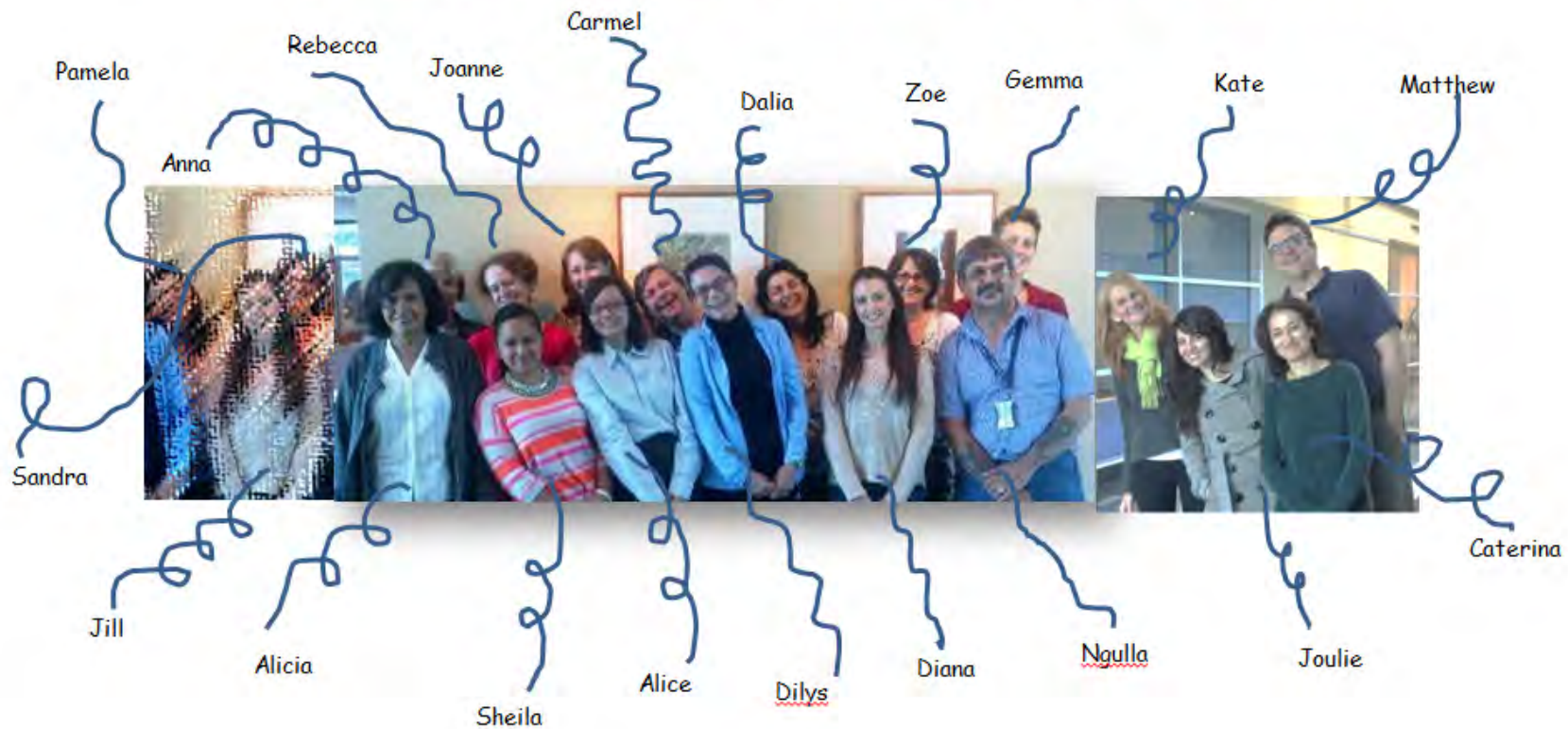


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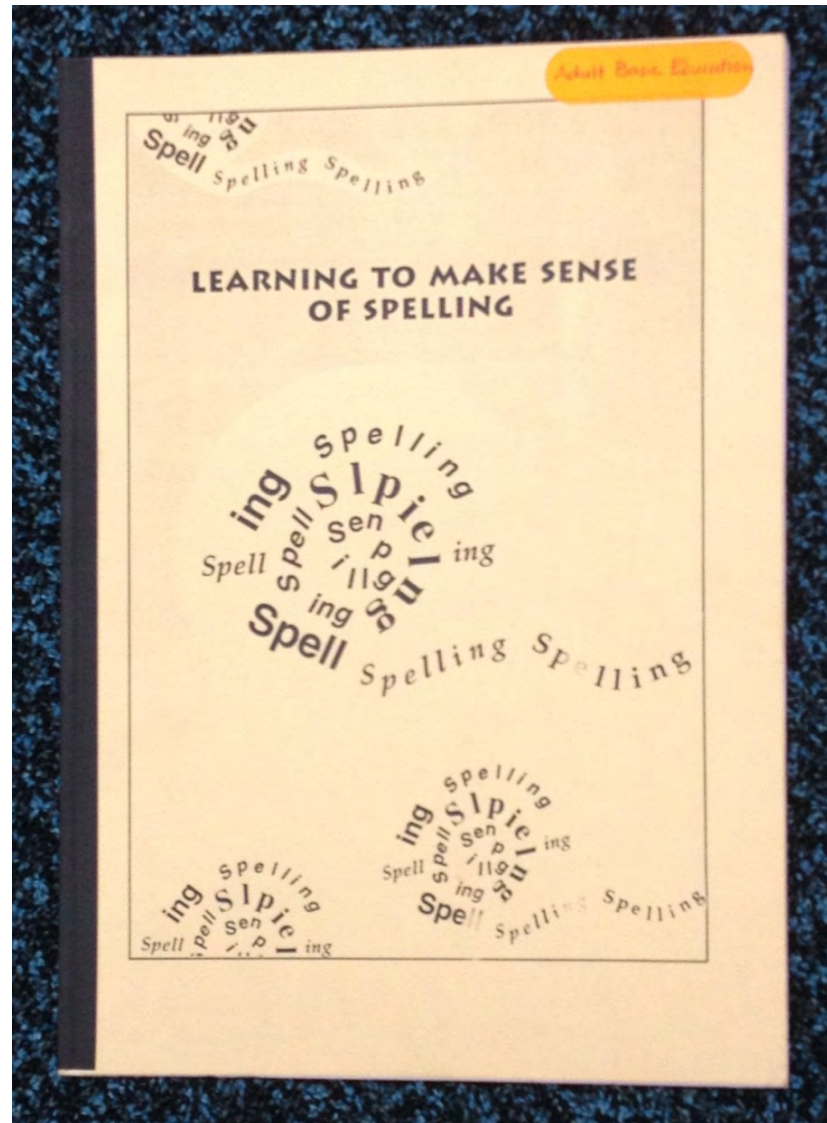
## The Adult Basic Education team



# **An approach to the learning/teaching of spelling online**

- Background to the project
- Why teach spelling online?
- Different approaches to the teaching of spelling
- Dinner conversation topics ... or empowering learners by sharing information about the history of the English language and why it is difficult to spell
- Spelling strategies in context
- Strategies for remembering spelling
- Spelling reform and the future of spelling

# Background to the project







## Learning Object COMposer - LOCO


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# Why teach spelling online?



Online Spelling Course






Welcome!

- ▶ Getting started
- ▶ Introduction to English words and language
- ▶ Part 1: Strategies for spelling words
- ▶ Part 2: Strategies for remembering words
- ▶ Extra stuff


## Welcome!

Spelling



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# Different approaches to the teaching of spelling



Dinner conversation topics ...  
or empowering learners by  
sharing information about the  
English history of English  
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to spell



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- **French** eg cafe, cinema, photography, biscuit
- **German** eg delicatessen, lager, pretzel, muesli
- **Greek** eg amazon, omega
- **Italian** eg cappuccino, graffiti, espresso, pasta
- **Spanish** eg mosquito, alligator, barbecue

**ipod**

**tablet**

**blog**

**selfie**

**tweet**

**radio**

**bodice**

**tape recorder**  
**garters**

**nylons**

monosyllabic

abbreviation

sesquipedalianism

free gift

close proximity

yell loudly

honest truth

empty space

past experience

end result

# Myth 1: You have to be smart to spell

- Albert Einstein - mathematician and inventor
- Alfred Butts - creator of 'Scrabble'
- George Washington - first American president
- Nikki Minaj - popstar



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Rules can help us work out some spellings



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# Spelling strategies in context

We may use a range of strategies to help us spell a word



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## Keep lists of words handy

This worker writes receipts to give customers.

To help him spell correctly he keeps a list of words in the front of his receipt book.



I made a list of words  
I use often, like install,  
repair, urgently and  
required.

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Find words around you



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If this man thinks he'll have problems spelling that word again, it would



We know that spelling words right is important for work or study so we want to help you learn how to do that.



## Proofreading



Firstly I check the meaning,  
grammar and punctuation.

After that I check my  
spelling. Sometimes I have to  
look up words in a dictionary  
and sometimes I ask someone.

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# Strategies for remembering spelling

I wish I could remember how words are spelled. Even though I write words lots of times, I still forget them and have to look in a dictionary or ask someone.



## Memory



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Learn words anywhere and at any time



**Look**



**Say**

Option: Tap  
each sound



**Cover**

Option: Picture the  
word in your mind



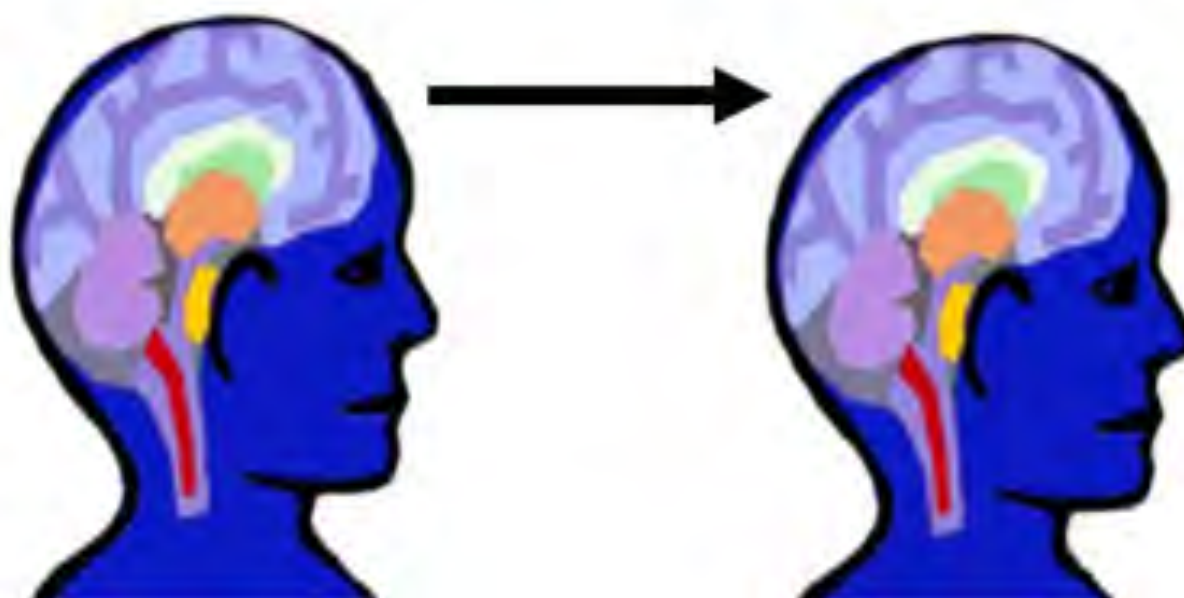
**Write**

Option: Trace the  
word in the air



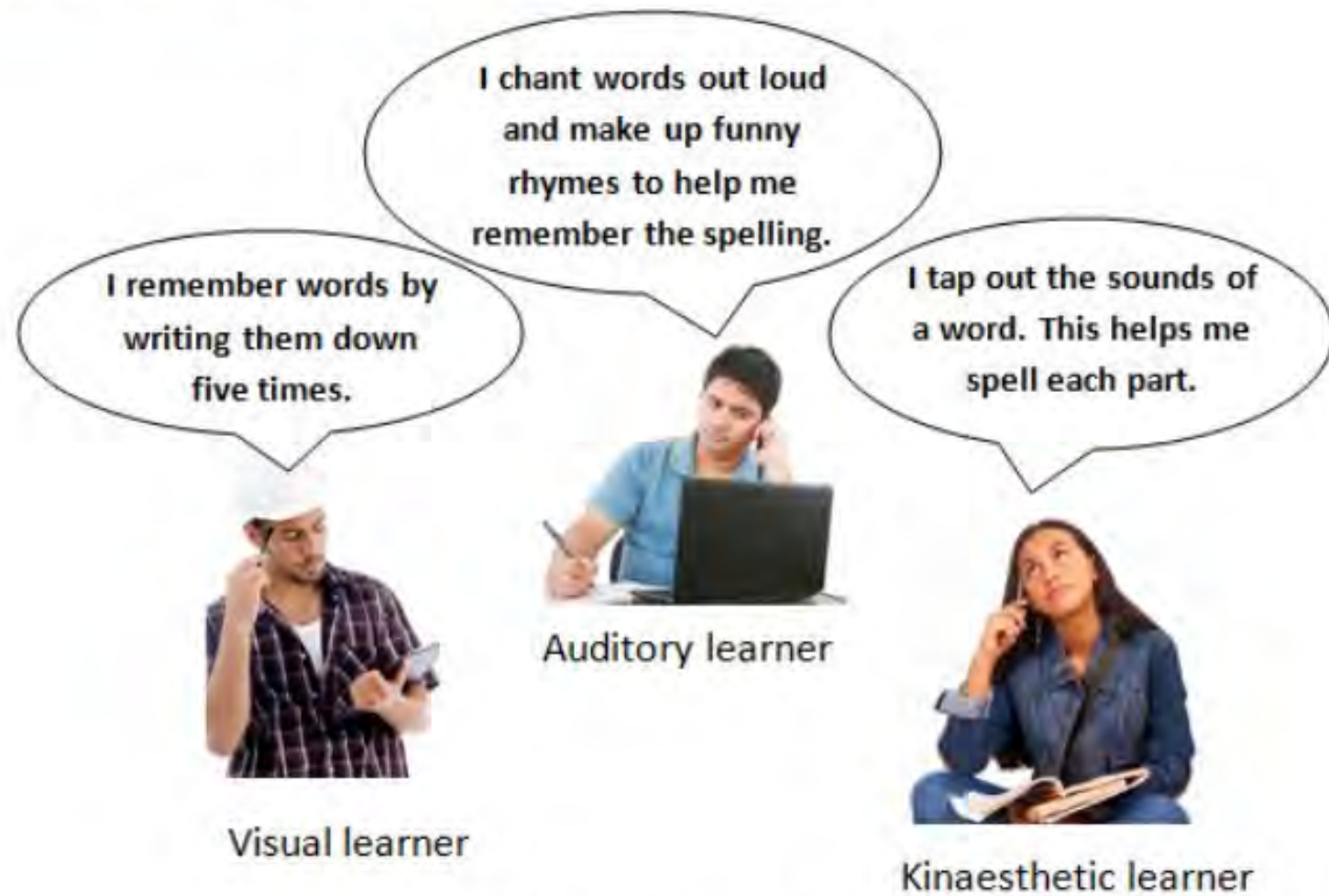
**Check**

Short term memory to long term memory



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We all learn in our own unique way



▼ Extra stuff

YouTube videos

Websites

History of the English  
language

## **Download and print topics here**

You can download (and save or print) the spelling topics here.

**Document:** [Importance of spelling](#) (.pdf, 171 KB)

**Document:** [Letters and sounds](#) (.pdf, 38 KB)

**Document:** [Silent letters](#) (.pdf, 80 KB)

**Document:** [Capital letters](#) (.pdf, 41 KB)

**Document:** [Base words](#) (.pdf, 36 KB)

**Document:** [Prefixes and suffixes](#) (.pdf, 80 KB)

**Document:** [Spelling rules](#) (.pdf, 32 KB)

**Document:** [Plural endings](#) (.pdf, 31 KB)

**Document:** [Homophones](#) (.pdf, 43 KB)

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**NEW**

# Improve your spelling skills online

**TAFE**  
Western  
Sydney  
Institute  
**oten**

OTEN now offers an **online spelling course** which enables staff to develop and improve spelling skills. It covers topics including:

- Strategies for spelling words
- Strategies for remembering words.

The cost of this course is \$110.

All you need is the Internet to access the online learning resources. There is no need to attend face-to-face classes.

So you can study when and where it suits you!

Writing  
Spelling Spellchecker  
**Tips Strategies**  
**Proofreading**  
Writing Process  
Syllables Spelling  
Spellchecker **Rules**





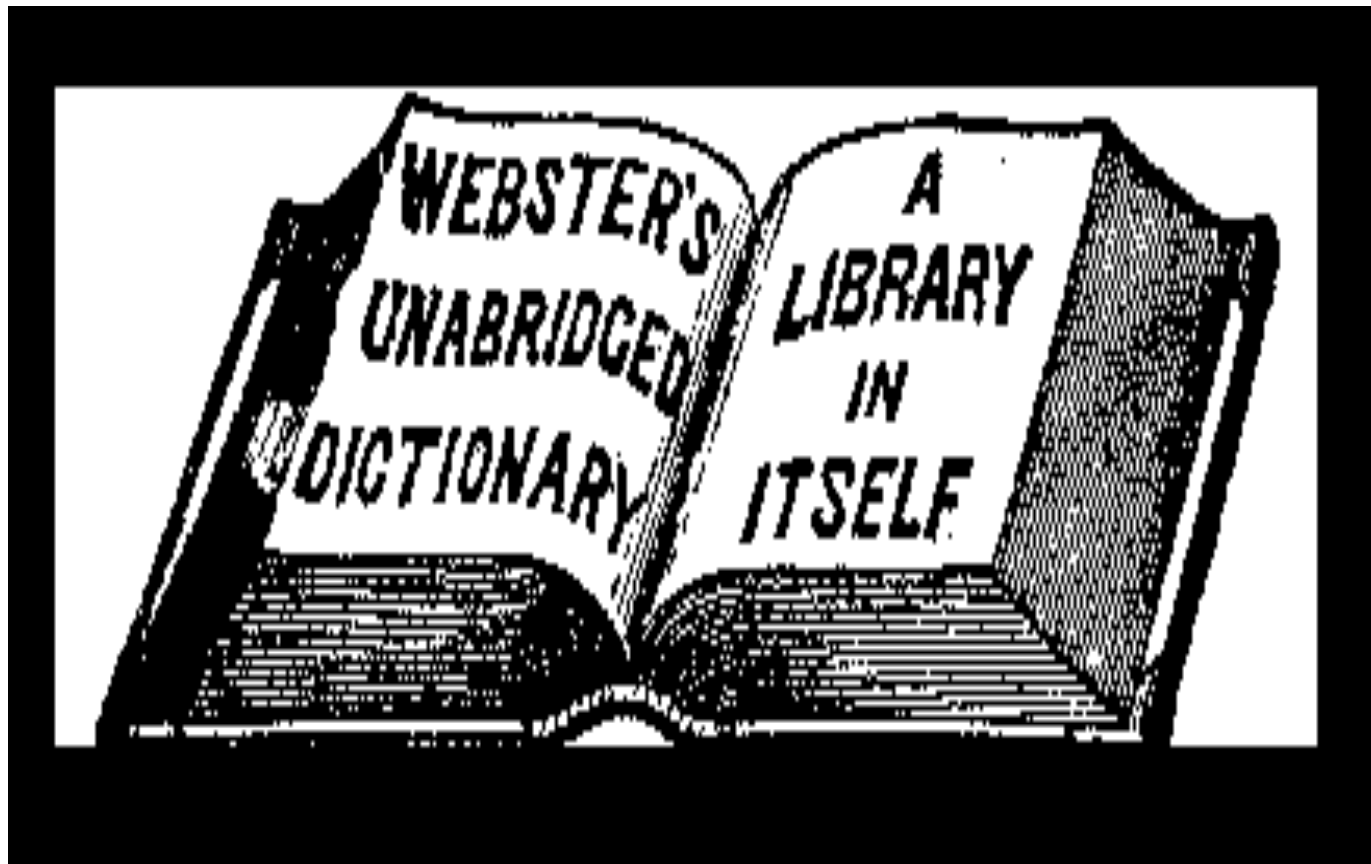
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logique to logic

warre to war

toune to town

tru to true



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Webster%27s\\_Dictionary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Webster%27s_Dictionary)

BULLETIN  
OF THE  
SPELLING REFORM ASSOCIATION.

*General Offices 32 Hawley Street, Boston.*

No. 14.

SEPTEMBER.

1879.

**THE PRESENT STATE OF THE SPELING  
REFORM IN AMERICA.**

BY PROFESOR FRANCIS A. MARCH, LL. D.,  
President of the Speling Reform Asociation.

RED BEFORE THE SPELING REFORM DEPART-  
MENT OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSO-  
CIATION AT ITS ANUAL MEETING IN PHIL-  
ADELPHIA, JULY 29, 1879.

The movement for the reform of English spelling is a product of the spirit of the age, a *tru birth of time*, as Bacon likes to cal his filosofy. The great curents of thought and action set towards reform. We ar for re-forming everything that can help us in the discovery of truth and the improvement of man's estate.

Given a spoken language, the easy com-  
unication of it by riting and printing is  
a problem in labor-saving mashinery. But  
ther is so much that is complex and super-  
fluous in our present spelling that hundreds  
of millions of dollars ar wasted by it in our  
printing offices every year.

Our teachers see that two or three years of  
the scool-life of every child ar worse than  
wasted in trying to lern to spel.

Our statesmen see that we hav 5,500,000  
iliterates in the United States and that one  
of the most powerful causes of illiteracy is  
the badnes of our spelling.

Our scholars find ther studis of language

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friend

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gough\\_Whitlam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gough_Whitlam)

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ministry  
of  
Health

*Pin it*

THE GH SOUND IN ENOUGH IS PRONOUNCED "F"  
& THE O IN WOMEN MAKES THE SHORT "I" SOUND  
& THE TI IN NATION IS PRONOUNCED "SH"  
THEN THE WORD

**"GHOTI"**

IS PRONOUNCED JUST LIKE



**"FISH"**



WELCOME TO THE ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE



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## The future of spelling



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**color**

**colour**

**labor**

**labour**

**program**

**programme**

## THE ENTIRE HARRY POTTER SERIES

has sold  
**450**  
million copies,

and totals  
**4,224**  
pages



This means that  
**1.9 trillion** pages  
of Harry Potter have  
been printed.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

If everyone used 'color' instead of 'colour',  
a Harry Potter-sized print run **could save 145 trees!**





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‘last year’s words belongs to last year’s language  
And next year’s words await another voice.’



<https://www.google.com.au/search?q=emoticons&espv=2&biw=1680&bih=949&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=EvAvVM7cD5bo8AWm9oKACg&ved=0CC0QsAQ>

‘...words are **SOooo** 2013’

‘last year’s words belongs to last year’s language  
And next year’s words await another voice.’  
And to make an end is to make a beginning

~T.S. Eliot

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