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Spelling

The Australian Standardised Spelling Age Test

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Australian Standardised Spelling Age Test Administration

The test is designed to be administered to a whole class.

It is important that the date of the test administration and each student's date of birth be recorded on the answer sheet.

The administrator reads the number of the word, the word, the sentence and the word again.

e.g."Number 12 - brush – Don't forget to brush your teeth – brush."

- Students record their answers on the answer sheet.
- Students should be encouraged to attempt as many words as possible.
- The test can be stopped after 10 consecutive errors.
- The test should be collected and marked by the administrator.
- One point for each correct answer.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to the Readiwriter Spelling Team at 3P Learning here: www.3plearning.com/contact/

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#	Word	Sentence
1	a	I have **a** pet dog.
2	is	There **is** our car.
3	big	The elephant was very **big**.
4	dad	My **dad** drives a truck.
5	and	My aunt **and** uncle work at the shop.
6	him	I gave **him** some of my trucks to play with.
7	the	**The** cow was eating grass.
8	you	**You** are my best friend.
9	well	We got the water from the **well**.
10	best	I have the **best** dog in the world.
11	toy	At the **toy** shop I got a new teddy.
12	brush	Don't forget to **brush** your teeth.
13	girl	That **girl** has long hair.
14	some	I have **some** pets at home.
15	made	I **made** a tower with the blocks.
16	nice	We had a **nice** time at the park.
17	our	This is **our** cat, tigger.
18	table	We sat at the **table** to eat our meal.
19	chair	The **chair** broke when goldilocks sat on it.
20	twenty	There are **twenty** children in my class.
21	phone	Use the **phone** to call home.
22	sprain	I hope she doesn't **sprain** her ankle.
23	quiz	My **quiz** group won the competition.
24	knife	The **knife** was too blunt to cut the string.
25	wasn't	Maddie **wasn't** feeling well after the roller coaster ride.
26	dolphin	The **dolphin** swam close to the swimmers.
27	were	We **were** listening to a story.
28	cycle	The life **cycle** of a frog begins as an egg.
29	babies	Newborn **babies** sleep a lot.
30	kitchen	There were delicious smells coming from the **kitchen**.
31	sauce	I love to have **sauce** on my pie.
32	disease	**Disease** spreads quickly through the water supply.
33	recipe	I followed the **recipe** and made a cake.
34	muscles	Exercises help to develop your **muscles**.

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35	their	We were invited to **their** house for dinner.
36	sugar	Maya likes brown **sugar** on her pancakes.
37	blizzard	The skier was caught in a **blizzard**.
38	caught	Justin **caught** the tennis ball.
39	doubt	I **doubt** that I have enough money.
40	yacht	We watched the **yacht** sail into the bay.
41	scissors	Carry the **scissors** carefully.
42	giraffe	A **giraffe** has a blue tongue.
43	science	I made a simple machine in **science**.
44	notable	Many **notable** artists were exhibiting their work.
45	salmon	Grilled, fresh **salmon** was on the menu.
46	library	At the **library** I can borrow some books.
47	leisure	In my **leisure** time I like to read.
48	orchestra	Luke plays the trumpet in the **orchestra**.
49	applaud	The audience began to **applaud** the performers.
50	restaurant	We had dinner at the **restaurant**.
51	harass	You should not **harass** or threaten others.
52	cautious	Please be **cautious** when crossing the road.
53	hygiene	We should always maintain good personal **hygiene**.
54	straight	After a long day the children went **straight** to bed.
55	solemn	The funeral was a **solemn** occasion.
56	spaghetti	Antoni had **spaghetti** for lunch.
57	religion	I follow the same **religion** as my parents.
58	fiery	Some people have a **fiery** temper.
59	pharaohs	The tombs of some ancient **pharaohs** were discovered recently.
60	conscience	He had a guilty **conscience** and had to confess.
61	referred	The dentist **referred** the patient to an orthodontist.
62	parallel	The two lines were **parallel**.
63	guarantee	The bike came with a two-year **guarantee**.
64	cyst	I had a **cyst** removed from my hand.
65	pursue	The police decided not to **pursue** the car further.
66	precious	My necklace has a **precious** stone.
67	cholesterol	**Cholesterol** is found in your blood.
68	nausea	**Nausea** involves stomach pains and a feeling of wanting to vomit.
69	cuisine	Jules enjoys trying a new **cuisine**.
70	phlegm	Cough medicines help to loosen **phlegm**.

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Table 1: Scores that reflect various spelling ages to the relevant whole year

Age in years	Spelling Score
5	5.4
6	13.1
7	20.1
8	26.3
9	31.7
10	36.3
11	40.1
12	43.2
13	45.5
14	47.0
15 and over	47.8

Table 2: Spelling scores and a comparison of approximate spelling age

Score	Age in years
5	4.8
6	5.1
7	5.3
8	5.5
9	5.6
10	5.7
11	5.8
12	5.9
13	6
14	6.2
15	6.3
16	6.5
17	6.7
18	6.8
19	6.9

Score	Age in years
20	7
21	7.2
22	7.4
23	7.6
24	7.7
25	7.8
26	7.9
27	8.1
28	8.3
29	8.5
30	8.8
31	9
32	9.1
33	9.3
34	9.5

Score	Age in years
35	9.7
36	9.8
37	10
38	10.4
39	10.7
40	11
41	11.4
42	11.7
43	12
44	12.4
45	12.8
46	13.4
47	14
48	15 and over

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Table 3: Bottom decile and quartile spelling score results for students based on their chronological age

Age	10%	25%	50%	75%
6	4	8	11	16
7	9	13	18	24
8	15	20	26	34
9	18	24	34	39
10	20	28	37	45
11	22	32	41	49
12	24	34	43	52
13	29	38	46	56
14	33	42	49	58

* Tables show results as verified by Dr Tony Stokes. Table 1 represents average spelling score in years and months. Table 2 represents spelling age based on score. Table 3 represents decile and quartile spelling score based on chronological age.

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Name:		**Class:**	
Date of Birth:		**Date:**	

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