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English tests

Grammar, punctuation and spelling

Paper 3 spelling task script and administrator instructions

National Curriculum assessments

Notes for use of this script

The task should take approximately **10 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 fifteen 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 fifteen spellings three times.

The fifteen 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 15 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 knowledge. I would like to improve my knowledge of history. The word is knowledge.

Spelling two: the word is accident. It's important to wear a helmet in case you have an accident. The word is accident.

Spelling three: the word is beginning.The beginning of the book was very exciting, but I didn't enjoy the ending.The word is beginning.

Spelling four: the word is permanent. The paint left a **permanent** stain on the carpet. The word is **permanent**.

Spelling five: the word is unnecessary. It was unnecessary to wear a coat on such a hot day. The word is unnecessary.

Spelling six: the word is catalogue.

The librarian chose some new books from the **catalogue**. The word is **catalogue**.

Spelling seven: the word is biscuits. We put the **biscuits** in the oven to cook. The word is **biscuits**.

Spelling eight: the word is leisure.

I go swimming at the **leisure** centre every week.

The word is leisure.

Spelling nine: the word is preferred. Rajiv liked football; Sam preferred rugby. The word is preferred.

Spelling ten: the word is subtle. He gave a **subtle** hint about the surprise. The word is **subtle**.

Spelling eleven: the word is jewellery. The treasure chest contained jewellery and gold. The word is jewellery.

Spelling twelve: the word is foreign.

Learning **foreign** languages will help you when you travel abroad. The word is **foreign**.

Spelling thirteen: the word is synchronised. The dancers' movements were perfectly synchronised. The word is synchronised.

Spelling fourteen: the word is desperately.

Clare **desperately** wanted to be chosen for the team. The word is **desperately**.

Spelling fifteen: the word is vicious.The dog sounded vicious but was actually very friendly.The word is vicious.

You should now read all 15 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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