



Expect Education

BECAUSE THERE'S MORE TO YOU THAN YOU THINK

Level 2

BOOK 2A

SPELLING SUCKS!

...but we do it anyway.

12

weeks

240

words

1

page a day

Plus a spelling test every Friday.



Meet Skye. She's found a shortcut. It won't work.

Expect Education
Spell Squad series

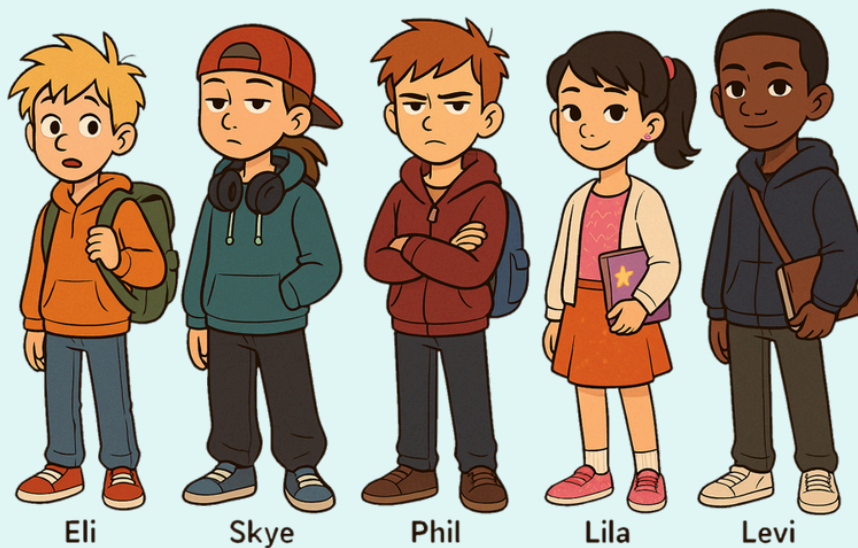
WELCOME!

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.

You've joined **Skye**, who is convinced there's a shortcut for everything, including spelling. (There isn't. But she's still looking.)

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



Want to level up? Meet the squad.

1**Eli**

Clumsy beginnings. Big heart. Lots of mistakes.

2**Skye****You are here**

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 1 • Level 2

LIST NUMBER 1

Short vowel sounds



Short vowels.
Easy.
Probably.



This week's mission

A short vowel is a quick, clipped sound, like the **a** in **a**nkle or the **u** in **h**undred. Longer words have more than one beat, so say each word slowly and listen for the short vowel in the first beat: **s**a·ad, sk**e**tch, sp**i**n·ach, **d**o·tor, cr**u**n·chy.

tra**a**fficsk**e**tchsp**i**nachd**o**ctorcr**u**nchy

Tick off each day as
you finish it

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Mon

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Fri

1

LIST 1 · SHORT VOWEL SOUNDS

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

EXAMPLE**an i mal** **noun**

A living creature that can move about, like a dog or a fish.

Note

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

1 ankle

11 spinach

2 traffic

12 instead

3 salad

13 doctor

4 animal

14 collar

5 plenty

15 ostrich

6 sketch

16 promise

7 parent

17 adult

8 celery

18 hundred

9 pitcher

19 crunchy

10 hinge

20 suddenly

Task

Like the example: underline each syllable, highlight the short vowel sound, 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	✓
ankle	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
traffic	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
salad	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
animal	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
plenty	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
sketch	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
parent	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
celery	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
pitcher	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
hinge	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
spinach	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
instead	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
doctor	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
collar	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
ostrich	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
promise	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
adult	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
hundred	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
crunchy	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
suddenly	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐

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 1.

example: Skye only ate her **spinach** because Mum said it would give her superpowers.

ankle

traffic

salad

animal

plenty

sketch

parent

celery

pitcher

hinge

spinach

instead

doctor

collar

ostrich

promise

adult

hundred

crunchy

suddenly

Task

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

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WORD WORKOUT 1

Sort it, spot it, prove it.

A • Vowel sort

Sort the words by the short vowel you hear in the first beat.

instead

salad

suddenly

crunchy

celery

sketch

hundred

animal

ankle

hinge

plenty

ostrich

pitcher

collar

promise

traffic

doctor

adult

spinach

a**e****i****o****u****B • Missing vowels**

The vowels (a, e, i, o, u) have gone missing. Write the whole word.

1 s _ l _ d

2 s _ d d _ n l y

3 h _ n g _

4 _ n _ m _ l

5 d _ c t _ r

6 p _ r _ n t

7 _ d _ l t

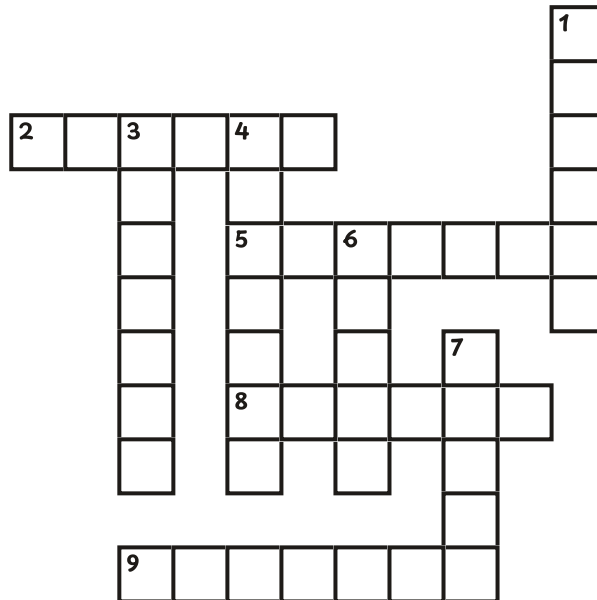
8 c r _ n c h y

5**WORD WORKOUT 2**

One last workout, then get ready for your test.

A - Crossword

Use the clues to fill in the crossword. Every answer is a word from List 1.

**Across →**

- 2 You see one when you are ill (6)
 5 Lots of cars and lorries on the road (7)
 8 A dog wears one round its neck (6)
 9 Ten times ten (7)

Down ↓

- 1 A quick drawing (6)
 3 How crisps sound when you bite them (7)
 4 A huge bird that cannot fly (7)
 6 The joint between your leg and your foot (5)
 7 A cold dish of lettuce and other vegetables (5)

B - Test prep

Ask someone to read you five words from List 1 that you find tricky. Write them without looking, then check.

1

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Crossword? I'll just guess the long ones.



NOTES & TEST

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

My notes

[illegible]

**Suddenly,
I'm not so
sure.**

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 1 · Short vowel sounds

Workout 1A: Vowel sort

a: ankle, traffic, salad, animal, adult · e: plenty, sketch, celery · i: pitcher, hinge, spinach, instead · o: doctor, collar, ostrich, promise · u: hundred, crunchy, suddenly

Workout 1B: Missing vowels

1 salad · 2 suddenly · 3 hinge · 4 animal · 5 doctor · 6 parent · 7 adult · 8 crunchy

Workout 2: Crossword

Across: 2 doctor, 5 traffic, 8 collar, 9 hundred · Down: 1 sketch, 3 crunchy, 4 ostrich, 6 ankle, 7 salad

List 2 · Long a sound

Workout 1A: Shortest to longest

hazy (4), they (4), relay (5), safety (6), explain (7), lemonade (8)

Workout 1B: Spot the right spelling

1 relay · 2 stable · 3 display · 4 safety · 5 laser · 6 flavour

Workout 2: Spot the mistakes

lemonaid → lemonade · Thay → They · displai → display · radeo → radio · flaver → flavour · explaine → explain · greatley → greatly · brake → break

List 3 · Long e sound

Workout 1A: Long e sort

e: evil, between · ee: between, agree, indeed, beetle, cheese, sneeze · ea: repeat, wreath, treason, grease, please, leave · e_e: scene, scheme · ey / eo: money, journey, medley, chimney, people (between goes in two boxes)

Workout 1B: Missing vowels

1 grease · 2 money · 3 treason · 4 between · 5 indeed · 6 medley · 7 people · 8 leave

Workout 2: Word search

The hidden words are shaded in the grid.



SPELLING SUCKS!

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

- 12 spelling patterns and 240 carefully levelled words
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- A spelling test every week and a progress tracker to show how far they've come
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