

The Lexicon Explorer's Spelling Log

Learning objective: To apply knowledge of Grade 4 spelling patterns, including prefixes, suffixes, and homophones, within creative writing.

Welcome, explorer! Join Pip the bookworm on a mission to master tricky spellings. Use this log to document words you find challenging. Select words from the word bank (or your own reading) and use them in sentences that demonstrate their meaning. For the 'Greater Depth' section, justify your spelling choices by explaining the etymology or the specific spelling rule applied.

Word bank: accommodate · appreciate · determined · frequently · marvellous · necessary · persuade · recognize · stomach · thorough

1. Choose two words from the bank and write a complex sentence for each that demonstrates their meaning clearly. Explain why you chose these words. (4 marks)

2. Identify a word that contains a prefix or suffix. Break the word down into its root and affix. Explain how the affix changes the meaning of the root. (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast two words from the list that share a similar spelling pattern or phonetic sound. What is the rule that helps you remember how to spell them? (3 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Why is it important to use 'thorough' instead of 'through' in a formal report? What might happen if a scientist confused these words in a lab manual? (4 marks)

5. Create a mnemonic device for one of the trickiest words in the bank to help a peer remember how to spell it correctly. (2 marks)

6. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) using at least three words from the bank to describe a mysterious discovery made by Nova the owl. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Challenge: Research the etymology (origin) of two words in the bank. Write a brief explanation of how the word has evolved over time. Do you think its spelling reflects its history? Justify your opinion.