

# Irregularly Spelled Words (Sight Words)

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## Quick Review

Some common words don't follow the usual spelling rules. They are called SIGHT WORDS because you need to KNOW them on sight — like *were*, *could*, and *their*. Read them quickly so your brain can focus on the rest of the sentence.

## PRACTICE

Choose or write the correct sight word for each item.

- Which spelling is correct?
  - wair
  - ware
  - where
  - whir
- Choose the correct word: *I \_\_\_\_\_ at the park yesterday.*
  - was
  - were
  - is
  - are
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- Which spelling is correct?
  - could
  - cuold
  - cold
  - cudd



5. Pick the word that fits: *The students wrote about \_\_\_\_\_ summer vacation.*
- A. there
  - B. their
  - C. they're
  - D. thair
6. Pick the word that fits: \_\_\_\_\_ *a cat on the porch.*
- A. Their
  - B. There's
  - C. They're
  - D. Theirs
7. Pick the word that fits: \_\_\_\_\_ *going to the show tonight.*
- A. There
  - B. Their
  - C. They're
  - D. Theirs
8. Fill in the blank with the correct spelling of the past tense of GO: *We \_\_\_\_\_ to the museum.*  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Which spelling is correct?
- A. beleive
  - B. believe
  - C. beleeve
  - D. beliv
10. Which spelling is correct?
- A. frend
  - B. freind
  - C. friend
  - D. frinde
11. Choose the word that fits: *The dog ate \_\_\_\_\_ food quickly.*
- A. it's
  - B. its
  - C. is
  - D. ites



12. Why are sight words important to memorize?
- A. They are the only words readers ever see.
  - B. Knowing them by sight helps a reader read faster and focus on meaning.
  - C. They cannot be sounded out at all, ever.
  - D. They are always the first word of a sentence.



## 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

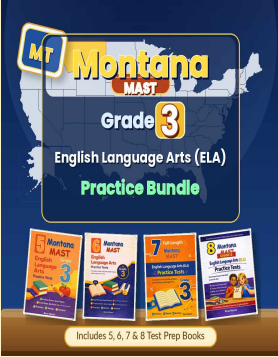
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8
- 9  A  B  C  D
- 10  A  B  C  D
- 11  A  B  C  D
- 12  A  B  C  D

### Explanations

<b>1. C</b>	"Where" asks about a place. The other spellings look phonetic but are not standard.
<b>2. A</b>	I + past = was. Were goes with you/we/they/plural nouns; is/are are present tense.
<b>3. B</b>	We + past = were. Was is for I/he/she/it; is/are are present tense.
<b>4. A</b>	Could is irregularly spelled and must be memorized. The others are phonetic guesses.
<b>5. B</b>	Their shows POSSESSION (belonging to them). There is a place. They're = they are. Thair is not a word.
<b>6. B</b>	There's = there is. The other three would not make sense as the start of this sentence.
<b>7. C</b>	They're = they are. The others either show place or possession.
<b>8. went</b>	Go → went (irregular past tense). Goed is not a word.
<b>9. B</b>	I before E except after C (in this word). Believe is irregularly spelled.
<b>10. C</b>	Friend is irregularly spelled — must be memorized.
<b>11. B</b>	Its shows that the food BELONGS to the dog (possessive). It's = it is.
<b>12. B</b>	Sight words speed up reading. A is too strong; C is also too strong; D is unrelated.



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