Don't Be Afraid of Big Words!

Word Splash of Words I Can Spell

My Try

Actual Spelling

The Story of Me—Spelled Right!

You are a word that is often misspelled. Tell a story of how hard life is and how much you'd like people to learn to spell you correctly.

- Did I use standard English spelling unless I chose not to for a good reason?
- Did I check words with *ie* and *ei*?
- When adding suffixes to words, did I change y to i, double the final consonant, or drop the silent e when necessary?
- Did I check my work for words I have trouble spelling?

Punctuation Madness



Write a statement, a question, and an exclamation (not necessarily in that order), but don't include punctuation marks at the end. Then swap papers with a partner and insert the right mark at the end of each sentence.

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Cartoon Time!

Create a cartoon with a period, question mark, and exclamation point as characters.

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- Did I place quotation marks around dialogue and direct quotes?
- Did I punctuate complex sentences correctly?

- Did I use apostrophes to show possessives and contractions?
- Did I begin new paragraphs in the right places?

Mission: Capitalization

Geographic Locations	Titles
Names of People	Acronyms
Buildings or Monuments	Street Names
Holidays	Planets
Other	

The Capitalization Vacation

Imagine if people got so tired of capitalizing correctly all the time, they quit trying. No more capitals. Tell the story of what happens.

- Did I capitalize proper nouns for people, places, and things?
- Did I capitalize dialogue correctly?
- Did I capitalize abbreviations, acronyms, and people's titles correctly?
- Did I capitalize the title and/or other headings?

Pardon My Parts of Speech

NOUN: a word that represents a person, place, or thing (doctor, hospital, thermometer)

PRONOUN: a word that takes the place of a noun (*she*, *him*)

ADJECTIVE: a word that describes a noun (dark, brilliant, horrible)

VERB: a word that shows action (*run*, *sing*, *kick*)

ADVERB: a word that describes a verb, adjective, or other adverb (quickly, painfully, well)

PREPOSITION: a word that shows relationship to another word or phrase (in, under, across)

INTERJECTION: a word that captures emotional response (*Wow!*)

CONJUNCTION: a word that connects sentence parts (and, but, or)

ARTICLE: a word that identifies a noun (a, an, the)

Look! I found them in Exclamation Mark!

Noun	Pronoun	Adjective	Verb	Adverb				
BONUS FINDS:								
Preposition	Interjection	Conjui	nction	Article				

IVAN CAPPA's Search

Write a story about IVAN CAPPA (or your own acronym name) and his search for the nine missing parts of speech.

- Did I use special words such as homophones, synonyms, and antonyms correctly?
- Did I check my sentences for subject-verb agreement?
- Did I use verb tense (past, present, future) consistently throughout my piece?
- Did I make sure pronouns and their antecedents (the word they stand for) agree?