

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.

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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.



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.	Answer: 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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