

Max's Magnificent Spelling Toolkit

Become a Spelling Superstar with Max the Monkey!

- Always look for the 'root word' first. If you want to add a suffix like -ing or -ed, check if you need to double the last consonant or drop the 'e' first.
- Use your 'segmenting' skills. Clap out the syllables in a tricky word to help you hear every single sound before you write it down.
- Watch out for homophones! These are words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings, like 'there', 'their', and 'they're'.
- Remember the 'i before e' rule, but keep an eye out for those cheeky exceptions that don't follow the pattern!
- If a word looks strange on the page, try writing it out in a different color. Sometimes your eyes can spot a spelling mistake better than your brain!

Did you know? Did you know? The longest word in the ELA language that you can type using only your left hand is 'stewardesses'! Spelling is like a puzzle—once you learn the patterns, you can unlock any word you want to write.

Key vocabulary: Vowel · Consonant · Suffix · Prefix · Homophone · Syllable · Root word