

Conventional Spelling: Common Words and Word Families

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Quick Review

Many words are spelled using regular patterns. Common high-frequency words (like *because*, *friend*, *beautiful*) and word families (cat, bat, hat) follow patterns you can practice and memorize.

PRACTICE

Choose the correctly spelled word for each item.

- Which is spelled correctly?
 - becuse
 - because
 - because
 - becauz
- Which is spelled correctly?
 - friend
 - freind
 - frend
 - frind
- Which is spelled correctly?
 - beautiful
 - beutiful
 - beautyful
 - beatiful
- Which is spelled correctly?
 - happend
 - happened
 - hapened
 - happened



5. Which is spelled correctly?
- A. thier
 - B. their
 - C. thire
 - D. they'r
6. Which is spelled correctly?
- A. whith
 - B. with
 - C. wit
 - D. wiht
7. Which is spelled correctly?
- A. liten
 - B. listen
 - C. lissen
 - D. lessen
8. Which is spelled correctly?
- A. wensday
 - B. wendsday
 - C. wednesday
 - D. wednsday
9. Which is spelled correctly?
- A. alot
 - B. a lot
 - C. alott
 - D. alot's
10. Which is spelled correctly?
- A. enough
 - B. enuff
 - C. anuff
 - D. inuff
11. Spell the word that means 'always': _____ (Hint: starts with a-l)
Answer: _____
12. Spell the word that means 'something you do when you go to school': _____ (Hint: l-e-a-r-n)
Answer: _____



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 A B C D
- 8 A B C D
- 9 A B C D
- 10 A B C D
- 11
- 12

Explanations

1. C	Because is irregularly spelled — must be memorized.
2. A	Friend follows the “i before e except after c” rule.
3. A	Beautiful starts with b-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l.
4. B	Happen + ed = happened (double p in “happen,” add -ed).
5. B	Their shows belonging. The others are wrong spellings or different words.
6. B	With is a simple word with no extra letters.
7. B	Listen contains a silent t.
8. C	Wednesday — capitalize when used as a proper noun; check the d that you don’t hear.
9. B	A lot is always TWO words.
10. A	Enough has an irregular spelling with -ough.
11. always	A-l-w-a-y-s.
12. learn	Common word in the -ear word family (along with year, ear, earth).



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