



Expect Education

BECAUSE THERE'S MORE TO YOU THAN YOU THINK

Level 1

BOOK 1B

SPELLING SUCKS!

...but we do it anyway.

12

weeks

240

words

1

page a day

Plus a spelling test every Friday.



Eli's back. He's still not happy about it.

Expect Education
Spell Squad series

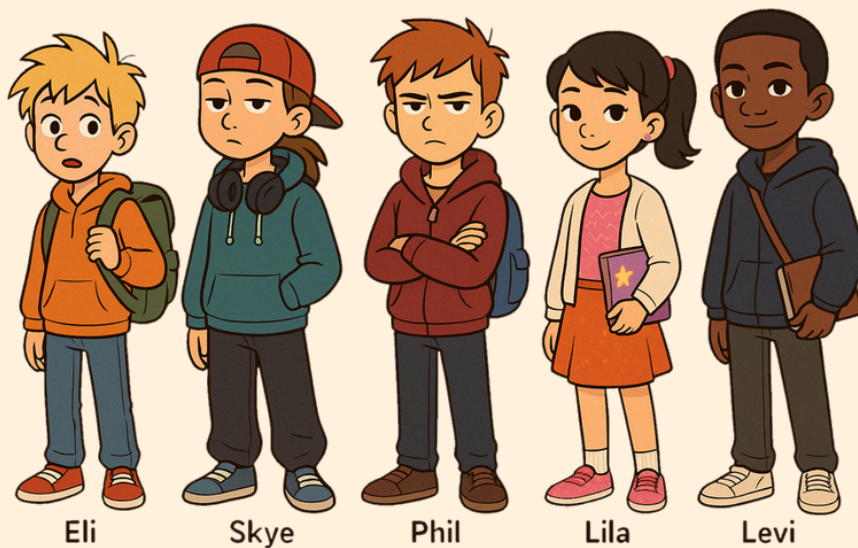
WELCOME!

You're now part of an elite team of reluctant spelling warriors.

We're not here because we love spelling... we're here because we've got goals, grit, and just enough sarcasm to get through it.

Welcome back to the squad! **Eli** survived Book 1A, and now he's taking on prefixes, plurals, homophones and those sneaky apostrophes.

But guess what? This book is just **one** stage of the journey.



Eli

Skye

Phil

Lila

Levi

Want to level up? Meet the squad.

1

Eli

You are here

Clumsy beginnings. Big heart. Lots of mistakes.

2

Skye

Shortcuts, guesses, and low-key genius.

3

Phil

Sarcasm, sweat, and serious spelling power.

4

Lila

Style, logic, and word-perfect precision.

5

Levi

Calm, cool, and in total control of every syllable.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

One page a day. Five days a week. Twelve weeks. Let's go.

Each week focuses on one spelling pattern. You'll follow the same routine every week, and the squad will pop up with jokes, tips, groans and (occasionally) actual help.

Day 1

Theme & word list

Meet the week's spelling pattern and the 20 words you'll be working with.

Day 2

Look, cover, write, check

Say each word out loud. Get it wrong. Get it right. You'll write every word four times.

Day 3

Sentence builder

Write each word in a proper sentence. No cheating with "I like ___". Make it count.

Day 4

Word workout 1

Sorting, spotting and fixing: puzzles that make the rule stick.

Day 5

Word workout 2 & test prep

A puzzle that changes every week, then a mini review to get you ready for the test.

Test

Notes & spelling test

Jot down the tricky ones, take your test, and score yourself out of 20.

Tips for getting the most out of it

- ☐ Use a pencil. You'll make mistakes. That's the point.
- ☐ Say the words out loud. Hearing helps remembering.
- ☐ Try your best, not your fastest.
- ☐ Don't skip pages, and ask for help when you need it.
- ☐ Grown-ups: the answers are at the back of the book.

Most importantly: stick with it. That's what the squad is all about.



Week 13 · Level 1

LIST NUMBER 13

/s/ and /j/ sounds

s ce ci j ge gi gy

C sounds like
S? Who
decided that?



This week's mission

The letters **c** and **g** have two sounds each. Before **e**, **i** or **y**, **c** usually goes soft and says /s/ (dan**ce**, **ci**rcus), and **g** often goes soft and says /j/ (lar**ge**, **gi**ant, **gy**m). At the start of a word, /j/ is usually spelled **j** (**j**elly).

dan**ce****c**ircus**j**unglelar**ge****g**iant

Tick off each day as
you finish it

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Mon

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Tue

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Wed

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Thu

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Fri

13**LIST 13 · /S/ AND /J/ SOUNDS**

Meet your 20 words. Study them, then make them yours.

EXAMPLE**gi** ant **noun**

A huge, strong person in stories.

Note

Use a dictionary, phone or computer to help, but write the definitions in your own words.

1 custard **11** circus **2** master **12** jelly **3** silent **13** Jupiter **4** dance **14** jungle **5** fence **15** large **6** mice **16** charge **7** chance **17** orange **8** once **18** gerbil **9** prince **19** giant **10** circle **20** gym **Task**

Like the example: underline each syllable, highlight the /s/ or /j/ spelling, write the part of speech (noun, verb, adjective) on the dotted line and the meaning on the line below.

2

LOOK, COVER, WRITE, CHECK

Read the word, cover it, try to write it, then check your spelling.

	Try 1	Try 2	Try 3	Try 4	✓
custard					☐
master					☐
silent					☐
dance					☐
fence					☐
mice					☐
chance					☐
once					☐
prince					☐
circle					☐
circus					☐
jelly					☐
Jupiter					☐
jungle					☐
large					☐
charge					☐
orange					☐
gerbil					☐
giant					☐
gym					☐

Task

Fold the page or use a ruler to hide the words. Do one try at a time: write it, uncover, check. Tick the box once you get it right all four times.

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SENTENCE BUILDER

Write a sentence using each word from List 13.

example: Skye peeled an orange and squirted juice straight into Eli's eye.

custard

master

silent

dance

fence

mice

chance

once

prince

circle

circus

jelly

Jupiter

jungle

large

charge

orange

gerbil

giant

gym

Task

Every sentence needs a capital letter, a full stop and at least six words. Make it something only *you* would write.

4**WORD WORKOUT 1**

Sort it, fill it, prove it.

A - Soft sounds sort

Sort the words by how they spell the /s/ or /j/ sound. One sneaky word belongs in two boxes.

dance

custard

orange

gym

prince

chance

master

fence

circle

circus

large

jelly

charge

jungle

once

Jupiter

gerbil

mice

giant

silent

s**ce / ci****j****ge / gi / gy****B - ABC order**

Write these words in alphabetical order. If two words start with the same letter, look at the next one.

chance

jungle

silent

jelly

circle

custard

circus

master

1**2****3****4****5****6****7****8**

5**WORD WORKOUT 2**

One last workout, then get ready for your test.

A - Hidden words

10 words from List 13 are hiding in these strings of letters. Draw a line around each one, then write them on the lines.

1 MICHANCEHEKICHARGEKE

2 HGDORANGEJUMBDANCEGIA

3 LCIRCLEDLGIA NTUSG

4 PKMASTERXZSJUPITERPSEN

5 FPAMICELOTXONCEUGTI

B - Test prep

Ask someone to read you five words from List 13 that you find tricky. Write them without looking, then check.

1**2****3****4****5**

**A dancing giant?
I've seen worse.**





NOTES & TEST

Jot down anything tricky, then test yourself after all the practice.

My notes

[illegible]

**Soft c, soft g, soft
brain.**

Spelling test

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Score **/ 20**

?

ANSWERS FOR GROWN-UPS

Answers to every workout. For Look, Cover, Write, Check and the spelling test, use the word list.

List 13 · /s/ and /j/ sounds

Workout 1A: Soft sounds sort

s: custard, master, silent, circus · ce / ci: dance, fence, mice, chance, once, prince, circle, circus · j: jelly, Jupiter, jungle · ge / gi / gy: large, charge, orange, gerbil, giant, gym (circus goes in two boxes)

Workout 1B: ABC order

chance, circle, circus, custard, jelly, jungle, master, silent

Workout 2: Hidden words

1 chance, charge · 2 orange, dance · 3 circle, giant · 4 master, jupiter · 5 mice, once

List 14 · Double consonants

Workout 1A: Odd one out

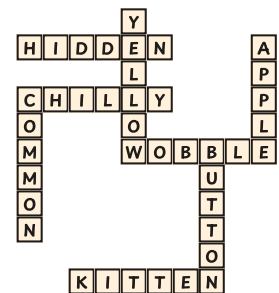
1 hidden (others: bb) · 2 apple (others: ll) · 3 button (others: mm) · 4 common (others: bb)

Workout 1B: Fix one letter

1 mirror · 2 pebble · 3 press · 4 suppose · 5 chilly · 6 hollow · 7 follow · 8 button

Workout 2: Fit it in

The completed grid is shown here.



List 15 · Compound words

Workout 1A: Glue them together

1 rainbow · 2 snowman · 3 toothbrush · 4 popcorn · 5 firefly · 6 cupcake · 7 notebook · 8 goldfish

Workout 1B: ABC order

backpack, birthday, grandmother, paintbrush, playground, popcorn, sunlight, treehouse

Workout 2: The birthday treehouse

1 birthday, 2 grandmother, 3 treehouse, 4 nobody, 5 backpack, 6 cupcake, 7 popcorn, 8 butterfly, 9 sunlight, 10 rainbow

SPELLING SUCKS!

A 12-week, one-page-a-day spelling programme for kids who would rather be doing literally anything else.

- 12 more spelling patterns and 240 carefully levelled words
- Daily practice: word study, look-cover-write-check, sentences and puzzles
- A spelling test every week and a progress tracker to show how far they've come
- Written by a teacher and tutor with over a decade in the classroom

One series. Five levels. The same 24 weekly themes.

Every level revisits the same patterns with harder words, so children build on what they know instead of starting again. Not sure which level? Take the free spelling assessment at expectededucation.co.uk/spelling



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