

Spell Check: Sentences for dictation

These lists can be used as either:

- a placement exercise to determine where to commence the teaching programme
- an assessment exercise to determine retention and revision of the programme taught to date.

It is recommended that the assessments are kept short and frequent. These assume 15 words representing the teaching points and conventions of approximately 5 weeks teaching.

Read each sentence aloud stressing the word to be spelt in context. Then repeat the word on its own.

Stage 2	Word List 2:1
1. My favourite sweet is fudge .	fudge
2. I live in a village .	village
3. We have a ginger cat.	ginger
Stage 2	Word List 2:2
4. I need to sharpen my pencil .	pencil
5. The cyclist fell off his bike.	cyclist
6. 'How much does that dress cost ?' asked the lady.	cost
Stage 2	Word List 2:3
7. The knife was blunt.	knife
8. I write very neatly.	write
9. Our garden gnome fishes in the pond.	gnome
Stage 2	Word List 2:4
10. Follow these simple instructions.	simple
11. She was stung by a nettle.	stung
12. The church had a tall steeple .	steeple
Stage 2	Word List 2:5
13. We put tinsel on our Christmas tree.	tinsel
14. My favourite animal is a donkey.	animal
15. We went to Disney Land – it was magical !	magical

Stage 2	Word List 2:6
1. He was the cleverest pupil in the class.	pupil
2. I have a pet gerbil .	gerbil
3. We filled the car with petrol .	petrol
Stage 2	Word List 2:7
4. I've got three brothers.	I've
5. We'd better visit Grandma today.	we'd
6. You'll have to come back tomorrow.	you'll
Stage 2	Word List 2:8
7. They're going to the seaside.	they're
8. It wasn't me.	wasn't
9. There's plenty of food left for you.	there's
Stage 2	Word List 2:9
10. The baby's teddy fell on the floor.	baby's
11. I want to go in Dad's car.	Dad's
12. We had a week's holiday in France.	week's
Stage 2	Word List 2:10
13. I try very hard with my school work.	try
14. There's not a cloud in the sky .	sky
15. The baby always cries .	cries