

Spell Check Detectives

Spot spelling patterns in common words.

4.FFW.2.B "Use phoneme/grapheme (sound/symbol) correspondences to decode (read) and encode (spell) grade-level high-frequency words with automaticity and accuracy."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SPELLED CORRECTLY

A correctly spelled word has all the letters in the usual order. Read the word slowly and check its letter pattern.

through

NEEDS FIXING

A word that needs fixing has a letter missing, extra, or out of order. Compare the sounds you hear with the letters you see.

through

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CORRECT or FIXING for each word, then choose two words and explain how their letter patterns helped you decide.

1. different

CORRECT

FIXING

2. important

CORRECT

FIXING

3. goverment

CORRECT

FIXING

4. sentence

CORRECT

FIXING

5. seperate

CORRECT

FIXING

6. begining

CORRECT

FIXING

7. probably

CORRECT

FIXING

8. untill

CORRECT

FIXING

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new correctly spelled high-frequency word and one high-frequency word that needs fixing.

CORRECT _____

FIXING _____

CHALLENGE

Write a correctly spelled sentence using your correct word, then rewrite it with one word misspelled and circle the misspelled word.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	different	CORRECT	different is spelled correctly.
2	important	CORRECT	important is spelled correctly.
3	goverment	FIXING	government needs an n after the r.
4	sentence	CORRECT	sentence is spelled correctly.
5	seperate	FIXING	separate has an a after the p, not an e.
6	begining	FIXING	beginning needs two n letters before -ing.
7	probably	CORRECT	probably is spelled correctly.
8	untill	FIXING	until has one l at the end.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CORRECT:** beautiful
- **FIXING:** becuase

Challenge: The beautiful garden smelled sweet. The beautiful (gardin) smelled sweet.

Part 2 responses will vary. Look for an explanation that names a correct letter pattern or identifies a specific missing, extra, or misplaced letter.