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Acrostic sentences are a fun way of remembering how to spell words, especially those tricky English words. Below are fun acrostic sentences for you to use. See information on how to use acrostic sentences at the end of the list of words.

<b>about</b>	apples before oranges unless Tasmanian
<b>above</b>	a big old volcano erupted
<b>ache</b>	a cat has ears aches can hurt everyone
<b>aerial</b>	Australian emus ran into animal laundries
<b>aeroplane</b>	an elephant ran over pink lollipops and nearly exploded
<b>after</b>	after foxes turn, echidnas run
<b>again</b>	a giant animal is noisy
<b>all</b>	Australians love lollipops
<b>also</b>	African lions seldom obey
<b>always</b>	<b>a long way still</b> (this is a phrase not a sentence)
<b>answer</b>	a naughty student will eventually repent
<b>any</b>	ants never yell
<b>April</b>	April's pink rabbit is lovely
<b>are</b>	are rattlesnakes extinct?
<b>around</b>	Australian rabbits often use new didgeridoos
<b>ask</b>	acrobats scare koalas ask sleepy koalas
<b>August</b>	Australian unicorns grow under school toadstools
<b>aunt</b>	aunts use new towels
<b>autumn</b>	apples under trees usually make noises
<b>away</b>	adult whales act young
<b>awful</b>	a wonderful father uses love
<b>awkward</b>	Australians wish koalas were attractive real dodos
<b>baby</b>	baby ate Bob's yoyo
<b>bawl</b>	babies always wail loudly
<b>beautiful</b>	big elves and unicorns tear itchy fairies' underpants loudly
<b>because</b>	big elephants cannot always use small exits
<b>been</b>	babies even empty nappies
<b>before</b>	before entering funny ostriches ran everywhere
<b>best</b>	blue eggs seldom talk best eat some tomatoes
<b>better</b>	bald emus try to enter races
<b>bicycle</b>	bicycles in city yards can look enormous
<b>bishop</b>	<b>bishop in shop</b>
<b>black</b>	black lizards always carry kangaroos
<b>blood</b>	bloodthirsty lions often occupy dens
<b>blue</b>	bury lollies under emus
<b>both</b>	buy only two hats

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<b>bring</b>	bring rabbits into nanny's garden
<b>brown</b>	brown rats only want nutmeg
<b>build</b>	build under India's long driveways
<b>bury</b>	buried unicorns rarely yawn
<b>bush</b>	bees use sticky hives
<b>busy</b>	bees usually see yellow
<b>buy</b>	buy uncle's yacht
<b>bye</b>	believe your elders
<b>cactus</b>	<b>cactus animals came to us</b>
<b>call</b>	call a little lady
<b>care</b>	carry a rug everywhere
<b>carrot</b>	carrots and radishes rave over tomatoes
<b>caught</b>	caught apples under great high trees
<b>celery</b>	crazy elderly ladies even remember you
<b>cent</b>	coins echo near tills
<b>certain</b>	can elephants really take apples into Nigeria?
<b>child</b>	can hairy Indian ladies dance?
<b>children</b>	can hairy Indian ladies dance ridiculously every night?
<b>colour</b>	crafty old lions often use red
<b>come</b>	cats only marry echidnas
<b>coolibah</b>	coolibahs on ostriches look interesting but are hopeless
<b>cough</b>	cockatoos often use green hats
<b>could</b>	could orange unicorns love donkeys?
<b>crocodile</b>	<b>croc often dives into lakes everywhere</b>
<b>December</b>	dancing elephants can even make baby emus run
<b>decimal</b>	does very cat in Melbourne attract lice?
<b>does</b>	do elephants stink?
<b>done</b>	dads often need extra
<b>down</b>	dingoes often want nuts
<b>due</b>	dig under elevators
<b>earn</b>	every Australian reads Noddy
<b>earth</b>	every animal returns to home
<b>eat</b>	every ant talks
<b>eel</b>	even eels laugh.
<b>eight</b>	every Indian goes home tonight
<b>emu</b>	emus model underpants
<b>escape</b>	even silly cockatoos and parrots escape
<b>every</b>	eleven volcanoes erupted rudely yesterday
<b>eye</b>	empty your egg
<b>facial</b>	fairies ate cakes in a laundry
<b>fare</b>	fares are really expensive
<b>fast</b>	fat apes sometimes tickle
<b>fawn</b>	fawns and wombats nibble
<b>February</b>	Feb ran under a rocket yesterday

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<b>finally</b>	five insects nearly ate Lulu's lamingtons yesterday
<b>find</b>	fat insects never dig find iguanas near Darwin
<b>fire</b>	fire is really eerie
<b>first</b>	fish ice-cream really sounds terrible
<b>five</b>	famous Italians vanish easily
<b>flood</b>	five laughing old octopuses danced
<b>for</b>	fat ostriches ran (for their lives)
<b>forty</b>	forty orange rhinos turned yellow
<b>found</b>	found orange umbrellas near daffodils
<b>four</b>	four octopuses undid ribbons
<b>friend</b>	<b>friends return in (the) end</b>
<b>from</b>	frogs rarely owe money
<b>fruit</b>	fruit rots under itchy toes
<b>full</b>	fairies use long ladders
<b>fly</b>	flies love you
<b>gave</b>	giraffes and volcanoes erupt
<b>give</b>	green insects vomit everywhere
<b>gnaw</b>	garlic needs a wash
<b>gnome</b>	good neighbours often meet elsewhere
<b>gnu</b>	great nannies understand
<b>goes</b>	<b>go eat sausages</b>
<b>green</b>	green rosellas eat every nut
<b>guitar</b>	guitarists use instruments to add romance
<b>have</b>	have a vanilla espresso
<b>hall</b>	Happy Australians love lollipops.
<b>heard</b>	his ears are really droopy
<b>hearse</b>	Hungarian elephants are really silly elephants
<b>heart</b>	he even ate red tulips
<b>heat</b>	heat easily affects turkeys
<b>heir</b>	his emblem is royal
<b>her</b>	her egg rotted
<b>here</b>	here, everyone runs everywhere
<b>hold</b>	hold oranges low down
<b>hour</b>	hairdressers often use rollers
<b>house</b>	Hobart's old underground station echoes
<b>how</b>	how oceans wail!
<b>ice</b>	ice cannot evaporate
<b>into</b>	I nearly tripped over
<b>island</b>	in some lands animals never die
<b>January</b>	Jan understands angry red yabbies
<b>juice</b>	juice under igloos can evaporate
<b>July</b>	July umbrellas look yucky
<b>June</b>	June usually notices everything

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<b>knead</b>	kangaroos never ever assist dragons
<b>knife</b>	keep new inventions for everyone
<b>kind</b>	kangaroos ignore naughty dingoes kind iguanas never die
<b>knit</b>	Kay never introduced Tom
<b>knot</b>	kites need orange ties
<b>know</b>	koalas never open windows
<b>koala</b>	koalas often attack little ants
<b>laugh</b>	lizards abseil up great heights
<b>law</b>	laws are warnings
<b>lie</b>	lying is evil
<b>like</b>	let itchy kangaroos escape
<b>listen</b>	look into some trees every night
<b>little</b>	little inkpots tried to look expensive
<b>live</b>	live inside vulture eggs
<b>long</b>	long octopuses never grin
<b>look</b>	look over orange kittens
<b>love</b>	love oranges very easily
<b>made</b>	mum and dad escaped
<b>make</b>	make a kookaburra exercise
<b>many</b>	many alligators nibbled yoyos
<b>March</b>	mum ate really crunchy hamburgers
<b>May</b>	mangoes are yellow
<b>mice</b>	mice ignore cats' eyes/ears
<b>might</b>	might I go home tonight?
<b>money</b>	my old nurse escaped yesterday
<b>more</b>	monkeys only ride elephants
<b>most</b>	most ogres seem terrifying
<b>much</b>	my uncle catches hippos
<b>muscle</b>	my uncle sometimes catches long eels
<b>naïve</b>	Noddy advertised important videos everywhere
<b>never</b>	never ever video evil roosters
<b>new</b>	nibble every wafer
<b>next</b>	need eleven X-rays today
<b>nice</b>	nice ice-cream cannot end
<b>niece</b>	nice Indians even carry elephants
<b>night</b>	now I go home tonight
<b>nose</b>	noses often seem enormous
<b>November</b>	numbers of very evil male baboons embarrassed rosemary
<b>now</b>	nobody overtakes winners
<b>oar</b>	opals are red
<b>October</b>	orange cats tripped over bob's electric rooster
<b>often</b>	open Fred's treasure every night
<b>once</b>	open new car engines

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<b>one</b>	orange nincompoops erupted
<b>only</b>	only numbats like yellow
<b>opal</b>	opal pendants are lovely
<b>orange</b>	orange rabbits and noisy goats escaped
<b>other</b>	on Tuesday, hairy elephants raced
<b>our</b>	ogres usually remember
<b>out</b>	octopuses use tentacles
<b>oval</b>	only victors applaud losers
<b>over</b>	only videos easily rewind
<b>owl</b>	old women laugh
<b>pea</b>	peas excite avocados
<b>people</b>	people exist on planets like Earth (this is a little tricky as some children may not remember the word 'Earth' starts with 'e')
<b>pie</b>	pie is empty
<b>play</b>	puppies licked acrobats yesterday
<b>please</b>	please look everywhere and start exploring
<b>poem</b>	poems often educate men
<b>poet</b>	poets only eat tarts
<b>poor</b>	poor old owls relax
<b>pour</b>	please organise uncle's rats
<b>pretty</b>	pretty red elves tried to yell
<b>pull</b>	pull up limp lettuce
<b>pure</b>	pink umbrellas rarely explode
<b>put</b>	please use towels
<b>rare</b>	retired animals rarely escape
<b>raw</b>	rats ate wheat
<b>really</b>	robots escaped and left laboratory yesterday
<b>rhyme</b>	rhymes have young men excited
<b>rhythm</b>	rhythm has young toads hopping madly
<b>rice</b>	rice is cooked everywhere
<b>right</b>	really interesting goldfish have tongues
<b>room</b>	relax only on Mars
<b>said</b>	Sally and I danced
<b>salt</b>	save a little turtle
<b>saw</b>	say a wish
<b>says</b>	stop a yawn secretly
<b>scene</b>	some cats even need entertainment
<b>scissors</b>	scissors can injure silly scorpions on red seats
<b>September</b>	seven elephants proceed to eat mum's best ever rugs
<b>sew</b>	sew every wigwam
<b>science</b>	science can interest every new career educator
<b>scythe</b>	Sam caught your two hairy elephants
<b>shoe</b>	several horses overturned everywhere

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<b>should</b>	should his orange underpants look daggy? should hairy old undertakers look dead?
<b>sigh</b>	send in giant helicopters
<b>sign</b>	sign in Greg's name
<b>smile</b>	smiles makeimps laugh easily
<b>soar</b>	some ostriches are rare
<b>some</b>	some old magpies escaped
<b>sow</b>	sows often weep
<b>special</b>	special people everywhere can imagine amazing libraries
<b>start</b>	start twisting and rocking today
<b>straw</b>	straw tastes rotten and weedy
<b>sugar</b>	snakes understand green and red
<b>sure</b>	some underpants really echo smiling unicorns really exist
<b>Sydney</b>	Sydney yachts dare not eject you
<b>talk</b>	talk and laugh kindly
<b>take</b>	take a kitten elsewhere
<b>taught</b>	teachers and ugly giants hate tickling
<b>thank</b>	two hairy animals never kiss
<b>that</b>	take him away today
<b>there</b>	there he empties round eggs
<b>these</b>	these hyenas eat snake elbows
<b>they</b>	they hibernate every year
<b>thing</b>	try hiding insects near gorillas
<b>think</b>	take hippos into nanny's kitchen
<b>those</b>	try hiding old swan eggs
<b>thought</b>	tiny humans often use giant horses' tails
<b>three</b>	take his revolting elephant elsewhere
<b>tie</b>	tie it exactly
<b>time</b>	tiger is moving everywhere
<b>toe</b>	ten of everything
<b>told</b>	two old ladies danced
<b>tomato</b>	tomatoes often make a tomato omelette
<b>tongue</b>	talking otters never go under echidnas
<b>took</b>	terrible ogres often kiss
<b>true</b>	true recyclers use everything
<b>try</b>	try red yoyos
<b>two</b>	two wombats overturned
<b>under</b>	under noisy dragons everything rattles
<b>use</b>	use silly expressions
<b>very</b>	violent elephants rioted yesterday
<b>want</b>	wobbly anthills never topple
<b>warp</b>	Westerners aren't really poor

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**was** watch a snake  
**water** water around Tasmania evaporates rapidly  
**went** we entered nanny's tent  
**were** were enormous robots expensive  
**whack** whacking heavy apples causes kinks  
**whale** we have a lovely elephant  
**what** we have a turkey  
**when** white hens educate nincompoops  
**where** whales have enemies roaming everywhere  
why have Eskimos roamed everywhere  
**which** wombat hair is combed high  
**whiff** whales have invisible front fins  
**while** while hang-gliding I landed easily  
**whim** we hate impulsive movements  
**whine** whining hyenas irritate nervous elephants  
**whip** wild horses injured people  
**whisk** whisk honey in Santa's kitchen  
**white** white hippos in tanks explode  
**whiz** worms hide in zebras  
**who** wonky hoses overflow  
**whose** wonky hoses overflow so easily  
**why** we hunt yowies  
**wise** wise Indians sell elephants  
**wish** wish I spoke Hindi  
**with** wallabies invented twitchy hands  
**women** women often make evil noises  
**wore** wearing overalls really entertains  
**work** work on rare kangaroos  
**worm** worms often race moths  
**would** we often use Latin dictionaries  
**wrap** we really appreciate presents  
**wreck** we rescued every cute koala  
**wrist** wallabies ran into Sydney traffic  
**write** witches rot in tropical environments  
**yacht** yachts and canoes have tugboats  
**year** yucky eggs always rot  
**yellow** yellow eagles look like old weasels  
yellow eggs look like old worms  
**you** you obeyed uncle  
**yours** you obeyed uncle really smartly

### Using acrostic sentences

An effective way of remembering how to spell words is using acrostic sentences. Here are some guidelines for composing effective acrostic sentences for spelling.

- Use simple words.
- Do not use words that are not familiar to the student.
- Use words that create pictures, preferably with action.
- Funny or silly pictures are best.
- Use words and pictures that are relevant to the child.
- Do not introduce several acrostic sentences at once—one or two at a time is best. Otherwise the sentences will become confused and the goal of learning how to spell the word will not be achieved. Once the child has secured the spelling of a word in their memory you can introduce a sentence for a new word.
- Encourage the child to compose a sentence but be careful to ensure you end up with an effective sentence.
- Do not use the same image too often. For instance, if you have used the image of an elephant for the letter 'e', do not use it again immediately. The two words that have a sentence with elephant in it could become confused in the child's mind
- Where possible link the sentence to the word

These guidelines are flexible. If you compose a sentence or phrase that does not fit the guidelines and it works, use it!

### More about acrostic sentences

In some cases we do not need to use an acrostic sentence for the whole word. For instance with the word 'does' most students remember that it starts with 'do' but they often spell it as 'dose' so we use the sentence 'do elephants stink'. This is usually enough to remind students that 'e' comes before 's'.

Using an acrostic sentence just for the tricky part of words is very effective for long words—for instance, the word 'onomatopoeia' (on nu mat tu pee ar). We can remember the spelling of this word by using an acrostic sentence just for the last three letters because that is the tricky bit of the word. The rest of the word we break up into smaller words.

So we can remember 'o no mato po' and then use the sentence 'English is awful' to remember the 'eia'. Then make the word into a little rhyme (see below) which helps us remember the spelling for the whole word:

Oh no  
matto po  
English is awful

(English is not really awful; only when we have to spell a word like onomatopoeia!)