



Expect Education

BECAUSE THERE'S MORE TO YOU THAN YOU THINK

Level 5

BOOK 5B

SPELLING SUCKS!

...but we do it anyway.

12

weeks

240

words

1

page a day

Plus a spelling test every Friday.



Levi's back. One last book. No pressure.

Expect Education
Spell Squad series

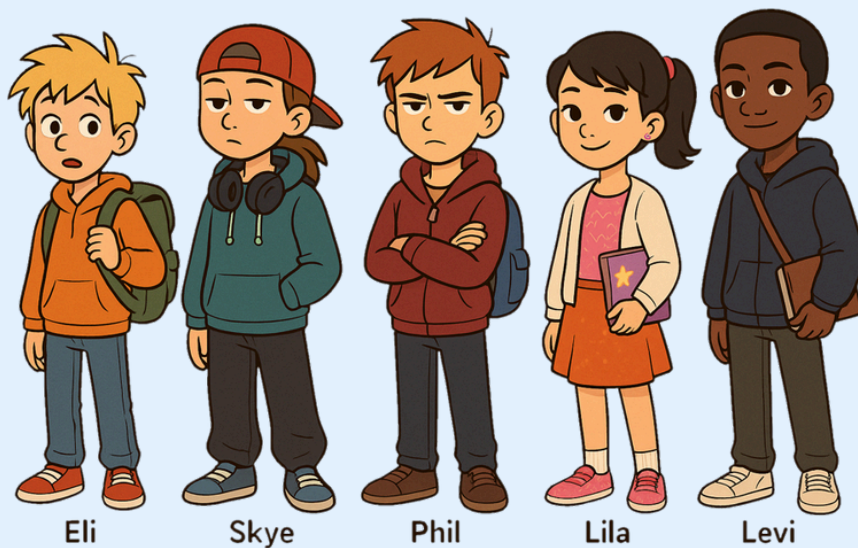
WELCOME!

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 to the final book! **Levi** finished Book 5A without breaking a sweat, and now he's taking on the toughest words in the whole series.

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

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.

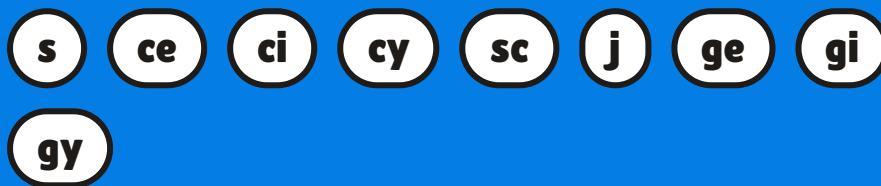
Most importantly: stick with it. That's what the squad is all about.



Week 13 · Level 5

LIST NUMBER 13

/s/ and /j/ sounds



**Exaggerate:
two g's. Not
an
exaggeration.**

This week's mission

Soft **c** before e, i or y says /s/ (magnifi**c**ent, **c**ynical), and soft **g** before e, i or y says /j/ (trage**g**edy, ag**g**ility, **g**eology). **sc** can say /s/ in the middle of a word: adoles**sc**ent. Watch the doubles: ex**ag**gerate has two g's. And British English spells the noun **lic**ence with a c.



**Tick off each day as
you finish it**



Mon



Tue



Wed



Thu



Fri

13**LIST 13 · /S/ AND /J/ SOUNDS**

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

EXAMPLEco in ci dence **noun**

When two things happen at the same time by chance.

Note

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

1 suspicious _____**11** juvenile _____**2** magnificent _____**12** tragedy _____**3** licence _____**13** endangered _____**4** incidence _____**14** intelligence _____**5** coincidence _____**15** exaggerate _____**6** anticipate _____**16** agility _____**7** circumstance _____**17** eligibility _____**8** cynical _____**18** prestigious _____**9** adolescent _____**19** geology _____**10** jeopardy _____**20** ecology _____**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	✓
suspicious					☐
magnificent					☐
licence					☐
incidence					☐
coincidence					☐
anticipate					☐
circumstance					☐
cynical					☐
adolescent					☐
jeopardy					☐
juvenile					☐
tragedy					☐
endangered					☐
intelligence					☐
exaggerate					☐
agility					☐
eligibility					☐
prestigious					☐
geology					☐
ecology					☐

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: "What a coincidence," said Levi, finding the last biscuit right next to his hand.

suspicious

magnificent

licence

incidence

coincidence

anticipate

circumstance

cynical

adolescent

jeopardy

juvenile

tragedy

endangered

intelligence

exaggerate

agility

eligibility

prestigious

geology

ecology

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

Fill it, spot it, prove it.

A • The missing sound

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

1 adole _ _ ent _____

2 magnifi _ ent _____

3 _ ynical _____

4 _ eopardy _____

5 exa _ _ erate _____

6 a _ ility _____

7 li _ en _ e _____

8 intelli _ ence _____

B • Clue it, write it

Read the clue and write the word from this week's list. The first letter is there to help.

1 Feeling that something is wrong s _____2 Wonderful m _____3 Two things happening at once by chance c _____4 To expect a _____5 Believing people are selfish c _____6 A teenager a _____7 Danger j _____

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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

A suspicious coincidence. Every time your neighbour goes on holiday, something strange happens on your street. Write the story of how you solve the mystery.

☐ agility☐ ecology☐ eligibility☐ exaggerate☐ incidence☐ jeopardy☐ magnificent☐ prestigious

B • Test prep

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

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Crossword.
Anticipating
success.





NOTES & TEST

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

My notes

[illegible]

**Intelligence:
activated.**

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 adolescent · 2 magnificent · 3 cynical · 4 jeopardy · 5 exaggerate · 6 agility · 7 licence · 8 intelligence

Workout 1B: Clue it, write it

1 suspicious · 2 magnificent · 3 coincidence · 4 anticipate · 5 cynical · 6 adolescent · 7 jeopardy

Workout 2: Write your own story

Answers will vary. Check that all 8 words are used and spelled correctly: agility, ecology, eligibility, exaggerate, incidence, jeopardy, magnificent, prestigious.

List 14 · Double consonants

Workout 1A: Odd one out

1 appropriate (others: ff / gg) · 2 official (others: pp / rr) · 3 broccoli (others: ss / tt) · 4 essential (others: ff / gg)

Workout 1B: Fill the gap

1 broccoli · 2 opportunity · 3 accommodate · 4 aggressive · 5 essential · 6 official

Workout 2: Dictation (read these aloud)

1. The committee agreed to accommodate every member of the community. 2. It is essential to abbreviate long words in your notes. 3. Possession of a cappuccino in class is not appropriate.

List 15 · Compound words

Workout 1A: Compound sort

closed (one word): praiseworthy, withhold, overrule, wholesale, fulfil · open (two words): petty cash, cold front, decimal point, white elephant · hyphenated: self-reliance, self-conscious, long-lived, old-fashioned, happy-go-lucky

Workout 1B: Split them up

eye | witness · passage | way · under | estimate · first | hand · praise | worthy · over | rule · with | hold · whole | sale

Workout 2: Crossword

Across: 2 fulfil, 7 eyewitness · Down: 1 overrule, 3 firsthand, 4 passageway, 5 wholesale, 6 pastime

SPELLING SUCKS!

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