

# *Spelfabet workbook*



## **Level 6 version 2**

### **Other consonant spellings**

### **Teacher/clinician edition**

Up to 50 copies can be made, for use with your own students/clients.

These pages are in sets of two, to allow learners to:

1. Copy the words, then
2. Write the words independently.

Spellings include ce as in dance, se as in goose, se as in cheese, ze as in sneeze, ge as in large, wr as in wrap, the as in soothe, kn as in knit, cc as in soccer, ph as in phone, ch as in anchor, que as in boutique, gue as in league, gu as in guess, dg as in budget, st as in castle, tte as in laundrette, ch as in chef, mb as in climb, sc as in science, gn as in sign, gh as in ghost and cough, ou as in country, gi as in region, i as in onion, t as in ballet and h as in hour.

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## Introduction

This workbook is designed for parents, integration aides and other non-teachers/non-specialists to use with struggling readers/spellers who can write and read one-syllable words containing a range of vowel spellings and basic consonant spellings. It can also be used by mainstream learners not getting much systematic, explicit, sequential instruction in the relationship between sounds and their spellings at school.

It's intended to be an inexpensive, fine-grained, linguistically accurate, synthetic phonics teaching tool, most suitable for struggling learners who have attended at least a couple of years of school, including teenagers, adults, and learners with Specific Language Impairment and mild-moderate Intellectual Disabilities.

Such learners are typically discouraged and lacking in confidence, so this workbook is designed to progress in tiny, errorless steps, and provide plenty of success and practice for each spelling pattern.

It has been reworked a number of times based on experience and feedback from students, parents, teachers and aides. Thanks to everyone who helped, and I hope you find this version useful.

This workbook assumes learners can read and write the words in the Level 1-5 workbooks, and contains:

- **Big print**, which spaces letters out more, making it harder to mix up their order. Extra space also allows for many beginners' large writing. Save trees by printing on scrap paper if you can.
- **A simple, handwriting-like font** with clearly separated letters.
- **Multiple consonant spelling patterns beyond the basics:** ce as in dance, se as in goose, se as in cheese, ze as in sneeze, ge as in large, wr as in wrap, the as in soothe, kn as in knit, cc as in soccer, ph as in phone, ch as in anchor, que as in boutique, gue as in league, gu as in guess, dg as in budget, st as in castle, tte as in laundrette, ch as in chef, mb as in climb, sc as in science, gn as in sign, gh as in ghost and cough, ou as in country, gi as in region, i as in onion, t as in ballet and h as in hour. It also provides practice in spellings which depend on where they are in a word or what's around them: c as in panic, ck and k as in backstroke, cc as in access, and verbs with two spellings like spilt/spilled, and when to use indefinite articles a and an, as in a horse, an umbrella, an hour, a unicorn.
- **Pictures and sentences**, to make word meanings clear and build vocabulary. The picture set used is mostly the Picture Communication Symbols by Mayer-Johnson LLC, and is used with permission.
- **Tiny steps**, just one sound and a small number of its spelling patterns at a time.
- **General Australian English pronunciation** ("daughter" does *not* rhyme with "hotter", and "us" *does* rhyme with "bus"), **and vocabulary**.

To use this workbook, get the parent/tutor cheat-sheet which downloads with this workbook, sit with your learner (do not leave him/her to work independently) and:

- Starting at item 1, tell (but don't show) the learner what to write in each box, put it in a sentence (if there isn't one on the workbook page, use the one on the parent/tutor cheat sheet, or make up one more relevant or interesting to your learner) and encourage them to find the correct spelling pattern or written word at the top of the page, write it, and cross out words at the top of the page as relevant.

- **Help the learner to sound two-syllable words one syllable at a time** as needed. If necessary, draw a circle around each syllable, or put your finger over the second syllable while they sound out the first.
- **Ensure your learner says each sound while writing the letter/spelling.** Work with a pencil not a pen, and if you can't hear the sounds, say "Sorry, I can't hear you" and rub letters out until you can hear as well as see what your learner is doing. Learners need to knit related letters and sounds together in their heads, using as many of their senses as possible:
  - **seeing** the letter/spelling with their **eyes**,
  - **feeling** its shape in their **hand**,
  - **hearing** it in their **ears**, and
  - **feeling** its shape and movement in their **mouths**.

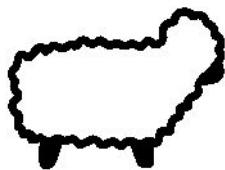
Many learners by now will be writing quite fast, and saying stretched-out syllables instead of single sounds as they write. Great.

- **Make your consonant sounds crisp**, especially the voiceless sounds "p", "t", "k", "h" and "ch". Don't use your voice on these sounds, or add a vowel to make them louder (e.g. say "p" not "puh"). Sloppy sounds set learners up for blending problems ("m" + "a" + "puh" = "mapper").
- **Always insist on correct letter formation.**
- **Demonstrate rather than explaining:** There is a vast, mostly unhelpful meta-language about spelling: "spelling rules", "silent letters", "long/short vowels", letters "making sounds", "sight words" etc. These focus on developing declarative knowledge about spelling, but often inaccurate knowledge, since there are no spelling rules that work consistently, all letters exist for a reason, etc. The Spelfabet workbooks instead focus on developing procedural knowledge about spelling, through careful, linguistically-accurate analysis and sequencing of tasks. Learners are set up to build their awareness of sounds in words and knowledge of spelling patterns and word structure through reading and spelling practice.
- **Ask learners to read what they have written.** Cover the last page in each set of words with a sheet of paper then slide it up, uncovering three words/sentences at a time from the bottom of the page. Ask your learner to read them. Then uncover the three associated pictures to check if they were right. Getting learners to read their own writing helps motivate them to write legibly, reinforces the concept that our spelling/reading system is reversible, and checks they've learnt each pattern.
- **Use the Spelfabet Movable Alphabet to show learners what the graphemes are in words**, if they seem to be having difficulty working this out e.g. the word "piece" is spelt with p + ie + ce, while "peace" is spelt p + ea + ce.
- **Provide learners with plenty of opportunities to read books containing words** of the type practised in this workbook. See <http://www.spelfabet.com.au/phonics-resources/07-decodable-books/> for many of the decodable books available, including free ones.
- Everyone learns at a different pace, so you might need more materials to practise each pattern. A list of lots of other synthetic phonics resources is at [www.spelfabet.com.au](http://www.spelfabet.com.au). However, there will be a lot more practice of the patterns in this workbook in the Spelfabet workbooks 7-9.

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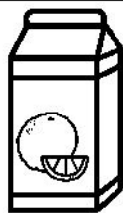
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One sheep's wool  
is a .....

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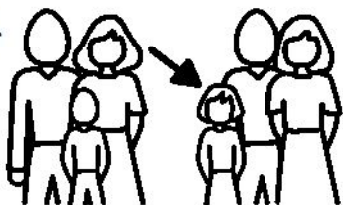
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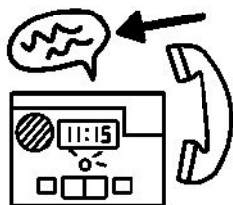
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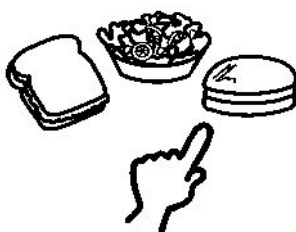
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Leave a  
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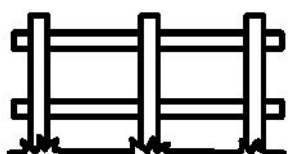
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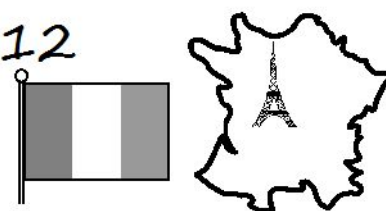
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A kilo of  
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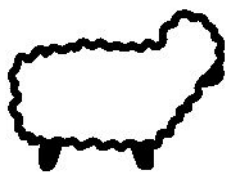


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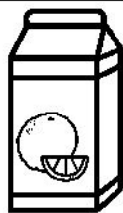
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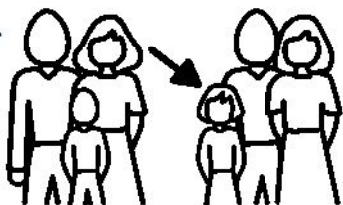
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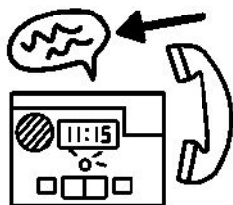
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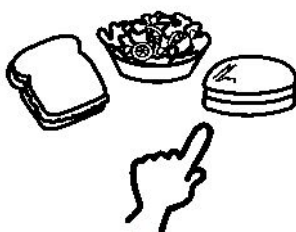
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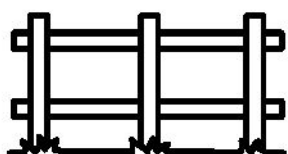
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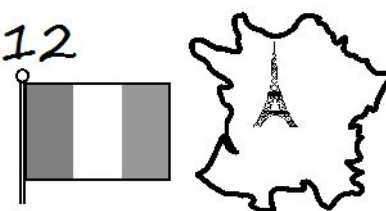
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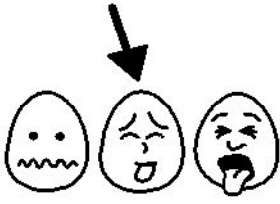
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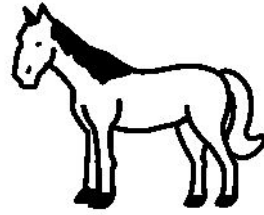
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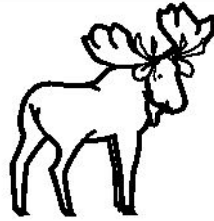
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A little .....

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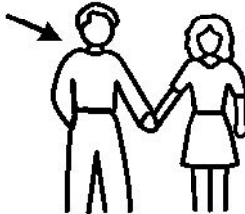
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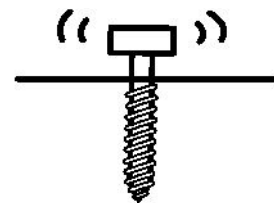
He is feeling

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He is her

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That screw is

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Welcome to our

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It's not a duck,  
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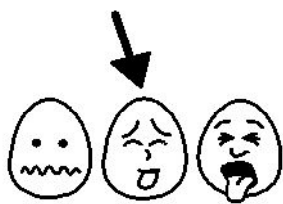


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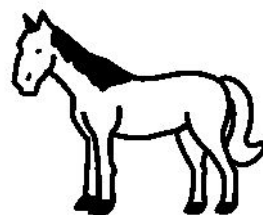
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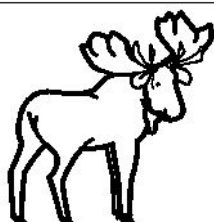
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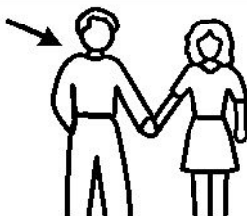
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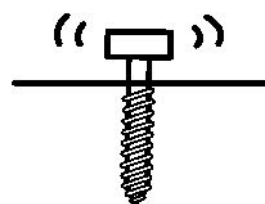
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geese

grease

reverse

else

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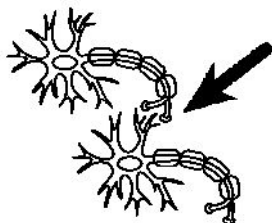
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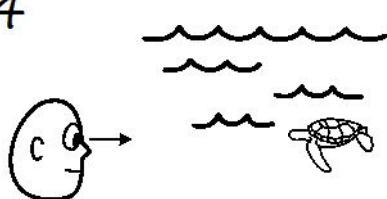
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Pull back and

..... it.

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Catch a .....  
of sea turtles.

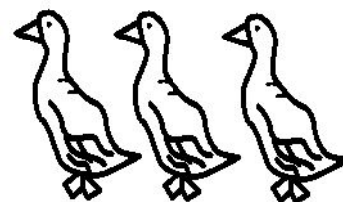
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These are

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Three .....

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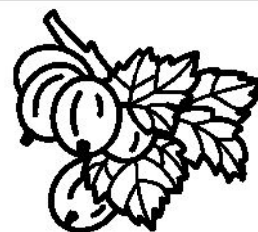
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I want to say  
something .....

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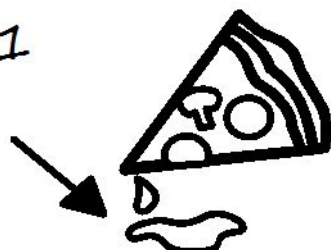
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They got a  
wage .....

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Pizza .....

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She put it into

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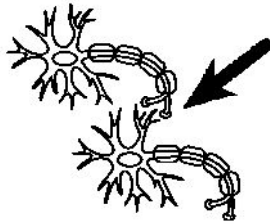
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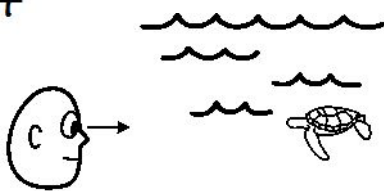
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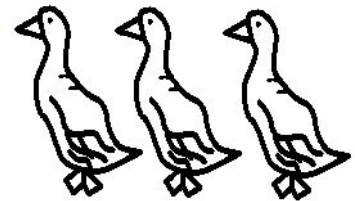
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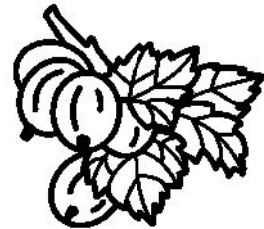
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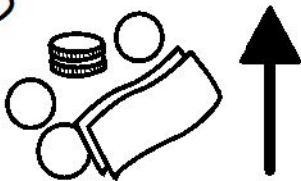
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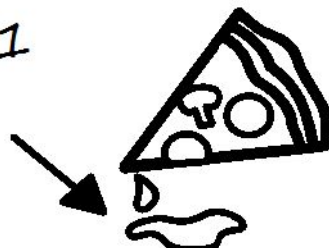
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