner.
The word is dinner.

Spelling two: the word is following.
The ducklings walked in a line, following their mother.
The word is following.

Spelling three: the word is picture.
Ali drew a picture of his garden.
The word is picture.

Spelling four: the word is sudden.
The sudden noise made me jump.
The word is sudden.

Spelling five: the word is television.
Pria turned on the television and watched her favourite cartoon.
The word is television.

Spelling six: the word is information.
Sarah went to the library to get some more information.
The word is information.

Spelling seven: the word is laugh.
The joke made everyone laugh.
The word is laugh.
**Spelling eight:** the word is *attracted*.
The plants *attracted* lots of butterflies.
The word is *attracted*.

**Spelling nine:** the word is *guide*.
The *guide* showed us around the museum.
The word is *guide*.

**Spelling ten:** the word is *celebrated*.
The team *celebrated* when they won the match.
The word is *celebrated*.

**Spelling eleven:** the word is *different*.
A leopard's spots look quite *different* from those on a cheetah.
The word is *different*.

**Spelling twelve:** the word is *kennel*.
The dog's *kennel* was in the garden.
The word is *kennel*.

**Spelling thirteen:** the word is *design*.
There is a competition to *design* a new school playground.
The word is *design*.

**Spelling fourteen:** the word is *caught*.
Imran *caught* the ball.
The word is *caught*.

**Spelling fifteen:** the word is *friends*.
Nina made a lot of *friends* at her new school.
The word is *friends*. 
Spelling sixteen: the word is obvious.
It was obvious that Alisha was going to win the race.
The word is obvious.

Spelling seventeen: the word is popular.
The new toys are very popular.
The word is popular.

Spelling eighteen: the word is alphabet.
Jack wrote the alphabet in his best handwriting.
The word is alphabet.

Spelling nineteen: the word is temperature.
When the temperature reaches 100 degrees, the water will boil.
The word is temperature.

Spelling twenty: the word is immediately.
The kitten got into its basket and immediately fell asleep.
The word is immediately.

You should now read all 20 sentences again.
Give the children the opportunity to make any changes they wish to their answers.

At the end of the task say: This is the end of the task – now please put down your pen or pencil.

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