

# 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

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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