

Using Spellzone

- a quick guide to get you started

You can go to the spelling course and work through the complete course or just 'dip-in' to any part you need to study. When working through a course unit you could follow this path:

- If there is a 'Hear the sound' example, click on it and read the teaching text.
- Read the word lists for all the different ways of spelling that sound. Use the dictionary box on the sidebar to check meanings and hear words read aloud.
- Click on the word list links on the sidebar to find the activities and games for that page:



- **Look, Cover, Write Check** practice – help in learning words

- **Listen and Spell** - testing knowledge

- **Games:** 1) Listen and Spell 'Against the Clock'

- 2) Word Search (different levels of difficulty)

- 3) Bouncing Balls Anagram – click the balls in the correct order

- 4) Which Witch – beat the witch by guessing the correct letters



- Return to the course unit - you will find a link to this on your sidebar. Click the link at the bottom of the page to go to the course test. Complete this test and check your score.

- You can repeat any games and tests as often as you wish; when you have your own login all your scores will be recorded so you can check your progress.

Some tips:

- When you start Spellzone, it's a good idea to read Unit 1: 'The Basic Building Bricks'. This will make sure you know about topics such as long and short vowels, prefixes and suffixes, etc.
- Many people like to have a quick look at each page of the course, to see if there are any words they need to study. You can skip any pages that are too easy but you may spot something you would like to work at. For example, Unit 5 'Spelling the Consonant Digraphs' contains some quite difficult work such as: **ph** as in **photograph**, and **ch** saying /k/ as in **technical**.
- To find a particular spelling rule, click on 'spelling course' on the top menu. You can also type a word into the dictionary box on the side bar. For example, type '**station**' and the dictionary page will tell you where in the course you can find '**station**' and other words with the spelling pattern '**-tion**'.

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