



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.