

# Using Reference Materials to Check Spelling

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## Quick Review

When you are not sure how to spell a word, check a **dictionary**, a **word wall**, or a beginning dictionary. A dictionary lists words in **alphabetical order**, so you can look them up.

## PRACTICE

Choose or write the best answer.

- Where can you look to check how a word is spelled?
  - a dictionary
  - a clock
  - a lunchbox
  - a soccer ball
- Words in a dictionary are listed in —
  - color order
  - alphabetical order
  - number order
  - size order
- Which word comes FIRST in alphabetical order?
  - dog
  - apple
  - cat
  - bat
- Which word comes LAST in alphabetical order?
  - fish
  - ant
  - zebra
  - moon
- A word wall in your classroom helps you —
  - spell words correctly
  - tell time
  - find your seat
  - clean the floor



6. Which word comes BETWEEN *bat* and *dog* in alphabetical order?
- A. apple
  - B. cat
  - C. egg
  - D. fan
7. A dictionary can help you find the correct spelling of a word.  
**T / F**
8. Put these words in alphabetical order: *sun*, *ant*, *milk*. Which word comes first?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. If you are not sure how to spell a word, the BEST thing to do is —
- A. skip the word
  - B. guess and move on
  - C. check a dictionary or word wall
  - D. erase your whole page
10. Tell one way you can check if a word is spelled correctly.

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## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6  A  B  C  D
- 7  T  F
- 8
- 9  A  B  C  D
- 10

### Explanations

1. A	A dictionary shows the correct spelling of words.
2. B	A dictionary lists words in alphabetical order.
3. B	Apple starts with A, the first letter of the alphabet.
4. C	Zebra starts with Z, the last letter of the alphabet.
5. A	A word wall shows words spelled the right way.
6. B	Cat starts with C, which comes after B and before D.
7. T	A dictionary shows the correct spelling and meaning of words.
8. ant	Ant starts with A, which comes first in the alphabet.
9. C	Use a dictionary or word wall to check the correct spelling.
10.	<b>Answer:</b> Example: I can look the word up in a dictionary. Any clear way, such as using a dictionary or word wall.



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