

Spelling / Punctuation And Jumbled Words

SPELLING

English spelling is an intriguing part of learning English. Max Muller went one step farther and summed up the dilemma of those learning English. "English spelling is a national misfortune to England and international misfortune to the rest of the world."

Various scholars and linguists have suggested a number of ways to learn spelling such as Dictionary method, Dictation method, Play way method, Old drill method and so on.

Without going into the merits and demerits of any methods we may agree to the sound advice of Tomlinson that 'Caught rather than taught' is the best way to learn spellings. In other words a student can solve the problem just by reading constantly and preparing a list of words that spell a danger for a student.

There are many reasons for poor spellings. A five among them are poor memory weak retention power and less of reading activity therefore, correct spellings need constant writing practice, usage and power of recollection. The more a student recollects a word, the more capability he acquires to avoid error in spelling words.

PUNCTUATION

Punctuation is a system in which marks are used in writing to indicate pauses and division of sentences. The meaning of written communication is made clear to the readers by the use of these marks. In fact punctuation is the right use of putting in marks or stops in writing.

The following are the principal marks of punctuation.

- Comma (,)
- Apostrophe (')
- Semi Colon (;)
- Colon (:)
- Dash and Parenthesis. (-)
- Quotation marks (Inverted Commas) ("")
- Hyphen (-)
- End marks-
 - (a) Full stop (.)
 - (b) Question Marks (?)
 - (c) Exclamatory marks (!)

Besides punctuation marks the students are required to know to the use of:

- (a) Capital letters
- (b) How to write numerals?

A word jumble is a word puzzle that gives you a group of scrambled letters and requires you to unscramble them to make a real word. For example, if you were given the letters "m-o-c-t-e-r-u-p" you could unscramble, or un-jumble if you will, those letters to reveal the word computer.

TIPS ON SOLVING A WORD JUMBLED

- There are many hints, tips, and tricks that can help you to solve a jumbled word.
- The first trick is to look for any letters that appear frequently together. These include consonants such "ch," "sh," or "ph." They can also include vowel consonant combinations like "qu."
- Another trick is to separate the consonants from the vowels and look at them separately. Sometime looking at them away from one another makes the word become more obvious.
- You can also write the letters down like the numbers on the face of a clock. For some, displaying the letters in this way can help them to see the word clearly.
- Lastly, do a great deal of reading. Reading will help to improve your vocabulary. Therefore, make sure you read anytime you can.

REARRANGEMENT OF JUMBLED WORDS

When solving jumbled sentences or "Sequence of Words" type questions, first determine the "Subject" and the "Predicate".

SUBJECT - The part which names the person or thing we are speaking about.

PREDICATE - The part that tells something about the subject.

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It's always a good idea to read the answer options to figure out the most correct sentence, than to try solving the jumbled sentence yourself.