

Teacher Guidance

These passages are based solely on the list of Y3/Y4 statutory spelling words from the DfE English Appendix 1: Spelling. They give pupils the chance to recognise these spellings in context, especially when they are spelt incorrectly.

Pupils should read through each of Mr. Whoop's passages where he has accidentally spelled twelve of the Y3/Y4 statutory spelling words incorrectly. Pupils should highlight the words they believe to be errors and provide the correct spellings at the bottom of the activity sheet.

Year 3/4 Statutory Spelling List

This Spot the Mistake with Mr. Whoops pack will cover the words from this statutory spelling list:

accident(ally)	complete	February	length	possess(ion)	strength
actual(ly)	consider	forward(s)	library	possible	suppose
address	continue	fruit	material	potatoes	surprise
answer	decide	grammar	medicine	pressure	therefore
appear	describe	group	mention	probably	though / although
arrive	different	guard	minute	promise	thought
believe	difficult	guide	natural	purpose	through
bicycle	disappear	heard	naughty	quarter	various
breath	early	heart	notice	question	weight
breathe	earth	height	occasion(ally)	recent	woman / women
build	eight / eighth	history	often	regular	
busy / business	enough	imagine	opposite	reign	
calendar	exercise	increase	ordinary	remember	
caught	experience	important	particular	sentence	
centre	experiment	interest	peculiar	separate	
century	extreme	island	perhaps	special	
certain	famous	knowledge	popular	straight	
circle	favourite	learn	position	strange	

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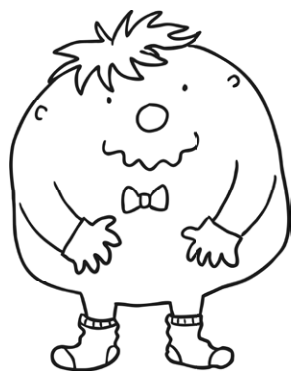


Activity 1

My favorite day of the week has always been a Sunday. Even as a young boy, I rimembur Sundays being diferent and speshial. Most weeks, I would visit Granny Whoops' house, where we would have roast beef, mashed potatos and Yorkshire puddings. Allthough she was famos for her huge portions, I would make every last mouthful disapere. One Sunday lunchtime, I accidentilly tripped while carrying my plate. Luckily, Granny corght it but got covered in gravy! From then on, Granny made me promize never to walk around with crockery ever again. She's such an over-cautious womin!

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



Thanks for your help! I'll get practising these words if only I could find where I'd left my pencil!

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Activity 2

Ocasionaly, I like to go for a walk in the countryside and look at the naturel beauty around me. I have a great intrest in wildlife. Theirfore, I often take my binoculars with me in case I nowtise any woodland birds or mammals. On a reacent trek, I herd a familiar call and I was lucky enuff to see ate woodpeckers all perched in one tree. What a wonderful suprise to acktually see such a rare species. Planet Eurth is really a delightful place!

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



Thanks for sorting these for me...I do get myself in an awful muddle sometimes!

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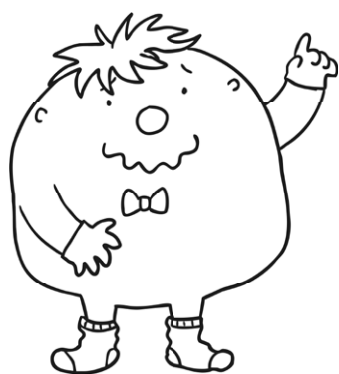


Activity 3

My most treasured posession is a dinosaur bone fossil, which I found while I was walking through caves in Wales. I don't supposs it's every day that you stumble upon something almost 65 million years old! It must have been there since the days of eurlly man. At first, I thought it was just some kind of stranje reflection from the water. I just couldn't beleave that such an inportant piece of hisstory was right there in front of my eyes! The dinosaur probobly died in the shallow water and then got buried in the mud. The wayght of the mud and the preasure of the water caused the fossil to be formed over thousands of years. I considur it to be a fantastic find!

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



Oooooo...didn't I spell these correctly? It's not like me to get myself mixed-up!

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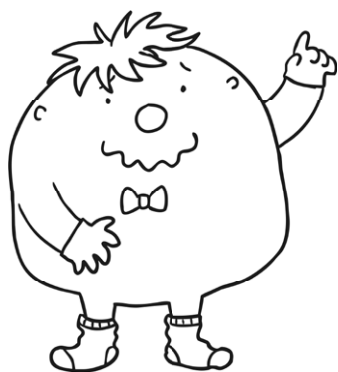


Activity 4

I have a very bizzy year this year. There are lots of dates with a big sircle drawn round them on my calinder. In Feburary, I am going on an exstream sports holiday to take part in lots of sports, including hand-gliding, abseiling and water-skiing. It should be a fun expearence! Hopefully in May, there will be a very special occatian when I finally move house. It has taken such a long time to buld. I am so looking forwerd to having a new addrres. In June, Grandad and Granny Whoops will arreave in England to stay for a few weeks. Hopefully, my new spare room will be complet by then so that they have somewhere to sleep!

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



Oops! I'll get straight on with practising these!

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Activity 5

Dear Diary,

What a day! It all started well...I was out happily riding my bicycle but I couldn't decide whether to go up Badger's Hill or take the opposite route into town. I thought that pedalling up the hill would give me more exercise so I turned left up the hill. A minute later and in a blink of an eye, a naughty squirrel scampered straight into my path. I swerved to avoid the silly animal, got my shoelaces caught in my spokes, and ended up splat in the center of a cow pat in a nearby field. Can you imagine how embarrassed I was? It's not like me to be so accident prone!

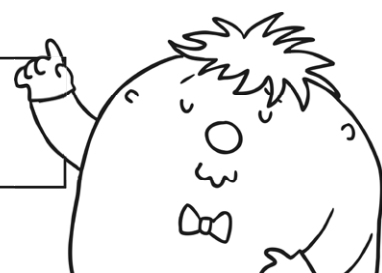
I am certain that I'll have better luck tomorrow,

Mr. Whoops x

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

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_____	_____	_____

It's not like me to make mistakes. Are you sure?



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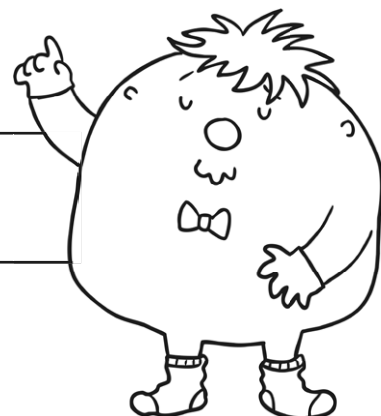
Activity 6

Last week, I took part in a grammer and spelling competition at my local libry. You needed to posess very special skills to be crowned 'English Expert of the Sentury'. Even thogh spelling is a big strenth of mine (as you already know!), going into the final round I was in eighth posision out of a groop of ten contestants. My hart was pounding and I was could barely breathe as I read out my final sentance. Unfortunately, I only won a bronze medal. Maybe I'll do better next year.

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Oooooo...have I got myself in a jumble?



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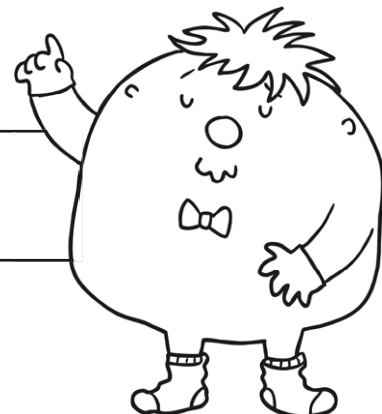
Activity 7

My most memorable day of school has to be the one particular day when I almost blew up the science block. It started off as just an ordinary chemistry lesson where our teacher wanted us to learn about how to separate solid material from liquids. During the experiment, a strange mist started to appear from my test tube. Not to mention, the very peculiar smell. The next thing I knew...BOOM! There was an actual explosion. I didn't know it was even possible for liquid to reach such a great height. It looked like a volcano exploding. Oops!

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

There were some tricky words in this one. I'll keep trying!



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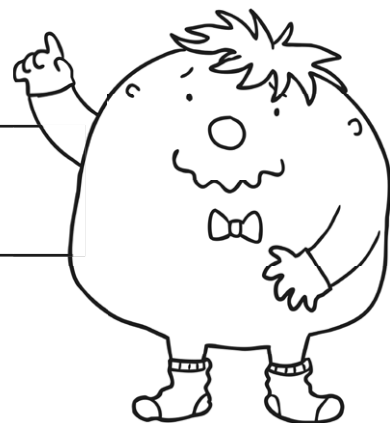
Activity 8

Last year, I was lucky enough to visit a popwler Caribbean iland. While I was there, I went on a tour of a local rainforest. All around me were trees filled with exotic frut and stunning wildlife. Our tour gyde was full of knowlege about the forest and there wasn't any qwestion that he couldn't anser. He talked at lenth about deforestation and how a qwurter of the trees had sadly already been cut down. This is a terrible shame as some plants found there are of great importance for making medcine which kept the island in buziness. If they continuw to destroy it, then I might not ever get to return to the fabulous place.

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Whoops-a-daisy! Did I make a little mistake?



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Activity 9

Dear Diary,

Well today was far from a regular day... I went to London with the sole purpose of seeing The Queen. Her Majesty is one of the most famous women in the world. Today was the great Trooping The Colour parade where the reign of Her Majesty is celebrated as well as her official birthday. Perhaps every person in London was there, or at least it felt like it with all the crowds and cheering. It was difficult to see and hear when the guards marched past and the noise began to increase even more when the crowd caught sight of The Queen herself. Various flowers were thrown onto her carriage and she often waved at the onlookers. When she smiled directly at me, I can't describe the feeling that came over me - it took my breath away.

What a memorable day!

Mr Whoops x

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Thanks for all your help...you're spelling geniuses!



Spot Mr Whoops' Mistakes Answer Sheet

Activity 1

favourite
special
although
accidentally

remember
potatoes
famous
caught

different
promise
disappear
woman

Activity 2

occasionally
interest
recent
actually

natural
therefore
enough
notice

eight
heard
surprise
Earth

Activity 3

possession
believe
probably
consider

through
important
weight
history

early
suppose
pressure
strange

Activity 4

busy
forward
calendar
address

February
arrive
build
complete

experience
extreme
occasion
circle

Activity 5

bicycle
naughty
decide
straight

opposite
centre
thought
accident

exercise
imagine
minute
certain

Activity 6

grammar
eighth
library
position

possess
heart
century
sentence

though
group
strength
breathe

Spot Mr Whoops' Mistakes Answer Sheet

Activity 7

particular
material
ordinary
mention

learn
peculiar
separate
actual

experiment
possible
appear
height

Activity 8

popular
length
island
answer

business
question
fruit
quarter

guide
medicine
knowledge
continue

Activity 9

perhaps
increase
breath
often

various
purpose
describe
regular

difficult
reign
guards
women