

# Spelling Grade-Level Words

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## Quick Review

Use spelling rules to spell tricky Grade 4 words. (1) Drop the silent e before adding a vowel suffix: ride + ing = riding. (2) Double the final consonant in short CVC words before -ed or -ing: swim + ing = swimming. (3) Change y to i before adding most suffixes: story + es = stories; happy + ly = happily. Common Grade 4 endings include -tion, -sion, -ous, -ious, -ture, -ly, -able, and -ible.

## PRACTICE

Choose the best answer.

- Which word is spelled correctly?
  - separate
  - seperate
  - saparate
  - separete
- Which word is spelled correctly?
  - beutiful
  - beautyful
  - butiful
  - beautiful
- Which word is spelled correctly?
  - nieghbor
  - neighbor
  - neigor
  - nayber
- Which word is spelled correctly?
  - althogh
  - although
  - although
  - althought



5. Which word is spelled correctly?
  - A. vacation
  - B. vacasion
  - C. vakation
  - D. vacashun
6. Which word is spelled correctly?
  - A. couragous
  - B. curageous
  - C. courageus
  - D. courageous
7. Which is the correct spelling of make + -ing?
  - A. makeing
  - B. making
  - C. makking
  - D. makying
8. Which is the correct spelling of swim + -ing?
  - A. swimming
  - B. swiming
  - C. swimmming
  - D. swymming
9. Which is the correct plural of story?
  - A. storys
  - B. storyes
  - C. stories
  - D. storries
10. Add -ly to the word 'happy'. Spell the new word: \_\_\_\_\_.  
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

### Explanations

<b>1. A</b>	The correct spelling is s-e-p-a-r-a-t-e (-par- in the middle). B is the most common adult misspelling (er instead of ar). C swaps the first 'e' for 'a'. D ends in -ete instead of -ate.
<b>2. D</b>	Beautiful comes from 'beauty.' Drop the y and add -iful: beaut-i-ful. A drops the 'a'; B keeps the 'y'; C drops 'ea'.
<b>3. B</b>	Remember the pattern 'ei after gh': n-e-i-g-h-b-o-r. A swaps to 'ie'; C drops the silent 'h'; D spells it phonetically.
<b>4. C</b>	Although is one word with one 'l' and no final 't': a-l-t-h-o-u-g-h. A drops the 'u'; B doubles the 'l'; D adds a silent 't'.
<b>5. A</b>	The /shun/ sound at the end is spelled -tion (NOT -sion, -shun, or with a k). Most action nouns from verbs use -tion: vacate → vacation.
<b>6. D</b>	Courageous = courage + -ous. Keep the silent 'e' from courage before -ous because it keeps the soft /g/ sound. A drops the 'e'; B changes the vowels; C drops the 'o'.
<b>7. B</b>	Drop the silent 'e' before adding a vowel suffix: make → mak + -ing = making. A keeps the 'e'; C doubles the 'k'; D adds a 'y'.
<b>8. A</b>	In a short CVC word ending in one consonant, double the final consonant before -ing: swim → swimming. B does not double; C triples the 'm'; D changes the vowel.
<b>9. C</b>	When a word ends in a consonant + y, change the y to i and add -es: story → stories. A just adds -s; B keeps the y and adds -es; D doubles the 'r'.
<b>10. happily</b>	When a word ends in a consonant + y, change the y to i before adding -ly: happy → happily. Common wrong answers: 'happily' (kept the y) and 'haply' (dropped the y entirely).



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