



Expect Education

BECAUSE THERE'S MORE TO YOU THAN YOU THINK

Level 5

BOOK 5A

SPELLING SUCKS!

...but we do it anyway.

12

weeks

240

words

1

page a day

Plus a spelling test every Friday.



Meet Levi. Calm, cool, and never in a rush.

Expect Education
Spell Squad series

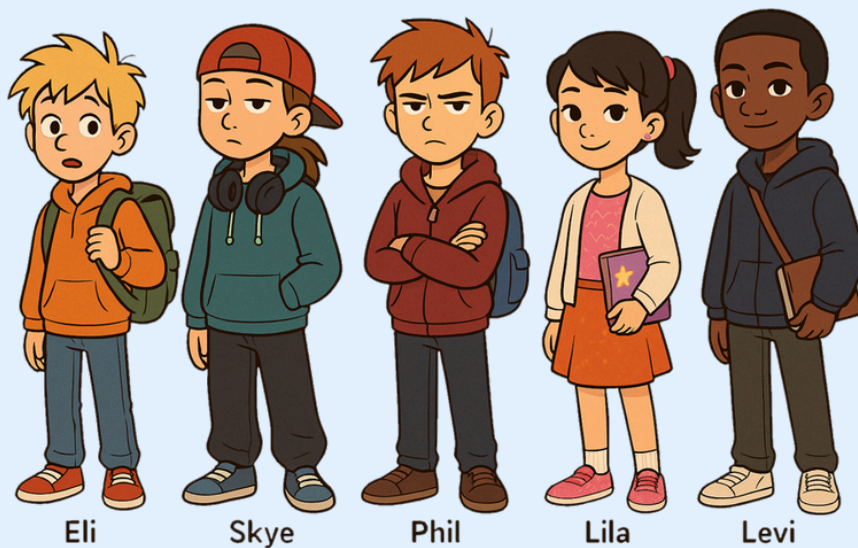
WELCOME!

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 **Levi**, the calmest member of the squad. He never panics, never rushes, and never, ever spells "necessary" wrong.

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

Sarcasm, sweat, and serious spelling power.

4
Lila

Style, logic, and word-perfect precision.

5
Levi

You are here

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 5

LIST NUMBER 1

Short vowel sounds



Necessary:
one collar,
two sleeves.



This week's mission

At Level 5, the hardest part of a long word is the **unstressed** vowel: the quiet syllable that sounds like "uh". Find a related word where that vowel is clear: in **separation** you can hear the a, which reminds you how to spell **separate**. For **necessary**, use the trick: one Collar, two Sleeves (one c, two s's).

avalanche

progression

ridiculous

obviously

budgeted

Tick off each day as
you finish it

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Wed

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Fri

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LIST 1 • SHORT VOWEL SOUNDS

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

EXAMPLE

ne ce ssa ry adjective

Needed; something you must have.

Note

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

1 avalanche

11 medicinal

2 dramatic

12 equipment

3 champion

13 colonisation

4 fatality

14 honourable

5 restaurant

15 obviously

6 progression

16 convenient

7 separation

17 utmost

8 necessary

18 cousin

9 ridiculous

19 interrupt

10 resistance

20 budgeted

Task

Like the example: underline each syllable, highlight the tricky vowel, 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	✓
avalanche					☐
dramatic					☐
champion					☐
fatality					☐
restaurant					☐
progression					☐
separation					☐
necessary					☐
ridiculous					☐
resistance					☐
medicinal					☐
equipment					☐
colonisation					☐
honourable					☐
obviously					☐
convenient					☐
utmost					☐
cousin					☐
interrupt					☐
budgeted					☐

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 1.

example:

Levi said it was absolutely **necessary** to finish his homework before football.
Nobody believed him.

avalanche

dramatic

champion

fatality

restaurant

progression

separation

necessary

ridiculous

resistance

medicinal

equipment

colonisation

honourable

obviously

convenient

utmost

cousin

interrupt

budgeted

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, count it, prove it.

A · Syllable sort

Clap each word, then sort it by how many syllables it has.

cousin

convenient

equipment

interrupt

necessary

separation

budgeted

fatality

obviously

avalanche

resistance

progression

utmost

ridiculous

honourable

champion

dramatic

colonisation

restaurant

medicinal

2 syllables**3 syllables****4 syllables****5 syllables****B · Fill the gap**

No word bank this time! Use the first letter and the number of letters to work out each word.

- 1** Is it really **n**_____ (9) to bring three pencil cases?
- 2** Phil wore a **r**_____ (10) hat to the wedding.
- 3** We booked a table at an Italian **r**_____ (10).
- 4** The shop is **c**_____ (10) because it's right next door.
- 5** All the football **e**_____ (9) is kept in the shed.
- 6** Please don't **i**_____ (9) me while I'm talking.

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WORD WORKOUT 2

One last workout, then get ready for your test.

A • Write your own story

Write a short story (or a funny news report) using all 8 words below. Tick each word when you use it, and underline it in your writing.

The prompt

The **avalanche**. A school ski trip goes wrong when a small avalanche blocks the road back to the hotel. Write what happens to the group.

☐ champion☐ cousin☐ dramatic☐ fatality☐ honourable☐ interrupt☐ obviously☐ utmost

B • Test prep

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

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A word search.
Calm, methodical,
done.





NOTES & TEST

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

My notes

[illegible]

**Obviously
ready.
Obviously.**

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: Syllable sort

2 syllables: utmost, cousin · 3 syllables: avalanche, dramatic, champion, restaurant, progression, resistance, equipment, interrupt, budgeted · 4 syllables: fatality, separation, necessary, ridiculous, medicinal, honourable, obviously, convenient · 5 syllables: colonisation

Workout 1B: Fill the gap

1 necessary · 2 ridiculous · 3 restaurant · 4 convenient · 5 equipment · 6 interrupt

Workout 2: Write your own story

Answers will vary. Check that all 8 words are used and spelled correctly: champion, cousin, dramatic, fatality, honourable, interrupt, obviously, utmost.

List 2 · Long a sound

Workout 1A: Same or opposite

1 restrain · 2 forsake · 3 appreciate · 4 contagious · 5 convey · 6 sustain

Workout 1B: Fix it

1 beige · 2 appraise · 3 skein · 4 forsake · 5 convey · 6 negotiate · 7 portrayal · 8 restrain

Workout 2: Dictation (read these aloud)

1. Levi decided to negotiate with the restaurant about the pastry. 2. The survey showed that everyone appreciated the new campaign. 3. Try to restrain yourself until the graduate has finished speaking.

List 3 · Long e sound

Workout 1A: Long e sort

e / ee / ea / e_e: zenith, geography, catastrophe, cheetah, league, stampede · ie: yield, frontier, retrieve, diesel · ei: seize, receipt, caffeine · i / ique: routine, magazine, suite, antique, unique, curious, bikini

Workout 1B: Fill the gap

1 receipt · 2 catastrophe · 3 unique · 4 routine · 5 curious · 6 retrieve

Workout 2: Crossword

Across: 1 league, 7 catastrophe, 8 cheetah · Down: 2 geography, 3 receipt, 4 retrieve, 5 stampede, 6 yield

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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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