OTEN

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An approach to the learning/teaching of spelling online

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Learning Object COnposer - LOCO
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• **French** eg cafe, cinema, photography, biscuit

• **German** eg delicatessen, lager, pretzel, muesli

• **Greek** eg amazon, omega

• **Italian** eg cappuccino, graffiti, espresso, pasta

• **Spanish** eg mosquito, alligator, barbecue
monosyllabic
abbreviation
sesquipedalianism
free gift
close proximity
yell loudly
honest truth
empty space
past experience
end result
Myth 1: You have to be smart to spell

- Albert Einstein - mathematician and inventor
- Alfred Butts - creator of 'Scrabble'
- George Washington - first American president
- Nikki Minaj - popstar
Yo sup bro! WYD?
Goin 2 d club @ 10.
GTG C U l8r 2nite.
Rules can help us work out some spellings

How do I spell receive?
Does it have ‘ie’ or ‘ei’ in it?

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Spelling strategies in context

We may use a range of strategies to help us spell a word

- Sometimes I look up words in a dictionary.
- Sometimes I try spelling the word in different ways.
- Sometimes I write each sound.
Keep lists of words handy

This worker writes receipts to give customers.

To help him spell correctly he keeps a list of words in the front of his receipt book.

I made a list of words I use often, like install, repair, urgently and required.
Find words around you

I didn’t know how to spell 'personnel' but then I remembered it was on the sign in front of the factory.

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We know that spelling words right is important for work or study so we want to help you learn how to do that.
Proofreading

Firstly I check the meaning, grammar and punctuation.

After that I check my spelling. Sometimes I have to look up words in a dictionary and sometimes I ask someone.

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Strategies for remembering spelling

I wish I could remember how words are spelled. Even though I write words lots of times, I still forget them and have to look in a dictionary or ask someone.
Memory

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Learn words anywhere and at any time

**Look**

**Say**
Option: Tap each sound

**Cover**
Option: Picture the word in your mind

**Write**
Option: Trace the word in the air

**Check**
Short term memory to long term memory

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We all learn in our own unique way

I chant words out loud and make up funny rhymes to help me remember the spelling.

I remember words by writing them down five times.

I tap out the sounds of a word. This helps me spell each part.

Auditory learner

Visual learner

Kinaesthetic learner

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Extra stuff

YouTube videos

Websites

History of the English language
You can download (and save or print) the spelling topics here.

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OTEN now offers an **online spelling course** which enables staff to develop and improve spelling skills. It covers topics including:

- Strategies for spelling words
- Strategies for remembering words.

The cost of this course is $110.

All you need is the Internet to access the online learning resources. There is no need to attend face-to-face classes.

So you can study when and where it suits you!
logique to logic
warre to war
toune to town
tru to true
THE PRESENT STATE OF THE SPELLING REFORM IN AMERICA.

By Professor Francis A. March, LL. D.,
President of the Spelling Reform Association.

Read before the Spelling Reform Department of the National Educational Association at its annual meeting in Philadelphia, July 29, 1879.

The movement for the reform of English spelling is a product of the spirit of the age, a true birth of time, as Bacon likes to call his philosophy. The great currents of thought and action set towards reform. We are for reforming everything that can help us in the discovery of truth and the improvement of man's estate.

Given a spoken language, the easy communication of it by writing and printing is a problem in labor-saving machinery. But there is so much that is complex and superfluous in our present spelling that hundreds of millions of dollars are wasted by it in our printing offices every year.

Our teachers see that two or three years of the school-life of every child are worse than wasted in trying to learn to spell.

Our statesmen see that we have 5,500,000 illiterates in the United States and that one of the most powerful causes of illiteracy is the badness of our spelling.

Our scholars find their studies of language
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THE GH SOUND IN ENOUGH IS PRONOUNCED “F” & THE O IN WOMEN MAKES THE SHORT “I” SOUND & THE TI IN NATION IS PRONOUNCED “SH” THEN THE WORD

“GHOTI” IS PRONOUNCED JUST LIKE “FISH”

WELCOME TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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The future of spelling

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/09/03/true-cost-comic-sans-infographic_n_5737590.html
THE ENTIRE HARRY POTTER SERIES

has sold
450
million copies,
and totals
4,224
pages

This means that
1.9 trillion pages
of Harry Potter have
been printed.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

If everyone used ‘color’ instead of ‘colour’,
a Harry Potter-sized print run could save 145 trees!

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‘…words are SOOoo 2013’
‘last year’s words belongs to last year’s language
And next year’s words await another voice.’
And to make an end is to make a beginning

~T.S. Eliot
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