

Regularity and Spelling:
Instructions for Use

This task looks at whether spelling to dictation is affected by sound-spelling regularity. Regular and exception words are matched (on a one-to-one basis) as far as possible for word frequency, imageability, grammatical class and number of letters, syllables and morphemes. Sound-spelling regularity was decided by consulting norms provided by Hanna, P.R., Hanna, J.S., Hodges, R.E. & Rudorf, E.H. (1966) **Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences as Cues to Spelling Improvement**. Washington: US Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare.

Some patients with acquired dysgraphia have particular difficulty in spelling words that have irregular or unpredictable sound-spelling correspondences (eg. Hatfield, F.M. & Patterson, K.E. (1983) **Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology**, 35A, 451 - 468; Baxter, D.M. & Warrington, E.K. (1987) **Cortex**, 23, 11 - 28). The particular constellation of symptoms has been referred to either as Surface Dysgraphia or Lexical Agraphia.

Special Points:

Find out about pre-morbid spelling ability.

Descriptive Statistics:

Norms are not currently available

Suggestions for Where to go next: If the subject shows a significant regularity effect on this task, test performance on Homophone Spelling [46]. Check for regularity effects in Oral Reading [35] (this set can also be used for written spelling to dictation). Also find out how the subject does in Picture Naming and Writing Picture Names [53]. Half of this set are regular words and half are exception words. Test performance on other spelling tests that manipulate lexical and semantic variables (eg. Nonword Spelling [45], Imageability & Frequency [40]).

Regularity & Spelling: Presenter's Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

	Target		Error Type
1	elephant	E	
2	aunt	E	
3	egg	E	
4	squirrel	E	
5	bump	R	
6	sword	E	
7	hold	R	
8	bird	R	
9	giraffe	E	
10	spring	R	
11	wind (/wɪnd/)	R	
12	canal	R	
13	soldier	E	
14	tiger	R	
15	potato	R	
16	sister	R	
17	cat	R	
18	photograph	E	
19	lamb	E	
20	caravan	R	
21	knock	E	
22	holiday	R	
23	jam	R	
24	ghost	E	
25	pet	R	
26	shoe	E	
27	move	E	
28	queen	E	
29	sledge	E	
30	yacht	E	
31	watch	E	
32	castle	E	
33	tent	R	
34	nest	R	
35	swim	R	
36	robin	R	
37	heart	E	
38	aeroplane	E	
39	banana	R	
40	frog	R	
	Total Correct		

Regularity & Spelling: Marking Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Regular	Error Type
1 cat	
2 jam	
3 pet	
4 nest	
5 bump	
6 swim	
7 hold	
8 bird	
9 tent	
10 frog	
11 wind	
12 canal	
13 robin	
14 tiger	
15 potato	
16 sister	
17 spring	
18 banana	
19 holiday	
20 caravan	
Total Correct	/20
Exception	Error Type
1 aunt	
2 lamb	
3 egg	
4 ghost	
5 knock	
6 shoe	
7 move	
8 queen	
9 sledge	
10 yacht	
11 watch	
12 castle	
13 giraffe	
14 squirrel	
15 sword	
16 soldier	
17 heart	
18 aeroplane	
19 photograph	
20 elephant	
Total Correct	/20