

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
 - neigbor
 - 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: _____



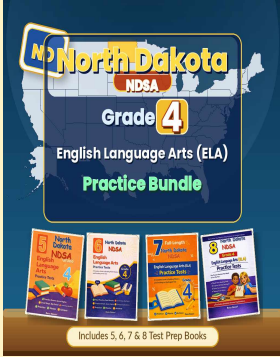
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Explanations	
1. A	The correct spelling is s-e-p-a-r-a-t-e (-par- in the middle). B is the most common adult misspelling (er instead of ar). C swaps the first 'e' for 'a'. D ends in -ete instead of -ate.
2. D	Beautiful comes from 'beauty.' Drop the y and add -iful: beaut-i-ful. A drops the 'a'; B keeps the 'y'; C drops 'ea'.
3. 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.
4. C	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'.
5. A	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.
6. D	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'.
7. 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'.
8. A	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.
9. C	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'.
10. happily	When a word ends in a consonant + y, change the y to i before adding -ly: happy → happily. Common wrong answers: 'happyly' (kept the y) and 'haply' (dropped the y entirely).



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