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Are you a good speller? It is hard to help your child with spelling if you have a hard time with spelling yourself. At the same time, if you are a great speller, it can be difficult to understand why your child is not a great speller.

What you'll find in this section is a listing of some spelling rules you and your child can learn, some links to free spelling sheets on the web and more.

1. Do you change the words you use when you write because, you might not spell the word correctly?
2. Would you be mortified if you sent correspondence out without spell checking it?
3. Could you live without a spellchecker?

If you answered YES to the first two questions, or NO to the last question, you your spelling has much room for improvement!

If you learn these 10 basic spelling rules, you can spell literally thousands of words!

1. E Ending Rule:

When a base word ends with an E and you add an ending that begins with a vowel, drop the E. Go to the Free Spelling Worksheet that teaches this spelling rule.

2. The CVC Rule:

When a word that is 4 letters or less ends CVC, and the next ending begins with a V, you must double the final vowel. CVC + V = CVCCV

3. The Vowel Changers:

When the letter Y or the letter W is at the end of a word, it acts like a vowel letter.

4. The Flighty Y Rule:

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When a word ends Consonant and a Y (C+Y) and you add an ending there must be an I in the word. Either the Y changes to I (C+Y+___ = C+I+___) or the ending has an I and it becomes (C+Y+I = C+Y+I).

5. Plural Rules:

To make a regular word plural, add a "S" If the word ends in the letter S, Z, X, SH, or CH, or a "C+Y" add an "ES"

6. The Disappearing E Rule:

When a word ends with a W, and you add the ending EN, drop the E.

7. The Appearing AL Rule:

When a word ends with "IC" and you add the ending "LY" it must become "ICALLY"

8. Double the Fun Rule:

When the ending of a word is a short base CVC rule, follow the CVC doubling rule.

9. The ION Rule:

When a word ends in ION, another form of the word may end in OR.

10. The Exception Rule:

Every rule has an exception, so, don't be surprised if you find a word that doesn't follow these rules. . . but most of them do!

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Submitting articles to article resource sites should be easy. But it is surprising how many people do not follow some simple rules. By not following these rules it can mean the difference between someone reading your article or not.

Even worse, the article resource site might not accept your article because you left something out or did something wrong.

Here are 7 tips to help you when submitting articles to article resource sites:

1. Make sure you include your web site link in the resource box of the article as this will prompt the reader to click for more information. This is your MOST important selling tool so make sure you include it on your article submissions.
2. Spelling. Check the spelling 3 times. There is absolutely nothing worse than an article with spelling mistakes. You lose all credibility instantly. That is why I recommend checking spelling 3 times. First, use a spell checker on your computer. Second, scan the article yourself on your computer. Third, print out the article and check again yourself.
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