

SPELLING DICTATION



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Spelling Sentences and Answers

1. Yes, we succeeded in our genuine attempt to surprise her.
[RULE: use a comma after a nonessential introductory word or phrase.]

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#6: _____

2. I believe it's an extraordinary experience to explore the jungle environments of Ecuador.
[TIP: IT'S is a contraction of the words IT IS or IT HAS. ITS is used as a possessive.]

3. Inside the science lab, Seth already used his best judgment to make a hypothesis about the fascinating science experiment.

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[RULE: use a comma to separate a prepositional phrase from the sentence when the phrase is at the beginning of the sentence AND is four words or more.]

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4. He felt embarrassed about the noticeable absence of familiar hygiene items.

#3: _____

5. Mary, what restaurant made the delicious, beautiful meringue dessert?

#4: _____

[RULE: use commas to set off names of people who are directly addressed.]

[RULE: use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives of equal importance.]

#5: _____

[TIP: if the adjectives sound smooth and correct with the word "and" between them, then they need to be separated by a comma.]

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6. To guarantee the availability of the limousine equipped with the latest technology, we booked it two months early on Thursday, May 15.

[RULE: use a comma to set off infinitive phrases when they are at the beginning of sentences.]

[RULE: use a comma between the day of the week and the month.]

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1. The teacher addressed the criticism of the ambiguous rule’s interpretation.

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[TIP: don’t forget possessive apostrophes.]

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2. Our psychology class was canceled when a disastrous lightning strike badly damaged the school.

#6: _____

3. Thankfully, the council allowed the license to be renewed to ensure that the business was not operating illegally.

[RULE: use a comma after a nonessential introductory word or phrase.]

4. It became necessary for the desperate family to emigrate and leave all they possessed.

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5. The disinterested, bored student felt the case was ridiculous and irrelevant.

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[RULE: use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives of equal importance.]

#3: _____

[TIP: if the adjectives sound smooth and correct with the word “and” between them, then they need to be separated by a comma.]

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6. Finding a rug to match the fuchsia couch became a humorous dilemma.

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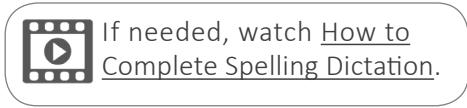
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#4: 1. Gratefully, we acquired tickets through a courteous senator to tour the Capitol Building on Tuesday, June 21.

[RULE: use a comma after a nonessential introductory word or phrase.]

#5: [RULE: use a comma between the day of the week and the month.]

#6: [TIP: Capitol Building is a proper noun.]

#6: 2. It was a peculiar sight to see a leopard running parallel to the trail in an apparent attempt to clench its prey.

[TIP: an apostrophe is usually used to show possession, but not with possessive pronouns such as ITS.]

#1: 3. Some medieval epidemics, Sarah, were borne by fleas and quickly spread among the people.

[RULE: use commas to set off names of people who are directly addressed.]

#2: 4. His conscience enabled him to keep his commitment to thoroughly clean the ceiling of the church biannually.

#3: 5. Outside the city of Accra, Ghana, Tom shows discipline by studying the curriculum to achieve high scores.

[RULE: use a comma to separate a prepositional phrase from the sentence when the phrase is at the beginning of the sentence AND is four words or more.]

#5: [RULE: use commas to separate geographical names.]

#6: 6. The rhythm of the music affected Alice so deeply that she exclaimed, "Hallelujah!"

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#4: 1. To take concurrent classes and receive college credit while still in high school, Luke was grateful for the convenience of dual enrollment.

#5: [RULE: use a comma to set off infinitive phrases when they are at the beginning of sentences.]

#6: 2. Sadly, the police weren't able to defuse the situation for a while.

[RULE: an apostrophe is always placed at the spot where the letter or letters have been removed.]

[RULE: use a comma after a nonessential introductory word or phrase.]

#1: 3. Joe, has anyone had a similar experience with fixing frayed power cords?

[RULE: use commas to set off names of people who are directly addressed.]

#2: 4. Up a steep ascent, an ancient altar composed of sandstone stands on the top of a mountain in the desert of Petra, Jordan.

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[RULE: use commas to separate geographical names.]

#4: 5. The fruity dessert was a great complement to the meal.

#5: 6. According to the manager, the products were of equivalent value.

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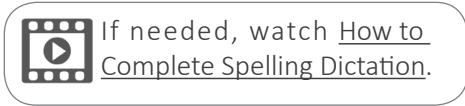
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- 1. It took a while, but he finally came to accept the joy of everyday living.
[RULE: use a comma and a coordinating conjunction to connect two independent clauses.]
- 2. The companies assented to a proposal and clinched the deal on Friday, September 22, 2017.
[RULE: use a comma between the day of the week and the month.]
[RULE: use a comma between the day of the month and the year.]
- 3. I experiment with many kinds of art mediums, e.g., watercolors, colored pencils, and chalk.
[TIP: always put a comma after i.e. and e.g. when a list or example follows.]
- 4. Clearly, the ongoing duel affects both families and those yet to be born.
[RULE: use a comma after a nonessential introductory word or phrase.]
- 5. The ambiguous odor diffused down the hall and made us all ready to exit immediately.
- 6. They immigrated to a distant country that was comprised of rich farmland and rolling hills.

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#3: 1. After a thorough cleaning, we were surprised to learn that the familiar painting was appraised at hundreds of dollars.

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#5: _____

#6: 2. Any one of the children at the restaurant enjoyed the fascinating balloon artist with the fuchsia hat.

3. Did you know, Pete, that our agent guaranteed the home would be insured with the necessary paperwork?

[RULE: use commas to set off names of people who are directly addressed.]

#1: 4. A sincere compliment was given to the courteous, kind child who helped a desperate neighbor.

#2: [RULE: use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives of equal importance.]

#3: [TIP: If the adjectives sound smooth and correct with the word "and" between them, then they need to be separated by a comma.]

#4: 5. Sadly, there was a lightning strike between a tree and a tall building that left noticeable damage.

#5: [RULE: use a comma after a nonessential introductory word or phrase.]

#6: 6. The entire dress needed to be altered except for the sleeves.

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#4: 1. Nate read the humorous story aloud with genuine enthusiasm for three consecutive toddler groups.

#5: 2. I always leave a peculiar tip when I eat out, i.e., 36%.
[TIP: always put a comma after i.e. and e.g. when a list or example follows.]

#6: 3. A disastrous earthquake of 7.8 magnitude occurred near Muisne, Ecuador, on April 16, 2016.
[RULE: use commas to separate geographical names.]
[RULE: use a comma between the day of the month and the year.]

#1: 4. The doctors' wise judgment, good hygiene practices, experience, and commitment to end the pandemic helped them achieve their goal.
[RULE: to show possession for a plural noun, make the noun plural first and then add the apostrophe.]
[RULE: use commas to separate three or more words, phrases, or clauses in a series.]

#4: 5. The scientific interpretation seemed irrelevant after the ridiculous illusion was revealed.

#5: 6. The police were apprised of the illegal activity in the bad part of town and temporarily canceled the biennial fair.

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1. Budapest is an extraordinary city and is the capital of Hungary.

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2. She was uninterested in the unsolicited counsel and criticism acquired from an internet search.

#5: _____

3. They will receive a psychology degree and then will obtain a license to practice.

#6: _____

4. Because of the new discipline plan, the students were able to focus on the curriculum in a positive, productive environment.

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5. The document was canvassed, and allusions were made to similar writings in Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

#3: _____

[RULE: use a comma and a coordinating conjunction to connect two independent clauses.]

#4: _____

[RULE: place the apostrophe before the S to show singular possession.]

#5: _____

[TIP: names of people and important documents are capitalized.]

#6: _____

6. She succeeded in making the parallel line segments equivalent in length.

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#5: 2. The leopard found in Kenya, Africa, ran with a steady rhythm.

[RULE: use commas to separate geographical names.]

#6: 3. Susie’s conscience helped her solve a dilemma.

[TIP: don’t forget possessive apostrophes.]

4. He made a hypothesis that the absence of oxygen would cause an explosion.

#1: 5. For the convenience of the wealthy tourists, the limousine drivers parallel parked nearby and stood ready.

[RULE: use a comma to separate a prepositional phrase from the sentence when the phrase is at the beginning of the sentence AND is four words or more.]

#3: 6. Apparently, medieval knights possessed traits of bravery, loyalty, and honor.

[RULE: use a comma after a nonessential introductory word or phrase.]

#4: [RULE: use commas to separate three or more words, phrases, or clauses in a series.]

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2. What I believe causes me to rejoice and to sing "hallelujah."

#5: _____

3. The child possesses a fascinating collection of toys and plays with them every day.

#6: _____

4. How did allergies affect you, Tom, in Redding, California?

[RULE: use commas to set off names of people who are directly addressed]

[RULE: use commas to separate geographical names.]

5. The city council met on February 12, 2014, to discuss the impact of growth on the environment and necessary zoning laws.

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[RULE: use a comma between the day of the month and the year.]

[RULE: place a comma after the year when the date is in the middle of the sentence.]

#2: _____

6. At the biannual fundraiser, a noticeable sense of community was felt among the townspeople.

#3: _____

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