Teacher Guidance

These passages are based solely on the list of Y3/Y4 statutory spelling words from the DfE English Appendix 1: Spelling. They give pupils the chance to recognise these spellings in context, especially when they are spelt incorrectly.

Pupils should read through each of Mr. Whoop’s passages where he has accidentally spelled twelve of the Y3/Y4 statutory spelling words incorrectly. Pupils should highlight the words they believe to be errors and provide the correct spellings at the bottom of the activity sheet.
# Year 3/4 Statutory Spelling List

This Spot the Mistake with Mr. Whoops pack will cover the words from this statutory spelling list:

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Spot Mr Whoops’ Mistakes

Mr Whoops is a little bit clumsy...OK, OK, he’s a lot clumsy! Even though he’s really trying hard with his writing, he’s still accidentally misspelt twelve of his Y3/Y4 key spelling words. Can you spot his mistakes?

Highlight them in the passage of text.

Could you then correct the words at the bottom of the sheet and create a list for Mr. Whoops to practise?

Activity 1

My favorite day of the week has always been a Sunday. Even as a young boy, I remembur Sundays being diferent and speshial. Most weeks, I would visit Granny Whoops’ house, where we would have roast beef, mashed potatoes and Yorkshire puddings. Allthough she was famos for her huge portions, I would make every last mouthful disapere. One Sunday lunchtime, I accidentilly tripped while carrying my plate. Luckily, Granny cought it but got covered in gravy! From then on, Granny made me promize never to walk around with crockery ever again. She’s such an over-cautious womin!

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

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Thanks for your help! I’ll get practising these words if only I could find where I’d left my pencil!
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Activity 2

Occasionally, I like to go for a walk in the countryside and look at the natural beauty around me. I have a great interest in wildlife. Therefore, I often take my binoculars with me in case I notice any woodland birds or mammals. On a recent trek, I heard a familiar call and I was lucky enough to see the woodpeckers all perched in one tree. What a wonderful surprise to actually see such a rare species. Planet Earth is really a delightful place!

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

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Thanks for sorting these for me...I do get myself in an awful muddle sometimes!
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Activity 3

My most treasured possession is a dinosaur bone fossil, which I found while I was walking through caves in Wales. I don’t suppose it’s every day that you stumble upon something almost 65 million years old! It must have been there since the days of euryl man. At first, I thought it was just some kind of stranje reflection from the water. I just couldn’t beleave that such an importent piece of hisstory was right there in front of my eyes! The dinosaur probably died in the shallow water and then got buried in the mud. The wayght of the mud and the preasure of the water caused the fossil to be formed over thousands of years. I considur it to be a fantastic find!

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

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Oooooo...didn’t I spell these correctly? It’s not like me to get myself mixed-up!
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Activity 4

I have a very bizzy year this year. There are lots of dates with a big sircle drawn round them on my calinder. In Feburary, I am going on an exstrream sports holiday to take part in lots of sports, including hand-gliding, abseiling and water-skiiing. It should be a fun expeareance! Hopefully in May, there will be a very special occatian when I finally move house. It has taken such a long time to buld. I am so looking forwred to having a new addrrres. In June, Grandad and Granny Whoops will arreave in England to stay for a few weeks. Hopefully, my new spare room will be compleet by then so that they have somewhere to sleep!

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

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Oops! I’ll get straight on with practising these!
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Activity 5

Dear Diary,

What a day! It all started well...I was out happily riding my bicycle but I couldn’t decide whether to go up Badger’s Hill or take the opposite route into town. I thought that pedalling up the hill would give me more exercise so I turned left up the hill. A minute later and in a blink of an eye, a naughty squirrel scammed straight into my path. I swerved to avoid the silly animal, got my shoelaces caught in my spokes, and ended up splat in the center of a cowpat in a nearby field. Can you imagine how embarrassed I was? It’s not like me to be so accident prone!

I am certain that I’ll have better luck tomorrow,

Mr. Whoops x

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

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It’s not like me to make mistakes. Are you sure?
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Activity 6

Last week, I took part in a grammar and spelling competition at my local library. You needed to possess very special skills to be crowned ‘English Expert of the Century’. Even though spelling is a strong strength of mine (as you already know!), going into the final round I was in eighth position out of a group of ten contestants. My heart was pounding and I was barely able to breathe as I read out my final sentence. Unfortunately, I only won a bronze medal. Maybe I’ll do better next year.

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

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Oooooo...have I got myself in a jumble?
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Activity 7

My most memorable day of school has to be the one particular day when I almost blew up the science block. It started off as just an ordinary chemistry lesson where our teacher wanted us to learn about how to separate solid material from liquids. During the experiment, a strange mist started to appear from my test tube. Not to mention, the very peculiar smell. The next thing I knew...BOOM! There was an actual explosion. I didn’t know it was even possible for liquid to reach such a great height. It looked like a volcano exploding. Oops!

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

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There were some tricky words in this one. I’ll keep trying!
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Activity 8
Last year, I was lucky enough to visit a popular Caribbean island. While I was there, I went on a tour of a local rainforest. All around me were trees filled with exotic fruit and stunning wildlife. Our tour guide was full of knowledge about the forest and there wasn’t any question that he couldn’t answer. He talked at length about deforestation and how a quarter of the trees had sadly already been cut down. This is a terrible shame as some plants found there are of great importance for making medicine which kept the island in business. If they continue to destroy it, then I might not ever get to return to the fabulous place.

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

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Whoops-a-daisy! Did I make a little mistake?
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Activity 9

Dear Diary,

Well today was far from a regular day... I went to London with the sole purpose of seeing The Queen. Her Majesty is one of the most famous women in the world. Today was the great Trooping The Colour parade where the reign of Her Majesty is celebrated as well as her official birthday. Perhaps every person in London was there, or at least it felt like it with all the crowds and cheering. It was difficult to see and hear when the guards marched past and the noise began to increase even more when the crowd caught sight of The Queen herself. Various flowers were thrown onto her carriage and she often waved at the onlookers. When she smiled directly at me, I can’t describe the feeling that came over me - it took my breath away.

What a memorable day!

Mr Whoops x

Mr. Whoops needs to practise these words:

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Thanks for all your help... you’re spelling geniuses!
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- special
- although
- accidentally
- remember
- potatoes
- famous
- caught
- different
- promise
- disappear
- woman

### Activity 2
- occasionally
- interest
- recent
- actually
- natural
- therefore
- enough
- notice
- eight
- heard
- surprise
- Earth

### Activity 3
- possession
- believe
- probably
- consider
- through
- important
- weight
- history
- early
- suppose
- pressure
- strange

### Activity 4
- busy
- forward
- calendar
- address
- February
- arrive
- build
- complete
- experience
- extreme
- occasion
- circle

### Activity 5
- bicycle
- naughty
- decide
- straight
- opposite
- centre
- thought
- accident
- exercise
- imagine
- minute
- certain

### Activity 6
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### Activity 7

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