

Spell Check Detectives

Look closely at every word part.

5.FFW "The student will print legibly in manuscript and cursive while applying grade level word knowledge to spell words correctly. Handwriting Maintain legible printing. Maintain legible cursive. Sign first and last name..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SPELLED CORRECTLY

A correctly spelled word has the right letters in the right order. Check its sounds, syllables, and word parts.

careful

NEEDS A FIX

A word that needs a fix has a missing, extra, or mixed-up letter. Use what you know about sounds and word parts to correct it.

tommorow

1 SORT

8 items

Read each word, then circle CORRECT or FIX.

1. joyful

CORRECT

FIX

2. musician

CORRECT

FIX

3. releif

CORRECT

FIX

4. argument

CORRECT

FIX

5. dissappear

CORRECT

FIX

6. goverment

CORRECT

FIX

7. beautiful

CORRECT

FIX

8. knowledge

CORRECT

FIX

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 word and one new word that needs a spelling fix. Do not use a word from the sort.

CORRECT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

PROVE IT: Choose one word labeled CORRECT and one word labeled FIX. For each word, explain a sound, syllable, or word part that helped you decide.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	joyful	CORRECT	Joy + -ful is spelled correctly.
2	musician	CORRECT	The word is spelled correctly.
3	releif	FIX	Relief is spelled r-e-l-i-e-f.
4	argument	CORRECT	The word is spelled correctly.
5	dissappear	FIX	Disappear has one s, not two.
6	goverment	FIX	Government keeps the n in govern.
7	beautiful	CORRECT	The word is spelled correctly.
8	knowledge	CORRECT	The word is spelled correctly.

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:** separate
- **FIX:** definately

Challenge: I chose joyful, CORRECT, because it combines joy and -ful. I chose goverment, FIX, because govern + -ment keeps the n in govern, so it should be government.

Accept different correctly spelled words and plausible misspellings in Part 3. For the proof, look for accurate use of a sound, syllable, or word-part clue.