



Expect Education

BECAUSE THERE'S MORE TO YOU THAN YOU THINK

Level 3

BOOK 3B

SPELLING SUCKS!

...but we do it anyway.

12

weeks

240

words

1

page a day

Plus a spelling test every Friday.



Phil's back. Still not impressed.

Expect Education
Spell Squad series

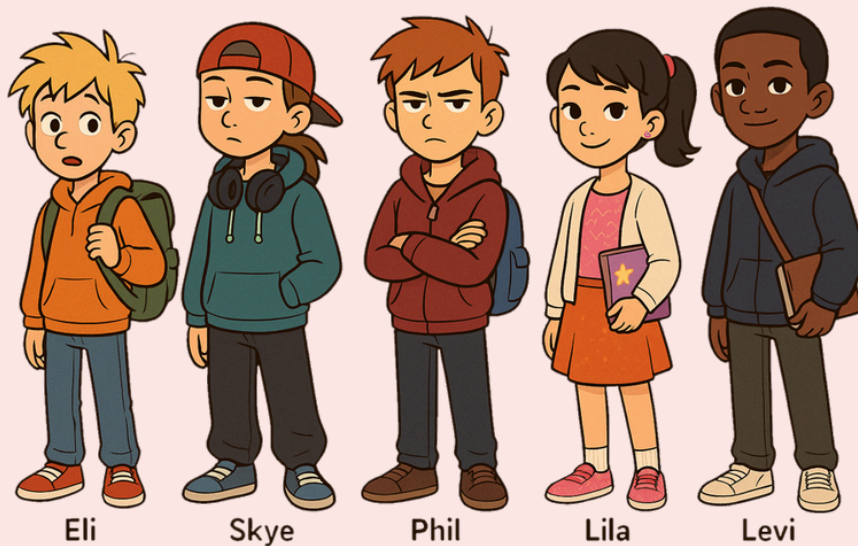
WELCOME!

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! **Phil** survived Book 3A (barely), and now he's taking on plurals, prefixes, suffixes and the trickiest contractions yet.

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**

Shortcuts, guesses, and low-key genius.

3**Phil**

You are here

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.

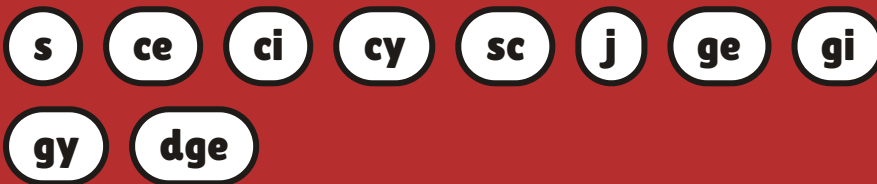
Most importantly: stick with it. That's what the squad is all about.



Week 13 · Level 3

LIST NUMBER 13

/s/ and /j/ sounds



I'm a genius.
Certainly.
Probably.



This week's mission

Soft **c** says /s/ before e, i or y (**c**ertain, **c**irculate, **c**ylinder), and soft **g** says /j/ before e, i or y (**g**enerous, ima**g**ine, ener**g**y). **sc** can say /s/ too (**sc**issors, fa**sc**inate). After a short vowel, /j/ at the end of a syllable is spelled **dge**: fid**g**et, cartri**dg**e.

certain

cylinder

scissors

generous

fidget

Tick off each day as
you finish it

☐

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**ge ni us** **noun**

Someone who is extremely clever.

Note

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

1 signature _____**11** justice _____**2** several _____**12** jealous _____**3** similar _____**13** gesture _____**4** certain _____**14** generous _____**5** recently _____**15** genius _____**6** decision _____**16** register _____**7** circulate _____**17** imagine _____**8** cylinder _____**18** energy _____**9** scissors _____**19** fidget _____**10** fascinate _____**20** cartridge _____**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	✓
signature					☐
several					☐
similar					☐
certain					☐
recently					☐
decision					☐
circulate					☐
cylinder					☐
scissors					☐
fascinate					☐
justice					☐
jealous					☐
gesture					☐
generous					☐
genius					☐
register					☐
imagine					☐
energy					☐
fidget					☐
cartridge					☐

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.

3

SENTENCE BUILDER

Write a sentence using each word from List 13.

example: Phil tried to fidget quietly, but his chair squeaked every time.

signature

several

similar

certain

recently

decision

circulate

cylinder

scissors

fascinate

justice

jealous

gesture

generous

genius

register

imagine

energy

fidget

cartridge

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, spot it, prove it.

A - Soft sounds sort

Sort the words by how they spell the /s/ or /j/ sound.

certain

signature

imagine

cartridge

scissors

circulate

several

recently

fascinate

justice

genius

jealous

register

generous

cylinder

gesture

energy

decision

fidget

similar

s / sc**ce / ci / cy****j****ge / gi / gy****dge****B - Fill the gap**

Choose the best word from the bank to finish each sentence. Each word is used once.

fidget

signature

genius

scissors

energy

jealous

1 Please pass me the _____ so I can cut this paper.**2** Phil was _____ of his friend's new bike.**3** You must be a _____ to solve that puzzle so fast.**4** The letter needs your _____ at the bottom.**5** After lunch, Phil had no _____ left.**6** Try not to _____ while the teacher is talking.

5**WORD WORKOUT 2**

One last workout, then get ready for your test.

A - Code breaker

Phil has intercepted a secret message. Each number stands for a letter. Use the key to crack the code and write the 8 words from List 13.

A 5	B 18	C 15	D 9	E 21	F 6	G 25	H 19	I 24	J 10	K 3	L 16	M 23
N 1	O 2	P 12	Q 4	R 7	S 20	T 26	U 8	V 11	W 22	X 17	Y 14	Z 13

1

25 21 1 21 7 2 8 20

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20 21 11 21 7 5 16

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21 1 21 7 25 14

4

20 24 23 24 16 5 7

5

15 21 7 26 5 24 1

6

15 14 16 24 1 9 21 7

7

15 5 7 26 7 24 9 25 21

8

24 23 5 25 24 1 21

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 _____

**Find the words
before I lose
interest. Too late.**





NOTES & TEST

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

My notes

[illegible]

**Jealous of
anyone who's
already finished.**

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 / sc: signature, several, similar, scissors, fascinate · ce / ci / cy: certain, recently, decision, circulate, cylinder · j: justice, jealous · ge / gi / gy: gesture, generous, genius, register, imagine, energy · dge: fidget, cartridge

Workout 1B: Fill the gap

1 scissors · 2 jealous · 3 genius · 4 signature · 5 energy · 6 fidget

Workout 2: Code breaker

1 generous · 2 several · 3 energy · 4 similar · 5 certain · 6 cylinder · 7 cartridge · 8 imagine

List 14 · Double consonants

Workout 1A: Spot the right spelling

1 grizzly · 2 syllable · 3 cassette · 4 trillion · 5 comment · 6 hurricane

Workout 1B: Word families

success: successful, successfully · pollute: pollution, polluter · comment: commentator, commenting · commute: commuter, commuting · summon: summoned, summoning · control: controller, controlled

Workout 2: Word search

The hidden words are shaded in the grid.



List 15 · Compound words

Workout 1A: Glue them together

1 elsewhere · 2 scoreboard · 3 background · 4 otherwise · 5 overheard · 6 lifeguard · 7 wheelbarrow · 8 headquarters

Workout 1B: Split them up

room | mate · pepper | mint · wind | screen · net | work · home | made · wood | land · out | standing · house | hold

Workout 2: Crossword

Across: 1 wheelbarrow, 6 overheard · Down: 1 windscreen, 2 background, 3 lifeguard, 4 woodland, 5 roommate

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, a progress tracker and answers for grown-ups
- Written by a teacher and tutor with over a decade in the classroom

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