



Expect Education

BECAUSE THERE'S MORE TO YOU THAN YOU THINK

Level 4

BOOK 4B

SPELLING SUCKS!

...but we do it anyway

12

weeks

240

words

1

page a day

Plus a spelling test every Friday.



Lila's back. And she's brought a trophy.

Expect Education
Spell Squad series

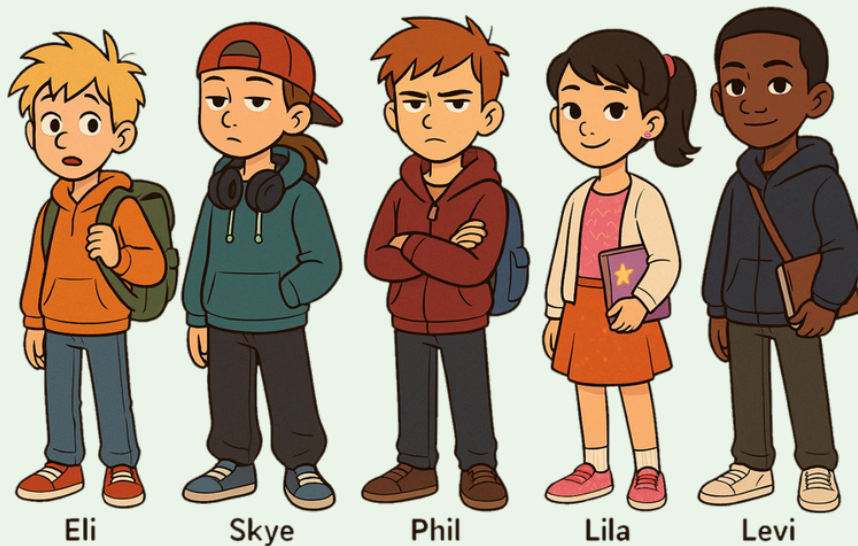
WELCOME!

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! **Lila** aced Book 4A (obviously), and now she's taking on plurals, prefixes, suffixes and the trickiest homophones yet.

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

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

You are here

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.

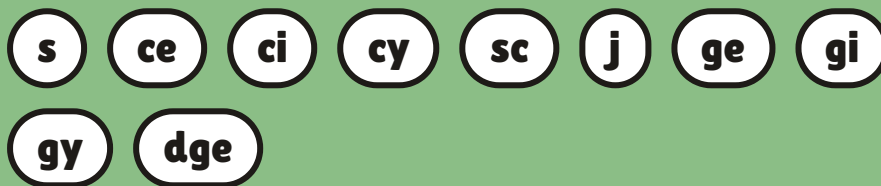
Most importantly: stick with it. That's what the squad is all about.



Week 13 · Level 4

LIST NUMBER 13

/s/ and /j/ sounds



Separate:
there's a rat in
it. You're
welcome.

This week's mission

Soft **c** (before e, i or y) says /s/: conc**centrate**, **cypress**. Soft **g** (before e, i or y) says /j/: **gymnasium**, orig**inal**. Lots of Level 4 words end in a soft g: percent**age**, marri**age**, lang**uage**, relig**ion**, gorge**ous**. And remember, **separate** has "a rat" in the middle: sep-a rat-e!

con**centrate**c**ypress**g**ymnasium**percent**age**partrid**ge**

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.

EXAMPLEsep a rate **verb**

To split things apart.

Note

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

1 separate**11** percentage**2** concentrate**12** advantage**3** specific**13** beverage**4** discipline**14** original**5** cypress**15** allegiance**6** rejection**16** gingerly**7** pigeon**17** religion**8** language**18** regional**9** gorgeous**19** gymnasium**10** marriage**20** partridge**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	✓
separate	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
concentrate	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
specific	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
discipline	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
cypress	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
rejection	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
pigeon	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
language	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
gorgeous	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
marriage	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
percentage	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
advantage	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
beverage	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
original	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
allegiance	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
gingerly	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
religion	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
regional	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
gymnasium	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐
partridge	_____	_____	_____	_____	☐

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: Lila keeps her pens and pencils in **separate** pots. Obviously.

separate

concentrate

specific

discipline

cypress

rejection

pigeon

language

gorgeous

marriage

percentage

advantage

beverage

original

allegiance

gingerly

religion

regional

gymnasium

partridge

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

Fill it, sort it, prove it.

A • The missing sound

Each word is missing its /s/ or /j/ spelling. Write the whole word.

1 _ eparate _____

2 con _ entrate _____

3 pi _ eon _____

4 re _ ection _____

5 _ ypress _____

6 reli _ ion _____

7 gor _ eous _____

8 partri _ _ e _____

B • Meaning match

Draw a line from each word to its meaning.

separate ●

● Very beautiful

concentrate ●

● A grey bird often seen in cities

discipline ●

● To split apart

pigeon ●

● To focus hard

language ●

● Words people speak, like French

gorgeous ●

● Training to follow rules

5**WORD WORKOUT 2**

One last workout, then get ready for your test.

A • Dictation

Ask a grown-up to read out the three sentences for List 13. They're in the answers at the back of the book. Listen to the whole sentence first, then write it word-perfect: spelling, capital letters and punctuation all count.

Sentence 1

Sentence 2

Sentence 3

Lila's checklist: ☐ Capital letters ☐ Punctuation ☐ Spelling ☐ Neat handwriting

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**

Scrambled words.
Like a messy pencil case.





NOTES & TEST

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

My notes

[illegible]

**Concentrating.
Do not disturb.**

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: The missing sound

1 separate · 2 concentrate · 3 pigeon · 4 rejection · 5 cypress · 6 religion · 7 gorgeous · 8 partridge

Workout 1B: Meaning match

separate = To split apart · concentrate = To focus hard · discipline = Training to follow rules · pigeon = A grey bird often seen in cities · language = Words people speak, like French · gorgeous = Very beautiful

Workout 2: Dictation (read these aloud)

1. Please concentrate and keep your pencils in separate pots. 2. A gorgeous pigeon landed on the gymnasium roof. 3. Speaking a second language is a real advantage.

List 14 · Double consonants

Workout 1A: Odd one out

1 irritate (others: cc / dd) · 2 summary (others: gg / ll) · 3 accurate (others: mm / pp) · 4 attendance (others: rr / ss)

Workout 1B: Fill the gap

1 embarrass · 2 accurate · 3 caterpillar · 4 recommend · 5 summary · 6 toboggan

Workout 2: Code breaker

1 flattery · 2 accurate · 3 recommend · 4 attendance · 5 additional · 6 approval · 7 opossum · 8 illustrate

List 15 · Compound words

Workout 1A: Compound sort

closed (one word): grandstand, middleweight, uproar, whirlwind, doughnut, keepsake · open (two words): blood pressure, dead weight, dead end · hyphenated: runner-up, well-balanced, self-confident

Workout 1B: Split them up

pains | taking · out | number · where | ever · forever | more · sight | seers · team | mates · mountain | side · sea | gull

Workout 2: Crossword

Across: 2 sightseers, 5 wherever, 6 grandstand, 7 seagull · Down: 1 whirlwind, 3 keepsake, 4 uproar

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
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