

# 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
  - becouse
  - 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
  - happenned



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

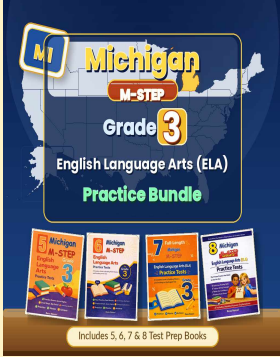
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8  A  B  C  D
- 9  A  B  C  D
- 10  A  B  C  D
- 11
- 12

### Explanations

|            |   |
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| 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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