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No loss of marks for spelling mistakes at UK university

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210414-spelling-1.html>

A university said students will not lose marks for language mistakes. It also said well-written English is mainly for white males and the elite. The university thinks asking students to have a high level of written English is unfair to ethnic minorities and poorer students with lower grades. The university wants to make tests fairer. It wants teachers to be more flexible when they grade students' writing. It hopes to stop poorer students dropping out.

The university said students can suffer because of their writing. People with dyslexia have problems using letters and words. It is harder for them to write with no mistakes. Dyslexia affects areas of the brain that use language. The university also said that asking for well-written English could stop overseas students from going to university. Teachers at another university were told it is fairer to judge students on their ideas and not their spelling and grammar.

Sources: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9457171/Fury-education-regulator-tells-universities-marking-students-bad-spelling-ELITIST.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210414-spelling-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. students will not | a. flexible |
| 2. mainly for white males | b. tests fairer |
| 3. unfair to ethnic | c. out |
| 4. poorer students with lower | d. and the elite |
| 5. The university wants to make | e. lose marks |
| 6. It wants teachers to be more | f. minorities |
| 7. when they grade students' | g. grades |
| 8. stop poorer students dropping | h. writing |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. students can suffer | a. students |
| 2. People with | b. on their ideas |
| 3. have problems using letters | c. with no mistakes |
| 4. harder for them to write | d. dyslexia |
| 5. areas of the brain that | e. were told it is fairer |
| 6. overseas | f. because of their writing |
| 7. Teachers at another university | g. use language |
| 8. judge students | h. and words |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210414-spelling-1.html>

A university said students will (1) _____ for language mistakes. It also said well-written English (2) _____ white males and the elite. The university thinks asking students to have (3) _____ of written English is unfair (4) _____ and poorer students with lower grades. The university wants to make tests fairer. It wants teachers to (5) _____ when they grade students' writing. It (6) _____ poorer students dropping out.

The university said students (7) _____ of their writing. People with dyslexia have problems using letters and words. It (8) _____ them to write with no mistakes. Dyslexia (9) _____ the brain that use language. The university also said that asking for well-written English (10) _____ students from going to university. Teachers at another university (11) _____ is fairer to judge students on their ideas (12) _____ spelling and grammar.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPELLING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210414-spelling-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about spelling in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

