

Horizons

Spelling and Vocabulary



How to Use this Dictionary

The *Spelling Dictionary* is an integral part of the Horizons Spelling Program and accomplishes several purposes:

1. Students will become acquainted with the format and function of a simple dictionary.
2. Students will learn the function of guide words and diacritical markings.
3. Students will be able to see and read their spelling words within the context of a sentence.
4. Students will have an opportunity to practice their alphabetizing and reading/writing skills by using the *Spelling Dictionary* to perform the following tasks:
 - Look up the spelling words at the beginning of each week's lessons.
 - Record their weekly "Working Words" in the appropriate locations at the back of the Spelling Dictionary.
 - Use the *Spelling Dictionary* as a resource for writing sentences and stories.

Parts of speech are identified, and plural and comparative forms of words are also shown.



Pronunciation Guide

ă ant, gas

ā ache, May

ä tall, March

ě let, yell

ē we, meek

ér term, church

ĭ hit, lip

ī ice, knife

ö hot, pond

ō go, poke

ô fort, across

oi boy, enjoy

ou how, mouth

Û hut, up

ù full, book

ü rule, move

ə a in across

e in taken

i in pencil

o in lemon

u in circus

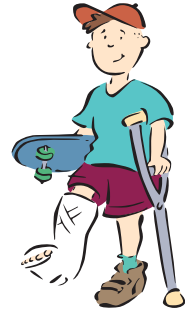
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ache

(āk) *n.* a dull painJoe had an ache in his ankle.*plural:* aches*v.* having a dull painI ache all over after that fall.

ache, aches, ached, aching



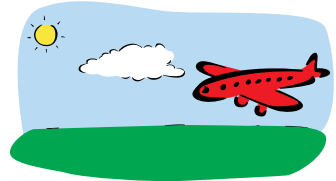
across

(ə krōs) *prep.* over, from one side to anotherJudy and Paul ran across the field.

afternoon

(ăf'tər nŭn) *n.* part of the day from noon to nightWe will go swimming this afternoon.

airplane

(er' plān) *n.* a machine used to fly from place to placeThe red airplane flew very close to the ground.*Compound word:* air + plane

along

(ə lōng) *prep.* follow a line or route from one place to anotherThe boat sailed along the shore.

alphabet

(ăl' fə bet) *n.* series of letters used to make wordsCan you write the alphabet?

ant

(ănt) *n.* small insectAn ant crawled across the table.

E

each

(ĕch) *adj.* referring to one or more persons or things individually

The teacher stopped to help each child.



early

(ĕr' lē) *adv.* near the start of something

We have to get up very early tomorrow.

earth

(ĕrth) *n.* the world, the planet on which we live

God made the heavens and the earth.

eighteen

(ā' tēn') *n.* the number between 17 and 19

Bob's brother, Jim, will be eighteen in June.



eighth

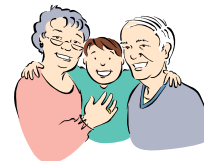
(ā'th) *adj.* thing coming after the 7th in a series

Sally will be in the eighth grade next year.

eighty

(ā' tē) *n.* number eight times ten

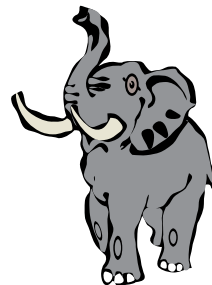
Jake's grandma just turned eighty.



elephant

(ĕl' ə fənt) *n.* a very large animal with thick, gray skin, tusks, and a long trunk

That elephant has very long tusks.



strong • *supper*

strong (strông) *adj.* powerful
The rope that held the boat in place was strong.

stronger (strông' gər) *adj.* comparative of *strong*
Rope is stronger than string.

strongest (strông' gəst) *adj.* superlative of *strong*
Greg is the strongest person I know.

such (sũch) *adj.* of a certain kind
That was such a nice picnic.



summer (sũm' ər) *n.* the warm season of the year
I can't wait for summer!

Sunday (sũn' də) *n.* the first day of the week
We went to church on Sunday.



sung (sũng) *v.* past participle of *sing*
I did not know the song that was sung last night.

supper (sũp' ər) *n.* the last meal of the day; the evening meal
We had roast chicken for supper last night.



winter (wɪnˈtər) *n.* the cold season of the year
We will go sledding this winter.



wish (wɪʃ) *n.* a desire or hope for something
Make a wish before you blow out the candles!
v. to want or desire something
I wish that I could go see Grandma this week.
wish, wishes, wishing, wished

wishes (wɪʃˈɛz) *n.* plural of *wish*
How many wishes did you make?



without (wɪθˈaʊt) *preposition.* not having something; free from
Jill left without her umbrella.

wonderful (wʌnˈdər fəl) *adj.* amazing
The party was a wonderful surprise.



won't (wɒnt) *contraction.* will not
Nate said that he won't be able to drive us to the game.

wood (wʊd) *n.* material from trees used for building and for fires
Tom gathered wood for the fire.

wool (wʊl) *n.* soft, curly hair of sheep and some other animals
The sheep had thick, soft wool.

