

# **Editing Spelling**

# Text 8

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**Top tips:**

1. Read through for common errors (e.g. whith, thay) & grammar errors (e.g. your / you’re)
2. Use rules to check spellings (e.g. dimed or dimmed; happiness or happyness)
3. Look out for tricky words that you might need to use a dictionary to check

**Underline 6 errors in the text below**

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‘I just read the collective thoughts of their species and regurgitate their greatist desires. They then seem to believe that it’s some profound message. Simple really - just like them.’

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Just as they were trying to creep into their sleeping pods, a booming thought crashed into their minds.

‘Where in the cosmos have you two been? I’ve been worred sick! Just you wait until you’re father gets home!’

**Write the corrections below**

**Think:**

* Why must they be spelt like this?
* What do they say at the moment?
* Which rules can you use to help?

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**5.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**6.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Dictionary work**

Choose two tricky words that you would need to check the spelling of in the dictionary. Write their definitions below as well as the spelling of at least one linked word (e.g. thought, thoughtful).

**Word 1:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Definition:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Linked word(s):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Word 2:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Definition:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Corrections & Explanations:**

**1.** nonsense – tricky word: the root word is spelt *sense*. Use a spelling voice to help you: *sen - s - e* and remember it is not the plural of sen!

**2.** greatest– rules error: the ‘ist’ suffix is spelt ‘est’: meaning more *great*

**3.** laughter – tricky word: use a clue to help: e.g. *a u guys have laughed*. Use a dictionary to help check if needed.

**4.** overriding – rules error: this word is made up of the prefix *over* and the word *riding.* The prefix ends with an ‘r’ and the main part of the word begins with an ‘r’ so the word must have two ‘r’s.

**5.** worried – rules error: the root word *worry* ends with a ‘y’. When the ‘ed’ suffix is added, the ‘y’ changes to an ‘i'.

**6.** your – grammar error: *you’re* means you are whereas *your* means belonging to you (can be swapped with *our* and should still make sense)