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Paper 3: Spelling task 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, the fifteen spellings should be read 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 1: The word is fancied.As it was such a hot day, she really fancied a cold ice cream.The word is fancied.

Spelling 2: The word is encouraged.My teacher encouraged me to visit the school library.The word is encouraged.

Spelling 3: The word is frequently. The shop frequently changes its window display. The word is frequently.

Spelling 4: The word is packaging.

Many companies are trying to reduce the amount of **packaging** they use. The word is **packaging**.

Spelling 5: The word is recognised. The pianist was quickly recognised as a child prodigy. The word is recognised.

Spelling 6: The word is approaching.The leaves were turning orange as autumn was approaching.The word is approaching.

Spelling 7: The word is queue.The queue of people reached from the door of the shop to halfway down the street.The word is queue.

Spelling 8: The word is wreckage.The buried treasure was found with the wreckage of the ship.The word is wreckage.

Spelling 9: The word is campaign.The charity ran a campaign to raise money for the village hall.The word is campaign.

Spelling 10: The word is correspond. The evidence did not correspond with what the detective first thought. The word is correspond.

Spelling 11: The word is plummet. The temperature will plummet in winter. The word is plummet.

Spelling 12: The word is infinite.

He looked up in amazement and saw an **infinite** number of stars glittering in the night sky. The word is **infinite**.

Spelling 13: The word is disappearance.

The number of frogs has declined due to the **disappearance** of their habitats.

The word is **disappearance**.

Spelling 14: The word is phenomenon.

The unusual **phenomenon** remains unexplained.

The word is **phenomenon**.

Spelling 15: The word is rhythmic.

I heard the **rhythmic** thud of the horses' hooves on the cobbles. The word is **rhythmic**.

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.

[End of task]

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