

English Half Term 3

Year 8 Spellings:

Spelling in Year 8 will be tested on alternative weeks and will be set by their class teacher. Students should use their home learning time to learn the spelling for a test in class at the end of the week.

Spelling Strategies:

Look, say, cover, write, check. This is the most common strategy used to learn spellings. **Look:** first look at the whole word carefully and if there is one part of the word that is more difficult, look at that part in more detail. **Say:** say the word as you look at it, using different ways of pronouncing it if that will make it more memorable. **Cover:** cover the word. **Write:** write the word from memory, saying the word as you do so. **Check:** Have you got it right? If yes, try writing it again and again! If not, start again – look, say, cover, write check.

Trace, copy and replicate. Write the word out on a sheet of paper ensuring that it is spelt correctly, and it is large enough to trace over. Trace over the word and say it at the same time. Move next to the word you have just written and write it out as you say it. Turn over the page and write the word as you say it, and then check you have spelt it correctly.

Spelling List 1	Spelling List 2	Spelling List 3	
Necessarily	Brutality	Influence	Spelling Diagnostic Assessment – see sentences.
Dystopia	Hallucinate	Atmosphere	
Utopia	Immoral	Idyllic	
Surrender	Criticism	Repulsion	
Anxiously	Responsibility	Delineate	
Surreal	Confusion	Occurrence	
Horrified	Censorship	Precaution	
Monotony	Quarrelled	Authoritarian	
Overwhelm	Territorial	Resilient	
Autonomous	Pessimistic	Aggression	
Oppression	Optimistic	Quarrelling	

Spelling Diagnostic:

1. In the **dystopian** novel we read in class, the society is ruled by an **authoritarian** government that controls everything.
2. The main character had a **pessimistic** view of the future because of all the bad things happening in their world.
3. Living under an **authoritarian** regime, the people had very little freedom and were constantly watched.
4. The **occurrence** of a mysterious event caused everyone in the city to take extra precaution.
5. It's not **necessarily** true that every action taken by the government is for the people's benefit.
6. The villain in the story was considered **immoral** because he did not care about right or wrong.
7. It is our **responsibility** to make sure we are prepared for any emergencies.
8. Taking **precaution** before going on a hike is important to ensure everyone's safety.

