

Mrs Wordsmith's
FOOLPROOF
SPELLING



TARGETED

PRACTICE

BE A BETTER WRITER
YEAR 1

AU
EDITION

This pack contains Targeted Practice covering all spelling patterns for Year 1. It is best used before the Mixed Papers practice tests.

Designed with assessment experts:

- Covers spelling patterns and words that appear on exams
- Motivates kids to work independently
- Proven methods to increase retention so kids make fewer mistakes
- Covers homophones, tricky spelling patterns, prefixes and suffixes, and tricky words

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SPELLING

PATTERNS

Year 1



LEVEL 1

ff
ll

ss
zz

ck
k

nk

tch
th

th
as in 'this'
th
as in 'think'

-v

-s
for plural
-es
for plural

-ing
-ed

-er
for more
-est
for most

LEVEL 2

ai
ay

oi
oy

a-e
'magic' e
e-e
'magic' e
i-e
'magic' e

o-e
u-e

ee
ea

ea
as in 'head'

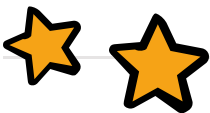
er
ir
ur

th
as in 'this'
th
as in 'think'

oa
oe

ou
ow

ow
o



LEVEL 3

ue
ew

ie
igh

fg

or
ore

aw
au

air
as in 'hair'
ear
as in 'pear'
are
as in 'care'

ar
as in 'star'

y

ph
wh

un-
at the beginning
(prefix)

Compound
words

OVERVIEW

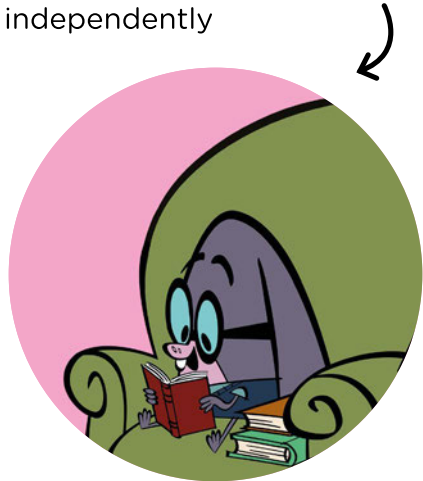
Complies with curriculum guidelines set by Australian DEST and aligns with the National Inquiry Into the Teaching of Literacy. Developed in the UK with literacy experts from Cambridge University and UCL.

- This pack contains Targeted Practice covering all spelling patterns for Year 1. It is best used before the Mixed Papers Practice Tests.



- Accurately covers spelling patterns and words that appear on exams.

- Motivates kids to work independently



- Covers spelling rules, tricky spelling patterns, tricky words, homophones, prefixes and suffixes.
- Includes answer sheets so children can mark their own work independently.



Learning how to spell should be foolproof!

You don't have to be preparing for exams to become a better speller!
Spelling is a useful life skill and we've made it fun!

INTRODUCTION

WHY PRACTISE SPELLING?

Mrs Wordsmith Foolproof Spellings are aligned with your school's curriculum by age.

Even when spelling is not explicitly tested, it is assessed in writing. This is where kids make the most mistakes. Practising spelling through a variety of activities ensures that kids will spell words correctly while writing.

And when kids know how to spell, they get fewer red marks on their homework and their confidence soars! Mrs Wordsmith turns spelling practice into a fun and engaging pastime.

WHY IS MRS WORDSMITH'S SPELLING PRACTICE SO FOOLPROOF?

Our resources are based on data and developed with assessment experts. They use a variety of learning strategies to ensure results:

- Words grouped by related sounds that children typically mix up, such as ee and ea.



- Lots of homophones and frequently misspelled words
- Easy-to-understand spelling tips to help kids memorise the patterns.

'Meat with an **a** is the one you can eat'.

- Sentences that provide context for each word and that are similar to what kids encounter in exams.

'Can I _____ my present now?' asked Armie.
(unwrap)

- Spelling puzzles carefully designed to help kids apply the spelling rules they've learned.
- Fun illustrations to keep kids engaged and help them remember the words they've learned.



- Child-friendly answer sheets so that children can correct answers all by themselves.





UP

NEXT

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-v

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th

as in 'think'

-s

for plural

-ing

-er

for more

-es

for plural

-ed

-est

for the most

★ LEVEL 1 ★

ck

k

These graphemes make the same sound but are spelled differently.

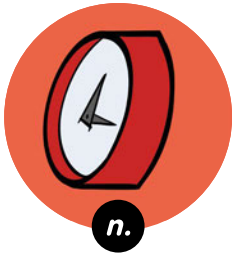


TIP

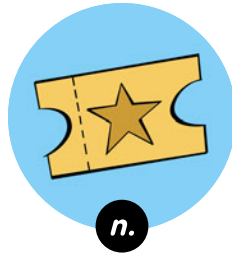
Tick tock, put a **ck** in clock!

TRY IT

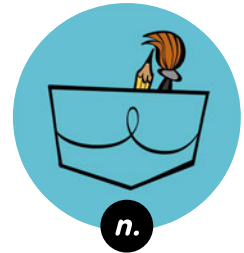
Read the word and then write it again.



n.
clock



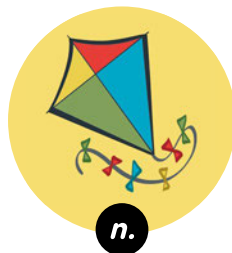
n.
ticket



n.
pocket



n.
key



n.
kite



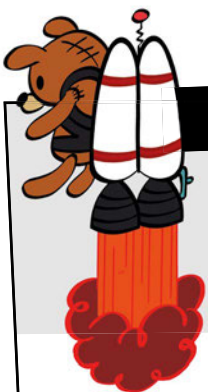
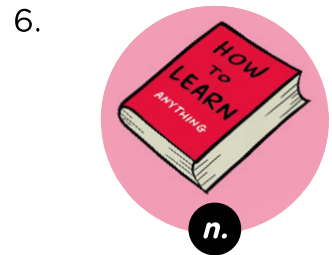
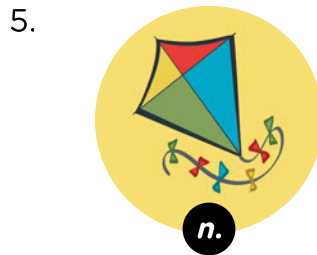
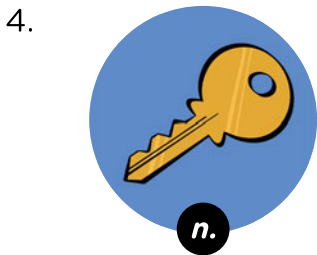
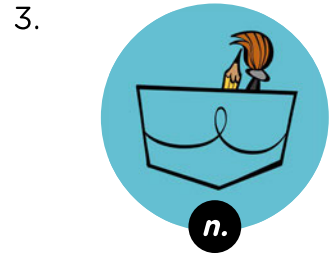
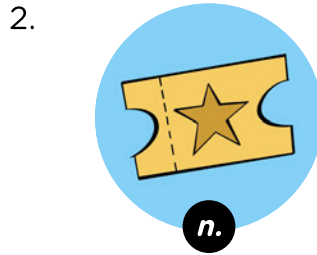
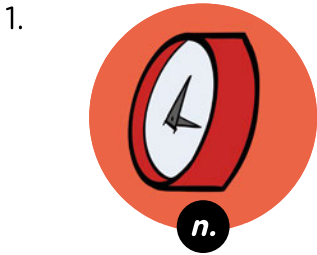
n.
book

Name: _____

POP

QUIZ

Look at the picture and write the word.



POWER UPS

Fill the gap with the word that makes the most sense.

ask | **quick** | **lucky** | **book**

7. This was the best _____ I have ever read!
8. We had a _____ breakfast before school.
9. Can I _____ you a question please?
10. The _____ winner was happy with the prize.

MORE

WORDS

Here are some more words that are frequently used.



ck

k

back

quick

work

break

black

kick

look

keep

pick

shock

ask

kill

check

pack

week

kiss

click

knock

book

kid

stick

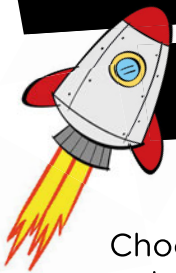
lucky

speak

kind

LEVEL

UP



Choose 6 words from the list to quiz yourself! Write them in the columns. On the last one, don't look!

WRITE IT

...AGAIN

DON'T LOOK

11.

.....

.....

12.

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13.

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14.

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15.

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16.

.....

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Match the beginning of the word to its ending, then write the word underneath.

Example

clo • • ck
 • k

clock

17. • c
 qui • • ck

18. • cky
 lu • • ky

19. • ck
 spea • • k

20. • cket
 ti • • ket

21. • k
 as • • ck

22. • k
 wee • • ck

23. • ck
 ba • • k

24. • ck
 bla • • k

25. • ck
 ki • • k

26. • ck
 brea • • k

TRICKY!

Ck never appears at the beginning of words. If the 'k' sound is at the end of a word and follows a short vowel, it is usually spelled as **ck**. If it follows a long vowel or consonant, it is spelled as **k**.

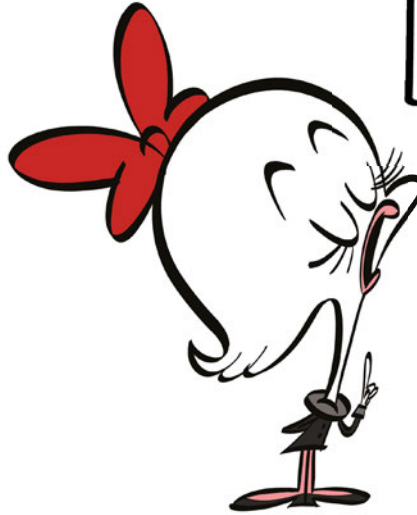
★ LEVEL 1 ★

nk

Often, **n** and **k** come together to make **-nk**

EXAMPLE

The **pink** drink fell down the **sink**.

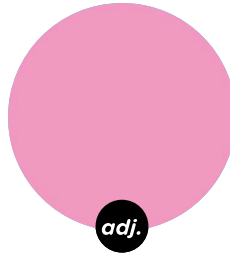


TRY IT

Read the word and then write it again.



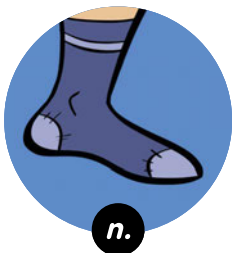
n.
drink



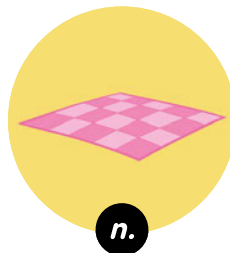
adj.
pink



n.
sink



n.
ankle



n.
blanket



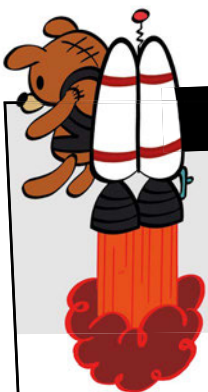
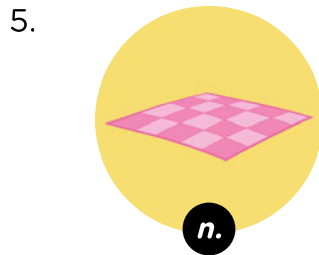
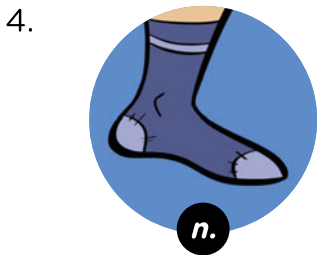
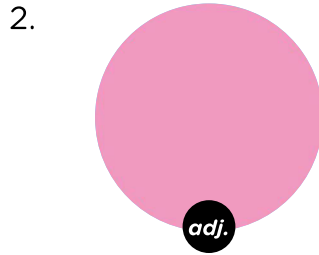
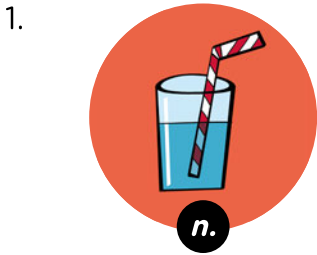
n.
sprinkles

Name: _____

POP

QUIZ

Look at the picture and write the word.



POWER UPS

Fill the gap with the word that makes the most sense.

Thank | drink | sprinkles | think

7. Do you _____ it will rain later?
8. Plato was thirsty and needed a _____.
9. The cupcake was covered in _____.
10. _____ the driver when you get off the bus.

MORE

WORDS

Here are some more words that are frequently used.



nk

link

bank

rank

tank

thank

sink

drink

ankle

think

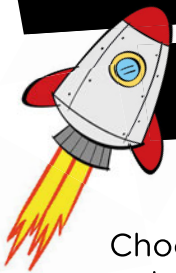
frankly

pink

blank

LEVEL

UP



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WRITE IT

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DON'T LOOK

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Match the beginning of the word to its ending, then write the word underneath.

Example

pi • • nk
 • nck

pink

17. clo • • nk
 • ck

18. si • • nk
 • nck

19. dri • • nk
 • nck

20. li • • nck
 • nk

21. qui • • nk
 • ck

22. ba • • nck
 • nk

23. tha • • nck
 • nk

24. bla • • nket
 • ncket

25. a • • nckle
 • nkle

26. po • • ncket
 • cket

TRICKY!

Like **ck**, you will often find **nk** at the end of words and never at the beginning of words.

But **ck** makes a single 'k' sound, whereas in **nk** you can still hear the 'n' before the 'k'.

ANSWER KEY

Give yourself one mark for every correct answer.

ck k

POP

QUIZ

1. **clock**
2. **ticket**
3. **pocket**
4. **key**
5. **kite**
6. **book**

POWER

UPS

7. **book**
8. **quick**
9. **ask**
10. **lucky**

LEVEL

UP

How many did you spell correctly without looking?
Count them up.

WORD

CONNECT

17. **qui-ck**
18. **lu-cky**
19. **spea-k**
20. **ti-cket**
21. **a-sk**
22. **wee-k**
23. **ba-ck**
24. **bla-ck**
25. **ki-ck**
26. **bre-a-k**



TOTAL

SCORE

/26

ANSWER KEY

Give yourself one mark for every correct answer.

nk

POP

QUIZ

1. **drink**
2. **pink**
3. **sink**
4. **ankle**
5. **blanket**
6. **sprinkles**

POWER

UPS

7. **think**
8. **drink**
9. **sprinkles**
10. **thank**

LEVEL

UP

How many did you spell correctly without looking?
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WORD

CONNECT

17. **clo-ck**
18. **si-nk**
19. **dri-nk**
20. **li-nk**
21. **qui-ck**
22. **ba-nk**
23. **tha-nk**
24. **ti-cket**
25. **bla-nket**
26. **a-nkle**



TOTAL

SCORE

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