**Spelling: Tasks**

***1. Correct your own errors***

Go through your own text and find all the errors that were marked ‘Sp’. Find out which of the above rules apply, or use the dictionary to correct your text.

***2. Correct someone else’s errors***

When you are finished, come to the front and wait at *bus stop 1.*

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**Bus Stop 1**

When another student comes to join you there, you will be getting the next task, a text which contains a number of spelling errors which you are asked to correct.

***3. Compare your results with another pair of students***

When you are finished with this task, go up front and wait at *bus stop 2.*

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**Bus Stop 2**

When another pair joins you, compare your results.

***4. Spelling bee***

If other students in the class are not yet finished with tasks 1 and 2, ask your teacher for a set of spelling bee cards and the instructions worksheet.

When you have finished all the cards, take your dictionary and find more words that are difficult to spell to add to the game.

**Talking about myself: Percy**

Percy is a little dog, and he does not know English spelling very well. Can you help him?

With your partner, go through the text and correct the spelling errors. There are 40 errors in the text.

When you are finished, come up front to the second bus stop. Wait for another pair of students there and compare your results.

Hi, my name is percy. I am a scottish Terrier and i live in the small Town of Waldkirch in germany. Im black, but I have an few white hairs in my fur (*Fell*). My hobbys are going for lots of walks, eating and running after birds. My favourite hobbie is playing with other Dogs. When I meat a other dog, i just have to run there and play, and than my owner pulls on my leash (*Leine*). I dont like that. i like to chase after a ball, to.

Im a Scottie, but i was born in germany. I have never been to scottland. My owner is american, but my owner’s father was born in ireland. The Mother of my familie is german, but many hundreds of years ago her familie came from france.

I was born in february, so its my birthday soon. im Nine months old, and ill soon be a year old. I hope thet ill be geting a absolutely greet birthday partie.

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Hi, my name is **P**ercy. I am a **S**cottish Terrier and **I** live in the small **t**own of Waldkirch in **G**ermany. **I’m** black, but I have **a** few white hairs in my fur (*Fell*). My hobb**ie**s are going for lots of walks, eating and running after birds. My favourite hobb**y** is playing with other **d**ogs. When I m**ee**t a**n**other dog, **I** just have to run there and play, and th**e**n my owner pulls on my leash (*Leine*). I do**n’t** like that. **I** like to chase after a ball, to**o**.

**I’m** a Scottie, but **I** was born in **G**ermany. I have never been to **S**co**t**land. My owner is **A**merican, but my owner’s father was born in **I**reland. The **m**other of my famil**y** is **G**erman, but many hundreds of years ago her famil**y** came from **F**rance.

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***Spelling Bee*1**

**How to play:**

* Play in groups of four.
* The youngest student begins and draws a word card. (Make sure your neighbour to your left cannot read the word.)
* Read the word out clearly. If you are not sure about the pronunciation, or about the meaning of the word, the student who has drawn the card may look it up in the dictionary, or ask your teacher. – You may discuss the meaning of the word before you start spelling.
* Your neighbor now spells the word. (Make sure you use the English pronunciation of the letters.)
* If you have spelled the word correctly, you may keep the card. If not, the card is put at the bottom of the stack, to be used again later in the game.
* The student who has spelled the word now draws a card for the neighbour to her/his left etc..
* The student who has won the most cards is the winner.

1Spelling Bee – a common competitive event in American schools in which school children are given difficult words which they have to spell orally (i.e., by saying the letters)

**Word cards:**

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| **conscience** | **height** | **strength** |
| **marvellous** | **business** | **efficiency** |
| **government** | **happiness** | **temperature** |
| **receive** | **believe** | **achieve** |
| **deceive** | **weather** | **whether** |
| **pronunciation** | **announce** | **message** |
| **immediately** | **fortunately** | **pollution** |
| **interesting** | **particularly** | **dangerous** |
| **neighbour** | **although** | **ceiling** |
| **daughter** | **parallel** | **necessary** |

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