



## **Spelling and Grammar Tips**

Lots of students find spelling and grammar hard, so you are not alone. Here are a few useful tips and tricks to help you!

### **1. Keep a “Mistake Log”**

Every time you make a spelling or grammar mistake (in classwork, homework, or mock exams), write it down, correct it, and explain why it's wrong. Review this regularly to avoid repeating the same errors.

### **2. Read a Little Every Day**

Choose books, news articles, or short stories written in clear, correct English. This helps you see **grammar and spelling in context**, and exposes you to **natural sentence structures**.

### **3. Use Grammarly or a Grammar Checker When Practicing**

When writing practice essays or answers at home, use tools like **Grammarly** to check for grammar and spelling issues. Learn from the corrections so you can apply them without help in the exam.

### **4. Focus on Commonly Confused Words**

Spend time learning **easily confused words** such as:

- *there / their / they're*
- *your / you're*
- *its / it's*

Make flashcards or quiz yourself regularly.

### **5. Practise Writing Under Timed Conditions**

Do short writing tasks (like describing a picture or writing a short story) under exam conditions. Focus on **accuracy** more than length. Aim to reduce mistakes each time.

### **6. Get Feedback and Rewrite**

Ask your teacher or tutor to mark your written work carefully and give **specific feedback**. Rewrite corrected paragraphs to practise using correct grammar and spelling.

## **7. Learn Basic Grammar Rules**

Make sure you understand key grammar points, like:

- Subject–verb agreement (e.g. “She **runs**,” not “She **run**”)
- Tense consistency
- Proper punctuation (capital letters, full stops, commas)
- Sentence structure (simple vs. compound vs. complex)

Use a revision book or short YouTube grammar videos.

## **8. Improve Spelling Through Patterns and Practice**

Many English spellings follow patterns. Use strategies like:

- Breaking words into syllables (e.g. *re-mem-ber*)
- Grouping words with similar endings (e.g. *-tion*, *-sion*, *-cian*)
- Learning rules like “i before e except after c” (with exceptions)

Apps like **Quizlet**, **Spelling Training**, or **Look-Cover-Write-Check** can help.

## **9. Use Dual-Language Vocabulary Lists**

For difficult or unfamiliar vocabulary, keep a personal glossary with:

- English word
- Definition in English
- Meaning in your first language
- Example sentence

This helps you link new vocabulary to what you already know.

## **10. Practise Listening to English**

Good grammar often comes from **hearing correct English**.

Listen to podcasts, audiobooks, or GCSE English videos (with subtitles on).

This helps you learn word order, sentence flow, and pronunciation, which supports spelling too.