

The Patterns of English Spelling

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Using the Alphabetic Index as a Teaching Tool

The very first thing that impresses most people about the index is its size. There are over 70 pages, four columns to a page all in fine (8 pt) print. And it only represents about 1% of all the words that a well-educated person can read! Phonics advocates should be quick to use this just to point out the impossibility of teaching a person to read using the look-say method if each word has to be taught separately. But that, of course, will not convince a dyed-in-the-wool whole language enthusiast that phonics need ever be taught. They “know” that *they* learned to read without phonics. They have taught children and maybe even adults to read without phonics. And so it goes. Arguments rarely, if ever, change a person’s mind. But perhaps, both sides will agree that upon inspection of the index and the patterns as they are laid out in this book, that the English language has patterns that the good reader has learned perhaps without even being taught. Poor readers, on the other hand, find it difficult to read words that contain patterns that they haven’t been taught.

To demonstrate this concept, have both good readers and poor readers read the following passage and then have them read the two word lists that follow. Good readers will correctly read all the words and will understand the passage. Poor readers (below 6.0 but above 3.0) will have difficulty reading and understanding the passage. They will read the words in LIST A that contains regular phonic patterns usually taught and easily learned. The second list has words that contain phonic patterns rarely taught and not easily learned by many students without special help.

Sh-h-h is spell sh in fisherman

but not in the words crucial or social

Washington was no **fisherman** but he was in a boat. He led his **militia** to a **smashing** victory over all the king’s men. The British were **shocked** by such **socially** unacceptable behavior as to attack on Christmas morning. It was **atrocious** the way his **physicians finished** him off. He was so weak at the end that he **initialed** his orders rather than signing them. It certainly was **crucial** to the war effort for his **shipping** to get through.

LIST A

Washington
fisherman
shocked
smashing
finished
shipping

LIST B

militia
atrocious
socially
physicians
initialed
crucial

Supposing a student can’t read any of the words in LIST A, should you test on list B? Not unless you believe in torturing students. Supposing a student misses only the word smashing in List A but misses all the words in LIST B, what should you do? What can you do? Well, you can look smashing up in the index. It refers you to page 209. It has 25 words with the –ash pattern from ashes to smashed. In the power vocabulary section it has an additional 63 words from brash to old-

A List of Essential Phonic Patterns Seldom Systematically Taught

fashioned. You don't have to teach him all these words. Teach whatever words and however many words you feel is right and use the methods you are most comfortable with. The patterns are there. They can be taught specifically, or the students can discover the patterns for themselves by inspection or usage.

As far as teaching the words in LIST B is concerned, I would teach the patterns first. I would start with the -ous words such as nervous, tremendous, stupendous, etc. They are found from pages 884-891. You might want to show your students how many there are, but don't ever try to teach them all. Just teach the common everyday -ous words from humorous to jealous. Then I would teach the ci digraph and show how it combines with -al to form the "shul" sound in racial, social, special, commercial, etc. Then show how it combines with -ous to form "shus" words such as delicious, vicious, gracious, spacious, atrocious, ferocious, and malicious. Then I would teach the ti digraph, which they intuitively know because they know all about the "shun" words, spelled -tion. What they never realized is that the sh sound of -tion was spelled ti and the un sound was spelled -on. Now, when the add al to ti to get -tial they know it's "shul" as in partial, martial, initial, etc. Then the relationship between ambitious and ambitions is more apparent, even though the initial appearance of the two words is almost identical. The word ambitious has the ti + ous pattern, while the word ambitions has the tion pattern plus s.

Using the Alphabetic Index as a Rhyming Dictionary

Play at poet, I know it. Rimes for the times and rhymes that are crimes. Jingles for singles. Whys for the wise are all writing, spelling, and even thinking activities that lead students into enjoying the learning of language and the playing with words. You can take any word (except those you find on bathroom walls!) look it up in the index and find words that share the same pattern. You will also find references to other pages where there is a different spelling pattern for the same sound. Hence this book functions as a rhyming dictionary. Look up the word *past* and you will find a reference to the page where you can find the -*assed* family. At last we were *passed past* the guard.

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ED RED ("RED") FAMILY

ED	ED'z	Ed'id	ED'ing	ED dee	ED dur
Ed	Ed's dad			Eddy	
wed (5.05)	weds	wed/wedded	wedding (5.00)	Eddie	
bed (1.75)	beds (3.10)	bedded	bedding		
red (1.45)					
led (10.30)					
sled (7.30)	sleds (7.05)				
bled	See p. 402 for -ead = "ED" as in bread				
sped					
shed (7.35)	sheds (9.60)	shed	shedding		
said ¹ (2.55)					
unsaid					

Power Vocabulary

fed (9.35)					
Jed	Jed's bed				
Red	Red's dad				redder
Fred	Fred's sled			Freddy	
Ted	Ted's medicine			Teddy	
Ned	Ned's meds				
pled					
newlywed	newlyweds				
shred	shreds	shredded	shredding		shredder
embed	embeds	embedded	embedding		
bedtime	meds				
bobsled	bobsleds		bobsledding		
quadruped	quadrupeds				
premed					
coed	coeds			coeducation	coeducational
hotbed	riverbed	roadbed	daybed	sickbed	flatbed
bred	well-bred	ill-bred	thoroughbred	purebred	infrared
fled (7.15)					
toolshed		watershed			
woodshed		bloodshed			

ED = "ID" as in Sacred FAMILY

ID	ID'z	
sacred (14.45)		
hundred (5.35)	hundreds (7.85)	See p. 108 for "ID" as in Kid Family
hatred (13.65)		

Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00 are placed inside parentheses ().

Dolch Word: red **Spelling Demons:** led hundred

Homophones: bread / bred lead / led read / red

¹The word *said* is the past tense of the verb *say*. The *y* in *say* changes to an *i* and the *d* is added for past tense. It is a rare English dialect that rhymes *said* with *paid*. Rhyme *said* with *Ted* and *Ed*.

ACK BLACK ("BLAK") FAMILY

AK	AK-ss	AK't	AK'ing	AK'ee	AK'ur
back	backs	backed	backing		backer
Jack	Jack's jacket			Jackie	
black	blacks	blacked	blacking	Blackie	blacker
pack	packs	packed	packing	Packie	packer
rack	racks	racked	racking		
crack	cracks	cracked	cracking	By Cracky	cracker
track	tracks	tracked	tracking		tracker

Power Vocabulary

hack	hacks	hacked	hacking		hacker
shack	shacks	shacked	shacking		
whack	whacks	whacked	whacking		
jack	jacks	jack	jacking	Jackie	
hijack	hijacks	hijacked	hijacking		
lack	lacks	lacked	lacking		lacquer
slack	slacks	slacked	slacking		slacker
clack	clacks	clacked	clacking		clacker
smack	smacks	smacked	smacking		smacker
knack	knacks				
snack	snacks	snacked	snacking		
unpack	unpacks	unpacked	unpacking	package	packet
repack	repacks	repacked	repacking		
sack	sacks	sacked	sacking		
tack	tacks	tacked	tacking	tacky	
attack	attacks	attacked	attacking		attacker
stack	stacks	stacked	stacking		stacker
quack	quacks	quacked	quacking		quacker
Mack	Mack's	shack			
Mac	Mac's	attack			
flack					
flak					
yak	yaks	yakked	yakking		

-ACK words form either plurals or possessives that rhyme with the AK-ss column.

bookrack	gunrack	hatrack	off-the-rack	tailback	swayback
quarterback	rick-rack	touchback	hunchback	hogback	halfback
kickback	crackerjack	bareback	hatchback	horseback	blackjack
biofeedback	coatrack	knickknack	tamarack	thumbtack	laidback
soundtrack	Cossack	runback	rollback	razorback	outback
paperback	playback	cutback	scatback	feedback	racetrack
drawback	flashback	skyjack	slapjack	flapjack	wetback
lumberjack	lampblack	gunnysack	knapsack	ticktack	hardtack
zweiback	horseback	piggyback			

backward backwards background backdrop backhand back

Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00: back 1.55, quack 7.60

Spelling Demons: attack attacked

Related Families: See p. 215

NOTE: -acks = -ax

Homophones: packs/pax tacks/tax sacks/sax packed/pact tracked/tract tacked/tact lacks/lax

UE CUE ("K'YOO") FAMILY

ALL THESE UE WORDS HAVE AN "INVISIBLE Y"¹ BEFORE THE UE

y'OO	y'OO-z	y'OO-d	y'OO-ing		
cue	cues	cued	cuing		
rescue	rescues	rescued	rescuing	rescuer	rescuers
barbecue	barbecues	barbecued	barbecuing		
argue	argues	argued	arguing	argument	argumentative
value	values	valued	valuing	valuable	valuation
continue	continues	continued	continuing	continual	continuation

Power Vocabulary

devalue	devalues	devalued	devaluing
discontinue	discontinues	discontinued	discontinuing
imbue	imbues	imbued	imbuing
queue	queues	queued	queuing
miscue	miscues	miscued	miscuing

More Power Vocabulary

venue	hue	ague	curlicue
Hugh	Hughes	(AN "INSANE" SPELLING) revue	

THE LETTER T IN THESE WORDS IS PRONOUNCED AS A "CH"

ch'oo	ch'oo-z	
statue	statues	statuesque
virtue	virtues	virtuous

THE LETTERS SS IN THESE WORDS ARE PRONOUNCED AS AN "SH"

sh'oo	sh'oo-z	sh'oo-d	sh'oo ing	
issue	issues	issued	issuing	issuance
reissue	reissues	reissued	reissuing	
tissue	tissues			

Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00: argue 9.25, value 6.05, statue 9.35, statues 17.10, issue 11.25, issues 13.05

Spelling Demons: argue argument

Homophones: Q/cue/queue hue/Hugh/hew hues/Hughes/Hugh's/hews

Related Families: O GO p. 308, OE TOE p. 309, OW GROW p. 310, OWE LOWE p. 311, OUGH DOUGH p. 311, O DO p. 312, OO BOO p. 312, OE SHOE p. 313, OUGH THROUGH p. 313, U FLU p. 313, UE BLUE p. 314

FANCY FAMILIES: EAU BEAU, AU GAUCHE -- p. 949

¹See *The Case of the Invisible Y (or Why is there a y in you and not in union, Eunice, and euchre?)* by Don McCabe. AVKO Great Idea Reprint Series #619.

ight Right (“RYH’t”) Family

See rhyming family -ite kite p. 357

YH’t	YH’t-ss	YH’t-id	YH ting		
right ^(3.25)	rights ^(5.90)	righted	righting	rightly	righteous
fight ^(3.55)	fight	fought	fighting ^(5.05)	fighter	fighters
sight ^(6.15)	sights	sighted	sighting	unsightly	
light ^(2.90)	lights	lit/ lighted ^(6.15)	lighting	lighter	lightly ^(6.20)
night ^(1.70)	nights ^(3.80)			first-nighter	nightly
might ^(4.80)			mighty ^(7.85)	mightily	
bright ^(3.65)			brighter	brightest	brightly
tight ^(6.10)	tights	tightness	tightest	tighter	tightly

Power Vocabulary

delight ^(5.05)	delights	delighted ^(7.00)	delighting	delightful ^(6.85)	delightfully
copyright	copyrights	copyrighted	copyrighting		
swordfight	swordfights		swordfighting	swordfighter	
knight	knights	knighted	knighting	knighthood	
moonlight	moonlights	moonlighted	moonlighting	moonlighter	
slight ^(8.05)	slights	slighted	slighting	slightly ^(9.75)	

More Power Vocabulary

fright ^(5.25)	flight ^(6.75)	wright	highlight	food fight	sword fight
dogfight	bullfight	gunfight	water fight	fist fight	strobe light
night light	ultra-light	headlight	floodlight	candlelight	limelight
house light	sidelight	flashlight	twilight	taillight	penlight
sunlight	lamplight	plight	starlight	footlight	spotlight
streetlight	window light	daylight	skylight	blight	fly-by-night
midnight ^(5.55)	tonight ^(2.20)	overnight	all right	“alright” ¹	ultra-right
forthright	downright	upright	outright	playwright	millwright
Cartwright	Wainwright	Lillian Wright	out-of-sight	bombsight	hindsight
eyesight	foresight	insight	insightful	oversight	skintight
airtight	watertight	uptight	Dwight	sleight	height ^(12.45)

See pp. 859-860 for more words using the -en suffix

brighten	brightens	brightened	brightening	brightener	brightly
frighten ^(10.05)	frightens	frightened	frightening ^(11.45)		
tighten	tightens	tightened	tightening		
lighten	lightens	lightened	lightening	bolts of lightning ^(11.35)	
heighten	heightens	heightened	heightening		

Even More Power Vocabulary

tightfisted	tightlipped	tightfitting	tightrope	tightwad	tightwire
sightsee	sightless	righthanded	right-to-life	right-to-live	right-to-die
right-to-know	right-to-work				

Homophones: right/rite/write/wright might/mite night/knight sight/cite/site lightning/lightning light/“LITE”

Spelling Demons: tightened frightened lightning

¹Although the word “alright” follows a common pattern found in words such as *almost*, *although*, *albeit*, *already*, *altogether*, and *always*, and *although* we often find this misspelling in books, magazines, and newspapers, it is still considered a misspelling, albeit an understandable one. The word “alright” should always be spelled as two words, *all right*. All right, already?

ARF SCARF ("SKAH'r-f") FAMILY

AH'r-f	AH'r-f's	AH'r-f't	AH'r fing
arf arf barf scarf (8.25)	barfs scarfs scarves	barfed	barfing

ARGE LARGE ("LAH'r-j") FAMILY

AH'r-j	AH'r jiz	AH'r-j'd	AH'r jing	AH'r jur
charge (4.25) large (2.70)	charges (5.55)	charged (5.85) largely (9.05)	charging (6.55) larger (3.20)	charger largest (4.05)

Power Vocabulary

enlarge recharge discharge (8.35) overcharge undercharge surcharge barge Marge margin (11.70)	enlarges recharges discharges overcharges undercharges surcharges barges Marge's friend Margory margins	enlarged recharged discharged overcharged undercharged barged	enlarging recharging discharging overcharging undercharging barging	enlarger	enlargement
				marginal	marginally

ARK PARK ("PAH'r-k") FAMILY

AH'r-k	AH'r-k's	AH'r-k't	AH'r king	AH'r kur
park spark bark mark (2.45) dark	parks sparks barks marks (4.10)	parked sparked barked marked (4.80)	parking sparking barking marking	Mr. Parker sparkle barker marker darker

Power Vocabulary

hark remark embark aardvark darken hearken market (2.95)	harks remarks (5.05) embarks Ozarks darkens hearkens markets	harked remarked embarked unmarked darkened hearkened marketed	harking remarking embarking darkening hearkening marketing	remarkable	remarkably
				darkness (5.95)	

More Power Vocabulary

arc meadowlark hallmark stark	Joan of Arc trademark Denmark quark	narc benchmark watermark landmark	ark birthmark snark shark	lark pockmark ballpark bulwark	skylark bookmark Highland Park
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Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00 are placed inside parentheses ().

Homophones: marks / Marx arc / ark

Spelling Demons: marginally remarkably

-ABLE "uh b'l" Families pp. 613-621

BASE	"uh b'l" -able	"uh BLEE" -ably	"uh BIL uh tee" -ability	"uh BIL uh teez" -abilities
attempt	attemptable	attemptably	attemptability	
adopt	adoptable		adoptability	
comfort	comfortable (10.35)	comfortably		
cart	cartable		cartability	
fort	comfortable	comfortably	comfortability	
	uncomfortable	uncomfortably		
port	portable		portability	
port	supportable	supportably	supportability	
test	detestable	detestably	detestability	
test	incontestable	incontestably	incontestability	
"stabl"	constable			
adjust	adjustable			
regret	regrettable	regrettably	regrettability	
regret	unregrettable	unregrettably		
forget	forgettable	forgettably	forgettability	
forget	unforgettable	unforgettably	unforgettability	
refute	refutable	refutably	refutability	
refute	irrefutable	irrefutably	irrefutability	
mutate	mutable		mutability	
mutate	immutable	immutably	immutability	
pute	reputable	reputably	reputability	
	disreputable	disreputably	disreputability	
pute	indisputable	indisputably	indisputability	
scrutiny	scrutable		scrutability	
scrutinize	inscrutable		inscrutability	
argue	arguable	arguably	arguability	
value	invaluable			
value	valuable (12.25)	valuably		
value	invaluable	invaluably	invaluability	
equal	equable	equably		
sue	suable			
save	savable		savability	
believe	believable	believably	believability	
belief	unbelievable	unbelievably	unbelievability	
grieve	grievable		grievability	
retrieve	retrievable	retrievably	retrievability	
retrieve	irretrievable		irretrievability	
receive	receivable	receivably	receivability	
conceive	conceivable	conceivably	conceivability	
conceive	inconceivable	inconceivably	inconceivability	
perceive	perceivable	perceivably	perceivability	
perceive	imperceivable	imperceivably	imperceivability	
forgive	forgivable	forgivably	forgivability	
forgive	unforgivable			
live	livable	livably	livability	
live	unlivable	unlivably	unlivability	
solve	solvable		solvability	
solve	insolvable			
love	lovable	lovably	lovability	
love	unlovable			
move	movable	movably	movability	
move	removable	removably	removability	

Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00 are placed inside parentheses ().

Spelling Demons: comfortable comfortably detestable regrettable lovable inscrutable valuable

-ery (and) -ary/-iry/-ory/-ury "ur ree" or "ree" Families on pp. 725-729

	(ur) ree	(ur) reez	(ur) ree	(ur) reez
AH'b	robbery	robberies	robber	UM summery
	snobbery		snob	AY'n chicanery
	blubbery		blubber	EE'n scenery (14.00) scene (11.70)
	rubbery	rub (3.95) (3.45) rubber		greenery green (2.05)
	shrubbery	shrubberies	shrub	machinery machine
	bribery		bribe	YH'n finery fine (2.90)
	grocery (9.90)	groceries	grocer	refinery refineries
	sorcery	sorcerer	sorceress	winery wineries
	comradery		comrade	AN cannery canneries
	spidery		spider	tannery tanneries
	bindery	binderies	binder	UN nunnery nunneries
OO'd	prudery		prude	gunnery gunneries
OY'd	embroidery		embroider	OH'r-n ornery ornerier
OW'd	powdery	(8.25) powder		AY'p drapery draperies
YH'f	midwifery		midwife	OH'p popery pope
UG	skulduggery			EP peppery pep
	skulduggery			IP slippery (9.60) slip (4.35) slippers (7.40)
AH'n	congerly	congeries		AH'p foppery fop
IJ	imagery		(12.20) image	IZ misery (12.45) miseries
	savagery		(6.80) savage	UR'ss nursery nurseries
UJ	drudgery		drudge	AH't watery
AH'g	toggery	toggeries	togs	AK't phylactery phylacteries
OH'r-j	forgery	forgeries	forger	UL't adultery adulterate
UR'j	purgery	purgeries		IN't wintery winter
	surgery	surgeries	surgeon	splintery splinter
ECH	treachery		treacherous	UN't effrontery affront
AR'ch	archery		archer	AH'r-t artery arteries
A'ch	hatchery	hatcheries	hatcher	SS't mastery master (3.25)
uuCH	butchery		(9.30) butcher	-ss't upholstery
Eth	feathery		(5.75) feather	ss-t blustery bluster
	leathery		(5.85) leather	ISS't mystery (13.65) mysteries
IF	periphery		peripheral	AT battery (10.05) batteries
ASH	haberdashery	haberdasheries	haberdasher	flattery flatter (9.30)
ISH	fishery	fisheries	(1.90) fish	IT jittery jitters
OH'zh	hosierey	hose	hosier	AH't lottery lotteries
YH	fieri		(2.05) fire	pottery pot (2.50)
AY'k	bakery	bakeries	baker	AY'v slavery (9.00) slave
AK	quackery	quack (7.60)	quacker	bravery brave (3.05)
IK	trickery	trick (3.60)	trickster	knavery
AH'k	mockery	mock (7.55)	mocker	EV every (2.30)
uuK	rookery	rookeries	rook	EE'v thievery thief
EL	celery			IV shivery shiver
AL	gallery	galleries		livery liveries
IL	artillery		distiller	delivery (9.10) deliveries (14.05)
	distillery	distilleries		IL'v silvery deliver (6.10)
UL	scullery			UV recovery recoveries
OOL	tomfoolery			discovery (10.05) discoveries
OH'I	cajolery		cajol	OO brewery breweries
UT	butlery		butler	OW bowery boweries
	cutlery		cutler	flowery flower (3.30)
EE'm	creamery	creameries	creamer	

Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00 are placed inside parentheses ().

Homophones: summary/summery nun/none

Sound Alikes & Look Alikes: salary / celery

Spelling Demons: treachery, bakery, shrubbery

-IC "IK" FAMILIES pp. 802-816

	nik				
AN	volcanic			volcano	
	vulcanic			Vulcan	
	oceanic		ocean (4.70)	oceanology	oceanologist
	transoceanic				
	organic		organ (8.75)		
	inorganic				
	mechanic	mechanics	mechanical (16.60)	mechanically	mechanism
	lexiphanic	(Howard Cosell)		lexiphanicism	lexiphanicist
	messianic		Messiah		
	manic		mania		
	Germanic		German	Germany	
	panic	panics	panicked ¹	panicking	panicky
	Hispanic				
	Satanic		Satan	Satanism	Satanist
	Puritanic	Puritanical	Puritan		puritanism
	Titanic		Titan		
	botanic	botanical		botany	botanist
	Brittanic		Brittania	Brittany	Britain
	galvanic			galvanize	
	tyrannic	tyrannical	tyrant	Tyrannosaurus Rex	tyranny
IK	picnic (7.60)	picnics	picnicked	picnicking	
EE'n	scenic		scene (11.70)	scenery (14.00)	
EN	Saracenic			Saracen	
	genic		gene	genus	
	iatrogenic				
	hygienic		hygiene (17.90)		
	glycogenic				
	photogenic				
	sociogenic				
	eugenic	eugenics			
	psychogenic	psychogenics			
	hallucinogenic	hallucinogenics			
	calisthenic	calisthenics			
	Hellenic	Hellenism	Hellene	Hellenistic	Hellenist
	philhellenic				
	panhellenic				
	Panhellenic				
		ecumenical			
EK	technic	technical	technically		
	pyrotechnic	pyrotechnics			
	polytechnic	polytechnical			
ETH	ethnic		ethnically	ethnos	ethnocentric
IN	rabbinic	rabbinal	rabbi		
	clinic	clinical		Clinique	
un	Dominic				
	arsenic				
AH	carbonic			carbon	
	bubonic				
	iconic		icon	iconoclast	iconoclastic
	chalcedonic			chalcedon	
	sardonic				
	phonic	phonics		phone (3.55)	
	telephonic		telephone (6.55)		
	symphonic			symphony	
	stereophonic				

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Spelling Demons: mechanic mechanics scenic calisthenics picnicking

¹When an -ic word is a verb, we add -k before the -ed, & -ing endings.

OU = "OO" CLAN (pps. 950-952)

toupé	"too PAY"
toupée	"too PAY"
tour ()	"TOOR"
tourist	"TOOR rist"
tourism	"TOOR rizm"
tour de force	"TOOR duh FORS"
tournament (16.25)	"TOOR nuh munt"
touraco	"TOOR ah KOH"
tourniquet	"TOOR nuh KET"
Toussaint	"too SAHN"
beaucoup de	"boh KOO"
vous	"VOO"
rendezvous	"RAHN DAY voo"
s'il vous plaît ¹	"SEE voo PLAY"
RSVP = Repondez S'il Vous Plaît	Please Reply
you (1.05)	"YOO"
youth (5.10)	"YOOOTH"
youths	"YOOOTHs"
youthful	"YOOOTH ful"

OU = "UH" CLAN

See also -our honour p. 682 & -ous "us" pps. 867-874

young (4.20)	youngster (10.10)	youngsters (11.00)	would (2.85)	should (3.65)
cousin (8.55)	cousins (9.30)	could (2.70)	wouldn't (7.10)	shouldn't (8.50)
couple (7.45)	couples	couldn't (6.50)	doubling	encouragement
double (7.55)	doubles	doubled	troubling	discouragement
trouble (5.55)	troubles (8.45)	troubled	slough	courageous
courage (9.20)	tough (8.70)	rough (7.80)	encouraging (16.00)	
encourage (12.60)	encourages	encouraged	discouraging	
discourage	discourages	discouraged	adjourning	adjournment
adjourn	adjourns	adjourned	journals	journalist
journey (11.15)	journeys	journal	tournament	journalism
tourney	tourneys		flourishing	
flourish (17.65)	flourishes	flourished	nourishing	nourishment
nourish	nourishes	nourished		
courteous (17.90)	courtesy (16.75)			
touch (6.80)	touches	touched (9.40)	touching	
country (3.70)	countries (9.30)	bourbon		

THE "OO" SOUND THAT IS SPELLED UT AS IN DEBUT

debut	"day BYOO" Compare the ET = "AY" as in buffet P. 940
debuts	"day BYOOZ" Compare the IT = "EE" as in esprit P. 946
debuted	"day BYOOD" Compare the OT = "OH" as in depot P. 949
debuting	"day BYOO ing"
debutante	"DAY byoo TAHNT"
debutantes	"DAY byoo TAHNTS"

Homophones: you / ewe / yew slough/slew slough/sluff

Dolch Word: you

Spelling Demons: rendezvous, debut, tournament, debutante

Difficulty Levels on Scale of 1.00 to 21.00 are spelled inside parentheses ().

¹Although the literal word for word translation of *S'il vous plait* is: "If it you pleases" the proper translation is almost always the simple word, *please*.

LISTING OF PREFIXES

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poly-	many	polyandry polyester polygamy polyglot	1041
post-	stake	poster postulant postulate posture	1041
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post-	after	postwar postdate postpone postscript PS	1042
pre-	before	precautions predate prefix prejudice	1042-43
pro-	for, front	pro-American probation procrastinate	1043-44
prot-	first	protagonist prototype protoplasm protein	1045
pseudo	false	pseudonym pseudopod pseudoscientific	1045
quadr-	four	quad quadruple quadruplets quart quarter	1045
quint-	five	quintuplet, quintet, quintessential	1045
re-	again	recover (3.20) refund (6.75) replace (4.05) rewrite	1046-48
re-	do intensely	rejoice rescue resolve (11.70) retail revere	1048
reg- (rex)	king	regal regulate regulation (9.60) regent	1048
retro-	back	retroactive retrospect retro-rocket	1048
self-	self	selfish (7.85) self-denial self-respect self-supporting	1048-49
semi	half	semicircle semiannual semicolon	1049
sept-	seven	September (4.95) septuagenarian	1049
sex-	six	sextet sextuplets sextant sextile	1049
semen-	seed	seminar seminary seminarian seminal	1049
sub-	under	submarine subcontract subject (5.85) submerge	1050
sup-	over	support (9.85) suppose (8.90) supposition supplicant	1050
super-	over	superhuman superimpose superman supervision	1051
supra/e	over	supraliminal supreme (13.25) supremacy supraorbital	1051
sur-	over	surface (9.30) surcharge surplice surround (11.95)	1051
su-(b)	under	suspect (9.55) suspicion (18.35) suspend sustain	1051
syl-	together	syllable syllogism	1051
sym-	together	symbiosis symbol symmetry sympathy (16.15) symphony	1052
syn-	together	synthesis synthetics syncopate synchronize	1052
tele-	distance	television telephone (6.55) telegraph (10.85) telescope	1052
ten-	hold	tenable tenace tenacious tenacity tenant	1052
tetra-	four	tetrahedron tetrameter tetrad	1052
tri-	three	triangle triple triplets triplicate tricycle	1053
un-	back do	untie (5.00) unbuckle uncover unbutton uncap undo	1053
un-	do intensely	unleash unlimber unravel unto until (7.30)	1053
un-	away from	unbosom unburden unkennel unlade unlead	1053
un-	not do	unable unhappy (3.75) unacceptable unusual unwilling	1054-56
under-	below	underneath underpass undergrowth undercover	1055
uni-	one	unite (9.70) unity union uniform universal (15.20)	1056-57
up-	upward	uplifting upward (5.10) upbeat upheaval upstart	1057

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