Annotated Bibliography Table

Spelling and correct grammar are no longer important in modern society

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| Accessed Date | Source, date and URL | Brief summary (what is it about) | Evaluation (Positive and negative features of the work | Relevance to topic (Area of Study) |
| 19/7/2023 | The Guardian, May 2022  <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2022/may/18/my-spelling-isnt-that-great-michael-morpurgo-on-why-teaching-kids-to-love-writing-is-more-important-than-grammar> | The text is about how teaching children to love writing is more important than all the rules we place upon it, and how the main purpose of language is communication.  Many people can be put off by grammar and all these rules, rather than just talking and telling stories.  “I grew up with people telling me: never, never start any sentence with “and”; I start huge numbers of sentences with “and”. I’m not just trying to get back at some English teacher I had when I was 10. While I can see how you could overdo it, sometimes there’s a really good reason for doing it. And sometimes there’s a very good reason for having a comma rather than a full stop. It’s a matter of judgment, and not just rules. I think today’s rules are a misunderstanding of language. Grammar, punctuation and spelling are guidelines about how we frame our language, and very important in terms of communication, for accurately reflecting what it is we wish to say and how to be understood. But they’re not supposed to tie us up in knots.” | Relatively opinion based on personal anecdotes and the author’s experience with the world, but it brings up some good points. | How language is actually used, what is the purpose of language? |
| 19/7/2023 | Lennox Morrison,  9th August 2017  <https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20170807-the-true-importance-of-good-spelling> | Discusses the social implications of bad spelling and grammar and how people can perceive you. Talks about how spelling mistakes can significantly impact personal and professional perceptions by others. | Quite good because it uses other sources and statistics to back up its claims.  It is also definitely quite opinionated but provides a good take that is backed up. | Social implications of language use, is one viewed as more prestigious? |
| 19/7/2023 | Steven C. Pan, Timothy C. Rickard & Robert A. Bjork, 30 March 2021  <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10648-021-09611-y> | Spelling is definitely still important, and it still needs to be taught in education because of the perspective of employment and respectability. Explicit teaching does need to occur, but it should not be on memorisation but rather on pattern recognition.  “First, in the 21st century, spelling does still matter. In fact, in many respects—from the employment sector to perceptions of writers and their writing, and even in online settings—spelling matters at least as much as it has in prior centuries. Second, there is substantial evidence favoring the explicit teaching of spelling. Although the accrual of spelling ability follows a developmental trajectory, and human beings have some capacity for developing spelling proficiency on their own, it is unrealistic to assume that spelling abilities will develop fully in the absence of explicit instruction. Third, some aspects of traditional spelling curricula, such as the use of spelling tests popularized by the Horn-Ashbaugh Speller and other textbooks of the same era, remain valid today, whereas others, such as an exclusive focus on learning individual words rather than patterns common to multiple words, are not.  Importantly, although there are many irregularities in English spelling, the study of the regularities that do exist, which was once derided as ineffective and unimportant, is now recommended by many spelling researchers. Such study might occur via phonemic, morphemic, and other instructional approaches, of which some instantiations enjoy at least some empirical support. Moreover, although the ability to spell is now considered to involve multiple skills ranging from knowledge of spelling patterns to spelling unfamiliar words, the potential exists, based on our examination of the spelling literature, to design curricula that help develop students’ proficiency in all of those constituent skills.” | Very credible source, backed up by lots and lots of research | How spelling should be taught in schools. |
| 19/7/2023 | Amelia Zimmerman, May 14 2020  <https://medium.com/writetoedit/does-grammar-even-matter-anymore-1a6f88bb5cd5> | The primary purpose of grammar is to convey meaning and comprehension. They also mentioned how it should be up to individual judgement and that grammar should not come in the way of personal expression, the language is ours and nobody should tell us how to communicate.  “Most grammar guidelines have been constructed and are adhered to in such a way that they *do* help transmit your meaning clearly, but sometimes adhering too strictly to old notions of grammar can get in the way of comprehension, make your writing too long-winded or ridiculous, or restrict creative expression and poetic effect.” | Relatively opinion based, not too many sources cited but seems to use evidence well | Purpose of language? |
| 19/7/2023 | No Author: Dave - 2016  <https://debatewise.org/2151-too-much-importance-is-placed-upon-correct-spelling-and-grammar/> | Goes through each sides of the debate, talks about how it doesn’t matter because mistakes can be changes in the language, helps creativity, supports dialects and helps people with dyslexia, and the other side argues about how people can’t learn if there are no rules set in place. | Not very reliable, purely opinion based. | Both sides of debate |
| 19/7/2023 | <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0004944116685319> |  |  |  |
| 19/7/2023 | <https://writingcooperative.com/is-grammar-still-important-cdba031f8182> |  |  |  |
| 19/7/2023 | <https://education.penelopetrunk.com/2016/04/27/5-reasons-you-shouldnt-teach-your-kids-spelling/> | Children learn to write better without worrying about spelling  Proper spelling no longer signifies education  Focus on spelling encourages perfectionism  English spelling is irrelevant in an Internet world  It’s not the spelling, it’s the content |  |  |
| 19/7/2023 | <https://educationblog.oup.com/primary/how-important-is-good-spelling-really> |  |  |  |
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