

Editing Spelling

Text 1

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Editing for Spelling: Text 1

Top tips:

1. Read through for common errors (e.g. with, thay) & grammar errors (e.g. your / you're)
2. Use rules to check spellings (e.g. dimed or dimmed; happiness or happiness)
3. Look out for tricky words that you might need to use a dictionary to check

Underline 6 errors in the text below

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Write the corrections below

Think:

- Why must they be spelt like this?
- What do they say at the moment?
- Which rules can you use to help?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Dictionary work

Choose two tricky words that you would need to check the spelling of in the dictionary. Write their definitions below as well as the spelling of at least one linked word (e.g. thought, thoughtful).

Word 1: _____

Definition: _____

Linked word(s): _____

Word 2: _____

Definition: _____

Linked word(s): _____

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Corrections & Explanations:

1. getting – rules error: double the 't' to stop the vowel saying its name (getting not geting).
2. something – common error: you can show someone a *thing* but not a *think*.
3. actually – rules error: the root word *actual* ends in the letter 'l' and you then add the suffix *ly*.
4. tried – rules error: you usually change the 'y' at the end of the root word to an 'i' when you add a suffix.
5. communicated – tricky word: Year 5/6 spelling list word: 'comm' has two 'm's (same as committee) and the past tense suffix is spelt *ed*. Use a dictionary to help check if needed.
6. their – grammar error: *their* for belonging, not *there* as in *here* and *there*