Spelling Workbook Grade 7–8

Answer Book: all 20 lessons

How to use this answer book

Answers are listed lesson by lesson, in the same order as the workbook. Encourage your child to try each activity first, then check here.

- **Unscramble** and **Fill in the blanks** have exact answers, numbered as in the book.
- **Meanings, synonyms and antonyms** are model answers. Any correct dictionary meaning or suitable word is right.
- * **Rhyming words and hidden words** are examples only. Many other answers are correct. “Hidden words” are words made from the letters of the spelling word.
- **Wordsearch** solutions are printed at the back of the workbook.
- **Find letters**, **Write in capital letters** and **Match the words to the shape** can be checked by looking at the spelling word itself.

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Lesson 1 Accomplish · Accurate · Acquire · Achieve · Barely · Benefit

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Accomplish	to complete something successfully	achieve, complete	fail, abandon	abolish, polish	polish, claim, coach, camp
Accurate	correct in every detail; exact	correct, precise	wrong, inaccurate	separate, delicate	acute, trace, rate, care
Acquire	to get or gain something	obtain, gain	lose, give up	require, entire, fire	care, rice, cure, air
Achieve	to reach a goal by effort	attain, reach	fail, miss	believe, receive, leave	have, each, cave, eve
Barely	only just; hardly	hardly, scarcely	fully, easily	rarely, fairly, squarely	early, layer, relay, bear
Benefit	an advantage or help; to gain from	advantage, profit	harm, loss	fit, bit, permit	been, fine, bite, beef

Unscramble the words: 1. benefit 2. acquire 3. barely 4. accomplish 5. accurate 6. achieve
Fill in the blanks: 1. achieve 2. benefit 3. accurate 4. barely 5. acquire 6. accomplish

Lesson 2 Alliance · Alleged · Beam · Beast · Chronic · Chaos

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Alliance	a partnership formed for a shared purpose	union, partnership	rivalry, split	reliance, compliance, science	clean, alien, canal, lance
Alleged	said to be true but not proven	supposed, claimed	proven, confirmed	pledged, hedged, wedged	legal, eagle, edge, glad
Beam	a ray of light; a long piece of wood or metal	ray, shaft	darkness (for light)	dream, team, cream	be, me, am
Beast	a large wild animal; a cruel person	creature, brute	angel (for a cruel person)	feast, least, east	east, beat, seat, best
Chronic	lasting a long time or happening again and again	long-lasting, persistent	brief, acute	tonic, sonic, ironic	choir, rich, iron, coin
Chaos	complete disorder and confusion	disorder, confusion	order, calm	—	cash, has, ash

Unscramble the words: 1. alleged 2. chronic 3. beast 4. chaos 5. alliance 6. beam
Fill in the blanks: 1. alliance 2. alleged 3. beam 4. beast 5. chronic 6. chaos

Lesson 3 Assist · Alcove · Barrow · Buried · Content · Conclude

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Assist	to help someone	help, aid	hinder, obstruct	insist, list, wrist	sits, sit, sat
Alcove	a small space set back in a wall	nook, recess	—	cove, stove, grove	vocal, love, oval, cave
Barrow	a small cart pushed by hand (wheelbarrow)	wheelbarrow, cart	—	arrow, narrow, sparrow	arrow, row, bar, bow
Buried	put under the ground; hidden	hidden, covered	uncovered, exposed	married, carried, hurried	bride, bird, ride, rude
Content	happy and satisfied	satisfied, pleased	unhappy, discontented	intent, present, event	once, note, cent, tone
Conclude	to finish; to decide after thinking	finish, end	begin, start	include, rude, mood	cloud, uncle, ounce, code

Unscramble the words: 1. content 2. buried 3. conclude 4. assist 5. alcove 6. barrow
Fill in the blanks: 1. assist 2. conclude 3. buried 4. barrow 5. content 6. alcove

Lesson 4 Abstract · Applause · Began · Believe · Critic · Cliché

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Abstract	based on ideas rather than real things	theoretical, conceptual	concrete, real	contract, attract, act	start, star, cast, cart
Applause	clapping to show approval	clapping, praise	booing, criticism	cause, pause, because	appeal, apple, pulse, pause
Began	started (past tense of begin)	started, commenced	ended, finished	plan, can, fan	bang, bean, bag, age
Believe	to accept as true	trust, accept	doubt, disbelieve	achieve, leave, receive	live, vibe, lie, bee
Critic	a person who judges or reviews things	reviewer, judge	supporter, fan	mimic, clinic (near rhyme)	tic, it
Cliché	an idea or phrase used so often it is no longer fresh	overused saying, stock phrase	original idea	touché, away, say	ice, lie, chi

Unscramble the words: 1. believe 2. cliché 3. critic 4. applause 5. began 6. abstract
Fill in the blanks: 1. cliché 2. began 3. applause 4. believe 5. critic 6. abstract
Older printings only: Row 3 is printed unscrambled (critic); the answer is critic.

Lesson 5 Abroad · Aloud · Bias · Busy · Chorus · Column

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Abroad	in or to a foreign country	overseas, away	at home, domestically	broad, applaud, flawed	aboard, board, broad, road
Aloud	out loud, so others can hear	out loud, audibly	silently, quietly	proud, crowd, cloud	load, loud, old, duo
Bias	an unfair preference for or against someone	prejudice, favouritism	fairness, neutrality	pious, Elias (near rhyme)	abs, is
Busy	having a lot to do	occupied, active	idle, free	dizzy, fizzy (near rhyme)	buys, buy, bus, sub
Chorus	a group of singers; a part of a song repeated	choir, refrain	solo	Taurus, porous	hours, crush, such, ours
Column	a tall pillar; a vertical list; a regular newspaper article	pillar, article	row (for a list)	solemn, autumn (near rhyme)	on, col

Unscramble the words: 1. busy 2. column 3. abroad 4. aloud 5. bias 6. chorus
Fill in the blanks: 1. column 2. aloud 3. busy 4. abroad 5. chorus 6. bias
Older printings only: Row 6: the letters printed (shccou) are missing an “r”; the answer is chorus.

Lesson 6 Costume · Custom · Digest · Disperse · Enquire · Equal

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Costume	clothes worn to look like someone else or for a performance	outfit, dress	—	perfume, assume, room	custom, mouse, most, come
Custom	a traditional way of doing something	tradition, habit	novelty, innovation	accustom, bottom (near rhyme)	scout, most, must, cost
Digest	to break down food in the body; to understand	absorb, process	—	suggest, rest, best	side, diet, edit, tide
Disperse	to scatter in different directions	scatter, spread	gather, assemble	reverse, verse, nurse	spider, press, speed, pride
Enquire	to ask for information	ask, inquire	answer, reply	require, entire, fire	queen, ruin, run
Equal	the same in size, amount or value	same, even	unequal, different	sequel	ale

Unscramble the words: 1. disperse 2. enquire 3. equal 4. costume 5. custom 6. digest
Fill in the blanks: 1. disperse 2. equal 3. custom 4. enquire 5. costume 6. digest

Lesson 7 Castle · County · Design · Diamond · Effort · Extract

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Castle	a large fortified building	fortress, palace	hut, cottage	hassle, tassel	least, scale, steal, salt
County	an area of a country with its own local government	district, region	—	bounty, mounty	count, you, out, toy
Design	a plan or drawing; to plan how something will look	plan, pattern	chaos, disorder	sign, line, fine	sign, sing, side, end
Diamond	a very hard, precious gemstone	gem, jewel	—	almond (near rhyme)	domain, mind, main, maid
Effort	hard work to do something	attempt, exertion	ease, laziness	comfort (near rhyme)	offer, fort, for, off
Extract	to take out; a substance taken from something	remove; concentrate	insert; add	contract, attract, act	extra, treat, exact, text

Unscramble the words: 1. design 2. diamond 3. extract 4. effort 5. castle 6. county
Fill in the blanks: 1. extract 2. diamond 3. county 4. effort 5. design 6. castle

Lesson 8 Denial · Describe · Easel · Employ · Friction · Function

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Denial	saying that something is not true	refusal, rejection	admission, acceptance	trial, dial, vial	ideal, alien, idea, lead
Describe	to say what something is like	explain, portray	—	tribe, bribe, scribe	beside, birds, bride, ride
Easel	a stand that holds a painting	stand, frame	—	weasel, diesel	lease, else, sale, seal
Employ	to give someone paid work; to use	hire, use	dismiss, fire	enjoy, boy, toy	poem, pole
Friction	rubbing between two surfaces; disagreement	rubbing; conflict	smoothness; harmony	fiction, diction, addiction	fiction, front, iron, coin
Function	the purpose of something; to work properly	purpose, role	malfunction	junction, unction	union, count, unit, fun

Unscramble the words: 1. friction 2. function 3. describe 4. denial 5. easel 6. employ
Fill in the blanks: 1. friction 2. easel 3. describe 4. denial 5. function 6. employ

Lesson 9 Dispatch · Display · Exchange · Enough · Future · Futile

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Dispatch	to send off; a message or shipment sent	send, shipment	receive, keep	patch, catch, match	pitch, patch, ditch, chips
Display	to show; an exhibition or show	show, exhibit	hide, conceal	play, day, away	daily, play, lady, slip
Exchange	to give one thing and receive another	swap, trade	keep, retain	change, range, strange	change, each, hang, cage
Enough	as much as is needed	sufficient, plenty	insufficient, too little	rough, tough, stuff	gone, huge, hung, hug
Future	the time that is still to come	tomorrow, time ahead	past	suture (near rhyme)	true, fur
Futile	having no useful result; pointless	pointless, useless	useful, worthwhile	fertile, hurtle (near rhyme)	life, left, file, fuel

Unscramble the words: 1. exchange 2. futile 3. future 4. dispatch 5. display 6. enough
Fill in the blanks: 1. dispatch 2. enough 3. futile 4. display 5. future 6. exchange

Lesson 10 Examine · Executive · Fibre · Fabric · Graphic · Global

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Examine	to look at closely and carefully	inspect, study	ignore, overlook	famine, stamen (near rhyme)	name, mean, exam, mine
Executive	a senior manager in a business	manager, director	employee, worker	consecutive	execute, vice, exit, cut
Fibre	a thin thread; roughage in food	thread, strand	—	Tiber (near rhyme)	brief, fire
Fabric	cloth or material	cloth, material	—	Arabic (near rhyme)	fair, far, car, air
Graphic	very clear and detailed; to do with pictures	vivid, detailed	vague, unclear	traffic, Sapphic	chair, graph, hair, rich
Global	relating to the whole world	worldwide, international	local	noble, mobile (near rhyme)	goal, ball, blog, all

Unscramble the words: 1. fabric 2. graphic 3. global 4. examine 5. fibre 6. executive
Fill in the blanks: 1. graphic 2. global 3. executive 4. fibre 5. fabric 6. examine

Lesson 11 Faulty · Forget · Genre · Gesture · Humid · Hygiene

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Faulty	not working properly	broken, defective	working, perfect	salty, malty	fault, flat, fly, lay
Forget	to fail to remember	overlook, neglect	remember, recall	regret, set, bet	fort, frog, got, fog
Genre	a type or category of art, music or writing	category, style	—	—	green, gene
Gesture	a movement or action that shows a feeling	signal, sign	—	posture, vesture (near rhyme)	guest, surge, true, tree
Humid	warm and damp (weather)	damp, muggy	dry, arid	—	him, mid, mud
Hygiene	keeping yourself and things clean to stay healthy	cleanliness, sanitation	dirtiness, filth	machine, routine, clean	gene, eye, hey

Unscramble the words: 1. gesture 2. humid 3. hygiene 4. faulty 5. forget 6. genre
Fill in the blanks: 1. humid 2. hygiene 3. genre 4. faulty 5. forget 6. gesture

Lesson 12 Happen · Hazard · Inspire · Injured · Journey · Journal

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Happen	to take place	occur, take place	—	—	pan, pen, nap, hen
Hazard	a danger or risk	danger, risk	safety	lizard, wizard (near rhyme)	hard, had
Inspire	to fill someone with the wish to do something	motivate, encourage	discourage	fire, admire, desire	spine, rise, spin, pine
Injured	hurt or harmed	hurt, wounded	healthy, unhurt	endured, insured	ruined, under, ride, rude
Journey	travelling from one place to another	trip, voyage	—	attorney, Gurney	enjoy, your, jury, joy
Journal	a diary; a magazine about a special subject	diary, magazine	—	kernel, colonel, eternal	loan, oral, our, jar

Unscramble the words: 1. journal 2. injured 3. journey 4. hazard 5. happen 6. inspire
Fill in the blanks: 1. journal 2. injured 3. hazard 4. (A) journey 5. happen 6. inspire

Lesson 13 Instinct · Instruct · Juror · Justice · Kind · Kernel

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Instinct	a natural feeling or reaction you do not learn	intuition, gut feeling	reasoning, thought	distinct, extinct	its, sit, tin, ins
Instruct	to teach or tell someone what to do	teach, direct	—	construct, obstruct	strict, trust, unit, turn
Juror	a member of a jury in a court	jury member	—	fewer, truer, sewer	our
Justice	fair treatment; the law system	fairness, rightness	injustice, unfairness	practice, Bryce (near rhyme)	juice, just, suit, site
Kind	caring and helpful; a type	caring, gentle	unkind, cruel	mind, find, behind	kid, ink
Kernel	the inner part of a seed or nut; the core of something	core, seed	—	journal, colonel	knee, keen

Unscramble the words: 1. kernel 2. justice 3. instruct 4. instinct 5. justice 6. kind
Fill in the blanks: 1. kernel 2. justice 3. instinct 4. instruct 5. kind 6. juror
Older printings only: Rows 2 and 5 are both letters of "justice"; the word missing from this exercise is juror.

Lesson 14 Judicial · Jargon · Keen · Kneel · Legend · Legacy

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Judicial	to do with courts of law and judges	legal, judiciary	—	official, beneficial	jail, acid, dial, laid
Jargon	special words used by a group that others may not understand	terminology, slang	plain language	argon, bargain (near rhyme)	organ, ago, ran, jar
Keen	very eager or interested; sharp	eager, enthusiastic	unwilling, reluctant	seen, green, clean	knee
Kneel	to go down on your knees	bend, bow	stand, rise	feel, real, wheel	knee, keen
Legend	an old traditional story; a famous person	myth, tale	fact, truth	Reverend (near rhyme)	edge, gene, lend, end
Legacy	something handed down from the past	heritage, inheritance	—	—	clay, cage, lace, lay

Unscramble the words: 1. kneel 2. legacy 3. judicial 4. legend 5. jargon 6. keen
Fill in the blanks: 1. legend 2. legacy 3. keen 4. judicial 5. kneel 6. jargon

Lesson 15 Leap · Lead · Mandate · Manipulate · Negotiate · Neutral

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Leap	to jump high or far	jump, bound	fall, drop	keep, sleep, deep	pale, plea, lap, pal
Lead	to guide or be in charge of	guide, direct	follow	need, read, seed	deal, lad
Mandate	an official order to do something	order, instruction	—	update, create (near rhyme)	named, meant, team, date
Manipulate	to control or influence in a clever, often unfair way	control, influence	—	stipulate, calculate	minute, animal, planet, peanut
Negotiate	to discuss to reach an agreement	bargain, discuss	—	associate, appreciate	eating, agent, giant, note
Neutral	not taking sides	impartial, unbiased	biased, partial	—	nature, learn, alert, true

Unscramble the words: 1. mandate 2. negotiate 3. neutral 4. lead 5. leap 6. manipulate
Fill in the blanks: 1. leap 2. lead 3. mandate 4. manipulate 5. negotiate 6. neutral

Lesson 16 Legitimate · Legislature · Migrate · Minority · Novel · Notion

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Legitimate	allowed by law; reasonable and acceptable	lawful, valid	illegal, invalid	intimate, estimate	title, image, metal, limit
Legislature	the group of people who make a country's laws	parliament, congress	—	—	regulate, leisure, gesture, league
Migrate	to move from one place to another	move, relocate	stay, settle	debate, rate, great	great, image, tiger, merit
Minority	the smaller part of a group	smaller group	majority	authority, priority, majority	minor, irony, iron, tiny
Novel	a long story in a book; new and unusual	book; new, original	familiar, old	grovel, hovel	love, oven, one
Notion	an idea or belief	idea, belief	—	motion, ocean, potion	onion, onto, noon, into

Unscramble the words: 1. notion 2. minority 3. novel 4. legislature 5. legitimate 6. migrate
Fill in the blanks: 1. legitimate 2. minority 3. legislature 4. notion 5. novel 6. migrate

Lesson 17 Momentum · Mission · Necessity · Numerous · Obligation · Observation

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Momentum	the force that keeps something moving	drive, impetus	inertia	—	moment, mount, note, menu
Mission	an important task or purpose	task, purpose	—	vision, decision, permission	miss, sons, moss, son
Necessity	something that is needed	need, requirement	luxury	velocity (near rhyme)	insects, scene, nice, city
Numerous	very many	many, plenty of	few	humorous	nurse, mouse, more, sure
Obligation	something you must do	duty, responsibility	choice, option	station, nation, creation	obtain, along, giant, goal
Observation	watching something carefully	watching, noticing	neglect, ignoring	conversation, reservation	reason, version, native, obtain

Unscramble the words: 1. numerous 2. necessity 3. observation 4. momentum 5. mission 6. obligation
Fill in the blanks: 1. necessity 2. mission 3. observation 4. obligation 5. numerous 6. momentum

Lesson 18 Miracle · Modest · Nevertheless · Nimbus · Organic · Oversee

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Miracle	an amazing event that seems impossible	wonder, marvel	disaster	lyrical, spiracle (near rhyme)	clear, claim, cream, crime
Modest	not boasting about your achievements	humble, unassuming	boastful, proud	honest, hottest (near rhyme)	most, some, stem, dome
Nevertheless	in spite of that; however	however, even so	—	—	seventh, shelter, eleven, sleeve
Nimbus	a dark rain cloud	rain cloud	—	—	minus, sun, bus, bin
Organic	grown without artificial chemicals; natural	natural	artificial, synthetic	panic, mechanic, volcanic	cargo, grain, organ, ring
Oversee	to supervise or watch over	supervise, manage	neglect	agree, free, see	serve, verse, over, ever

Unscramble the words: 1. nimbus 2. organic 3. oversee 4. miracle 5. modest 6. nevertheless
Fill in the blanks: 1. miracle 2. modest 3. nevertheless 4. nimbus 5. organic 6. oversee
Older printings only: Row 1: the letters printed (nbmsu) are missing an "i"; the answer is nimbus.

Lesson 19 Overwhelm · Orientation · Peasant · Perception · Quit · Quiet

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Overwhelm	to overpower with too much of something	overpower, swamp	underwhelm	helm, realm	however, whole, wheel, lower
Orientation	direction or position; an introduction to a new place	direction, introduction	—	station, nation, creation	rotation, nation, notion, train
Peasant	a poor farm worker in the past	farm worker, labourer	noble, aristocrat	pleasant, present	spent, pants, pasta, paste
Perception	the way you notice or understand something	understanding, awareness	ignorance	reception, exception	reception, percent, protein, recipe
Quit	to stop or leave	stop, leave	start, continue	sit, fit, bit	it
Quiet	making little or no noise	silent, calm	loud, noisy	riot, diet	quite, quit, tie

Unscramble the words: 1. perception 2. quiet 3. overwhelm 4. quit 5. orientation 6. peasant
Fill in the blanks: 1. orientation 2. perception 3. quiet 4. overwhelm 5. peasant 6. quit

Lesson 20 Quote · Quite · Reluctant · Relevant · Severe · Several

Word	Meaning	Synonyms	Antonyms	Rhyming words*	Hidden words*
Quote	to repeat someone's exact words	cite, repeat	—	note, boat, vote	out, toe
Quite	fairly; completely	fairly, rather	—	bite, white, light	quiet, quit, tie
Reluctant	unwilling and hesitant	unwilling, hesitant	willing, eager	—	central, neutral, nature, clear
Relevant	connected to what is being discussed	related, applicable	irrelevant, unrelated	elephant (near rhyme)	travel, reveal, event, learn
Severe	very serious or harsh	serious, harsh	mild, gentle	revere, appear, clear	serve, verse, ever, see
Several	more than two but not many	some, a few	none	—	reveal, leave, slave, laser

Unscramble the words: 1. reluctant 2. several 3. severe 4. quote 5. quite 6. relevant
Fill in the blanks: 1. reluctant 2. severe 3. several 4. quite 5. quote 6. relevant