

Sometimes, when we want to write a word, it is hard to remember how to spell it. Often, we know what a word **sounds like**, but not what it **looks like**. Many people find it easier to write the sounds they hear in a word, rather than the letters the word contains. It can also be difficult to find the word in a dictionary, if you don't know how to spell it.

This Sound Spelling Dictionary is organised to record words according to the sounds they contain. You can put words that have the same sound together.

For example: **f**ish, **ph**one, **ph**oto, **f**amily and **l**augh could go on the 'f' page; **t**rain, **th**ey, **pl**ay, **p**aper and **eigh**t could go on the long 'a' page.

On every page of this dictionary there are high-frequency words that contain a common sound. The spelling patterns for the sound are coloured red. This helps young writers remember how to spell the sounds of English — something that will help them with reading as well as spelling. They can add other words that have the same sound to the pages and colour code the spelling patterns for the common sound in the same way.

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