

	1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day
1.	* in	* I	thin	thins
2.	** pin	pins	pinned	pinning
3.	sin	sins	sinned	sinning
4.	spin	spins	I	spinning
5.		kin	shin	shins
6.		skin	skins	skinned
7.		win	wins	winning
8.		twin	twins	inner
9.			* be	* be
10.			begin	begins
11.			chin	chins
12.			she	* we
13.				* wee
14.				* bee
15.				* see
16.				tree

* Homophones:

in	Come on in.
inn	They spent the weekend at a country inn.
I	I really love chocolate.
eye	My brother got a black eye.
aye	All in favor, say, "Aye!"
be	We will all be there.
bee	I hate to be stung by a bee.
Bea	My Aunt Bea had a party.
we	We all went to her party.
wee	She called the baby boy a wee lad and the girl a wee lass.
oui	The French say "oui" for yes.
see	I can see you.
sea	A sea is bigger than a lake; smaller than an ocean.
si	In Spanish, the word for <i>yes</i> is <i>si</i> .

** In some dialects: pin/pen.

pin	You pin the tail on the donkey. Pins and needles.
pen	You keep pigs in a pig pen. You write with a pen.

See the complete -in family on p. 123 in *The Patterns of English Spelling* (TPES); the -inner, p. 635; the -e & -ee, pp. 304-305.

	1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day
1.	* chew	* chews	chewed	chewing
2.	crew	* crews	I knew it.	We knew it.
3.	screw	screws	screwed	screwing
4.	brew	* brews	* brewed	brewing
5.	drew	withdrew	I * threw it.	We * blew it.
6.	* new	news	newer	newest
7.	renew	renews	renewed	renewing
8.	strew	strews	strewed	strewing
9.	stew	stews	stewed	stewing
10.	dew	Jew	Jews	Jewish
11.	* few	fewer	fewest	few
12.	* phew	! Phew	just a few	nephew
13.	nephew	nephews	nephews	skewing
14.	skew	skews	skewed	spewing
15.	spew	spews	spewed	awfully
16.	aw	awe	awful	unlawful
17.	law	laws	lawful	flaws
18.	flaw	flaws	flawed	thawing
19.	thaw	thaws	thawed	jawing
20.	jaw	jaws	jawed	drawing
21.	draw	draws	drawn	drawers
22.	straw	straws	drawer	pawing
23.	paw	* paws	pawed	clawing
24.	claw	* claws	* clawed	drew
25.	squaw	squaws	drew	

*** Homophones:**

chew/choo	You can chew gum when you are on a “choo-choo” train.
chews/choose	He chews bubble gum instead of tobacco. Let’s choose up sides.
crews/cruise	We have four different work crews. I love my cruise control when I drive.
brews/bruise	A brewer brews beer in a brewery. How did you get that bruise on your arm?
brewed/brood	The cook brewed some coffee. You don’t have to sit and brood all day.
new/knew/gnu	What’s new? I thought you knew we just got our first gnu at the zoo.
through/threw	We are almost through. Who threw the ball?
thru	Highway sign painters often use the word thru for through.
blew/blue	The wind blew. The sky is blue.
few/phew	Win a few. Lose a few. Phew! That was close!
paws/pause	A cat walks on four paws. What is the pause that refreshes?
claws/clause	We had our cat’s claws removed. A clause is part of a sentence.
clawed/Claude	The cat clawed the curtains to shreds. Have you met my friend Claude?
to/too/two	It’s too bad the two boys had to stay after school.

See the complete -ew family on p. 316 in *The Patterns of English Spelling* (TPES); the -aw, p. 319.

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	1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day
1.	gas	gasses	gassed	gassing
2.	gasoline	gasoline	gassy	gasoline
3.	* alas	alas	sassafras	sassafras
4.	* a lass	lasses	lassie	lassies
5.	glass	glasses	classy	classiest
6.	class	classes	classed	classing
7.	grass	grasses	passer	passers
8.	pass	passes	* passed	passing
9.	trespass	trespasses	trespassed	trespassers
10.	surpass	surpasses	surpassed	surpassing
11.	mass	masses	* massed	massing
12.	** bass	overpass	bluegrass	spyglass
13.	brass	underpass	bypass	eyeglasses
14.	yes	* Les	* Wes	dresser
15.	mess	messes	messed	messaging
16.	guess	guesses	* guessed	guessing
17.	dress	dresses	dressed	dressing
18.	undress	undressed	* less	unless
19.	process	processed	processing	processed
20.	success	successes	successful	successfully
21.	bless	* blessed	successive	succession
22.	confess	confessed	confessing	confession
23.	profess	professed	professor	profession
24.	press	presses	pressed	pressing
25.	depress	depressed	depressing	depression

*** Homophones:**

alas/a lass	Alas, it was a lass and not a lad that won the tournament.
passed/past	When we passed through Chicago, it was way past midnight.
massed/mast	The men in <i>Moby Dick</i> were massed around the mast of the ship.
Wes/west	Wes is short for Wesley. Cleveland is west of Albany.
Les/less	Les is short for Lester, more or less.
blessed/blest	We were blessed (or blest) as the case may be.
guessed/guest	The guest guessed correctly to wait for the host to begin eating.

*** Heteronyms:** bass (“bass”)/bass (“BAY’s”) We went fishing for bass. Jack sang bass.

See the complete -ass family on p. 156 in *The Patterns of English Spelling* (TPES); the -aw, p. 319.

	1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day
1.	freakish	freakishly	freaky	fiendish
2.	ticklish	outlandish	outlandishly	rubbish
3.	bluish	blemish	blemishes	Spanish
4.	purplish	radish	radishes	Danish
5.	blackish	publish	publisher	British
6.	whitish	** polish	polishes	polishing
7.	Swedish	Sweden	Irish	two Irishmen
8.	Turkish	Turkey	Jewish	sheepish
9.	English	Englishman	Englishmen	brackish
10.	** Polish	Poland	outlandish	outlandishly
11.	* parish	parishes	perishable	perishables
12.	* perish	perishes	perished	perishing
13.	childish	childishly	childishness	children
14.	selfish	selfishly	selfishness	Finland
15.	unselfish	unselfishly	unselfishness	Finns
16.	foolish	foolishly	foolishness	* Finnish
17.	stylish	stylishly	stylishness	fetish
18.	devilish	devilishly	deviltry	their house
19.	impish	impishly	squeamish	It's over there.
20.	feverish	! solder	solders	soldered
21.	snobbish	snobbishly	! tongue	tongues
22.	finish	finishes	finished	finishing
23.	relish	relishes	relished	relishing
24.	accomplish	accomplishes	accomplished	accomplishments
25.	famish	famished	famine	unfinished

* **Homophones:** parish/perish A county in Louisiana is called a parish as is a church's congregation. To perish is to die or be destroyed.

** **Heteronyms:** Polish ("POH lish")/polish ("PAH lish"). The Polish people really know how to polish their shoes.

! Insane words: solder ("SAH dur"). The letter l should really be a d, but it isn't. We must pronounce the word as if it were spelled "sodder." Knowing the word *solder* becomes a real help in spelling the more common word *soldier*. The word tongue "TUNG" should be spelled "tung," but it isn't.

See the complete -ish family on pp. 1060-3 in *The Patterns of English Spelling* (TPES).

	5th day	6th day	7th day	8th day
1.	sicken	sickens	sickened	sickening
2.	open	opens	opened	opening
3.	opener	openers	strengthened	strengtheners
4.	strengthen	strengthens	strengthened	strengthening
5.	harden	hardens	hardened	hardening
6.	awaken	awakens	awakened	awakening
7.	loosen	loosens	loosened	loosening
8.	threaten	threatens	threatened	threatening
9.	sweeten	sweetens	sweetened	sweetening
10.	frighten	frightens	frightened	frightening
11.	tighten	tightens	tightened	tightening
12.	fasten	fastens	fastened	fastening
13.	fastener	fasteners	listener	listeners
14.	listen	listens	listened	listening
15.	* sign	signs	signed	signing
16.	design	designs	designed	designation
17.	resign	resigns	resigned	resignation
18.	* align	aligns	aligned	alignment
19.	malign	maligns	maligned	malignant
20.	signal	signals	signature	signatures
21.	falcon	falcons	beacon	beacons
22.	deacon	deacons	bacon	jargon
23.	dragon	dragons	wagon	wagons
24.	siphon	siphons	siphoned	siphoning
25.	* lion	lions	dandelion	dandelions

*** Homophones:**

lion/lyin'
align/a line
sign/sine

What do you call a large dishonest feline? A lyin' lion.
What do you do when you straighten a mark? Align a line.
What is a mark of a math teacher? A sine sign.

See the complete -en family on pp. 873-5 in *The Patterns of English Spelling* (TPES); the -ign, p. 959; the -on, pp. 835-63.

	1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day
1.	! pilot	pilots	piloted	piloting
2.	! ballot	ballots	balloted	balloting
3.	bigot	bigots	bigotry	idiotic
4.	idiot	idiots	idiocy	idiocies
5.	chariot	chariots	compatriot	compatriots
6.	patriot	patriots	patriotic	patriotism
7.	zealot	zealots	ingot	ingots
8.	despot	despots	despotic	despotism
9.	divot	divots	! ache	! aches
10.	pivot	pivots	pivoted	pivoting
11.	city	* cities	Bay City	Bay City's
12.	capacity	capacious	incapacity	headache
13.	audacity	audacious	perspicacity	perspicacious
14.	veracity	veracious	verification	verities
15.	verify	verifies	verified	verifying
16.	mendacity	mendacious	sage	sagacious
17.	vivacity	vivacious	sagacity	valid
18.	simplicity	felicity	duplicity	validity
19.	complicity	accomplice	oddity	oddities
20.	electric	electrician	heredity	timid
21.	electricity	electrical	inherited	timidity
22.	public	publication	rigidity	humid
23.	publicity	velocity	scarcity	humidity
24.	authentic	ferocity	ferocious	ferociously
25.	authenticity	atrocities	atrocities	atrocious

* **Homophones:** cities/city's/cities' Our city's mayor has been in many cities as the other cities' mayor. Note that what comes before the apostrophe determines whether the possessive is singular or plural.

! Special Note: The -ot ending in words such as *pilot*, *ballot*, *bigot*, etc., does not rhyme with *hot*, *lot*, or *tot*. These words have a base of more than one syllable and different phonic rules apply. Although the word *city* is pronounced "SIT tee," the structural ending -city is pronounced "suh tee." For a more complete explanation of these phenomena see McCabe's "The Mechanics of English Spelling" in *The Teaching of Reading and Spelling: a Continuum from Kindergarten through College*.

See the complete -ot family on pp. 690-1 in *The Patterns of English Spelling* (TPES); the -ity, pp. 729-37.

	1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day
1.	! lettuce	Bruce	Bruce's badge	## mischief
2.	** produce	producing	productive	production
3.	induce	induced	inductive	induction
4.	truce	truces	deuce	deuces
5.	introduce	introduced	introducing	introduction
6.	reduce	reduces	reducing	reduction
7.	reproduce	reproduced	reproducing	reproduction
8.	abandon	abandons	abandoned	abandoning
9.	abolish	abolishes	abolished	abolishing
10.	apathy	apathy	apathetic	apathetically
11.	abroad	abundant	achieve	achievement
12.	again	against	achieving	achieved
13.	agree	agreeable	agreeably	agreement
14.	* ahead	alarm	alarming	aloud
15.	among	amongst	* amount	amounts
16.	* amuse	amuses	amused	amusing
17.	amusement	amusements	* apiece	aware
18.	* avoid	avoids	avoided	avoiding
19.	* awake	awaken	awakening	awakened
20.	absent	abscess	absolute	absolutely
21.	absence	absorb	absorption	abstract
22.	absurd	absurdity	abundance	abstraction
23.	to ** abuse	** abuses	abused	abusing
24.	child ** abuse	many ** abuses	abusive	## mischievous
25.	** produce department	produce dept.	produce dept.	produce dept.

*** Homophones:**

lettuce/let us	Let us have lettuce on our sandwiches.
ahead/a head	Stop ahead. He needs a head on his shoulders.
amuse/a muse	The ancient Greeks believed a comedy would amuse a muse.
avoid/a void	You should avoid having a void in your schedule.
awake/a wake	You should be wide awake when you attend a wake.
produce/pro deuce	If you paid the two of hearts enough, would that pro deuce produce a trick?
amount/a mount	He bought a mount for an unknown amount of money.
apiece/a piece	He bought a piece of pie and a piece of cake for fifty cents apiece.

**** Heteronyms:**

abuse (“uh B’YOO-ss”)/abuse (“uh B-YOO-z”) If we abuse authority it could be called authority abuse!
 produce (“proh DOO-ss”)/produce (“PRAH doo-ss”) Truck farmers produce a lot of produce but no trucks.

Tricky Words:

mischief & mischievous—Perhaps the most common misspelling of *mischievous* is “mischievious.” The common mispronunciation yields a pattern similar to *envious* and *devious*. However, *mischievous* comes from *mischief*. We just change the letter f to a v and add the same –ous ending as we do in *marvelous* and *humorous*.

See the complete –uce family on p. 346 in *The Patterns of English Spelling* (TPES).