

## Spelling rules for IELTS Academic Writing

*Find at least one mistake in each of the lines below.*

- The lain graph gives data on...
- The table illustreits...
- Thees diagrams show...
- The shaded area indiceits...
- I will descraib the overall trend and then...
- I therefore conclud that....
  
- From then on it declained until...
- The most straiking part of the bar chart is...
- After a period of fluctuation, the demand stabilaized around a new level of...
- It fell fairly slowly but then daived to...
- After remaining steible for a few weeks, it...
  
- It almost flattened out but then diped once again to...
- It droped to a new low of...
- ... has been geting a lot of newspaper coverage recently.
- To summarize what I have written above,...
- I will look at this mater from both sides, then...
  
- The process involvves...
- , which is convertted into...
  
- The government have raissed...
- ... is increassing...
- decreased
  
- ...bouncced back almost to its original level of...
- ...peakked at...
  
- ...rocketted to a new high of...
- bottommed out

*What are the rules for each of the sections above? Use them to help check your answers.*

*Match the rules below to the sections above, and use that to help check your answers.*

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- “Magic E” after a single consonant makes a short vowel sound “say its name” (in other words makes the sounds of the letters A, E, I, O and U in the alphabet)
- Suffixes like –ed and –ing after a short vowel sound and a single consonant make it “say its name” (in the same way as “magic E”)
- Short stressed vowel sounds need a double consonant after them to protect them from being changed by the suffix
- You don’t need double letters after two vowels and/ or long vowels
- You don’t need double letters after unstressed vowels, even if they are short
- You don’t need to double a consonant when you already have two consonants

## Word formation spelling rules for IELTS Academic Writing

Find at least one mistake in each of the lines below.

- The pie chart shows three categories of...
- rose steadily
  
- considerabley
- arguement
- purity
  
- The most noticable similarity between the two countries is...
- managable
- changable
  
- substantialy
- Personaly,...
- Initialy,...
- gradually
- finaly
- realy
- apparantly
- definatly
- succesful
- pollusion
- The flow chart explains producion of...
- fluctuasion
- parsial
- physisian
- electritian
- optitian
- inercia
  
- dramaticly
- basicly
- physicy

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- -c changes to -cally.
- e is usually knocked off
- ...but sometimes e is needed to keep the soft sound
- y changes to i
- the root word is usually not changed, with the suffix just be adding to the original word

*Do the same below, thinking about what kind of error there is in each section to help. There may be two errors (of the same kind) in one line this time.*

- After declining for a couple of years, it botomed out at...
- The folowing stage is...
- This reocurs...
- ... shows a rather different patern.
- ... is almost the exact oposite.
- aproximately
  
- These two sauces of information will be examined in turn.
- The mane trend over the entire period shone is...
- The top roe of the table represents...
- It rapidly rows but then fell to a new low of...
- It reached a peek of 23% and then slowly...
- After the hole procedure,...
  
- The left-hand colum of the table shows...
- The figure climed from this low point to reach a new hi of...
- Althou the arguments for... are also quite convincing,...
- As should be clear from the arguments above, the ... outwei the ...
- Thruout the period shown,...
- Nowadays...
  
- The first thing that can be notised looking at the line graf is...
- The vurtical axes shows...
- The horizontle axis represents...
- Over the following three years, this amount gru by over 50% to...
- It bounced back but didn't reach its previous level.
- grajually
- creap up
- During the first staje of the proses...
- compearing... to...there is nearly the same amaunt of...
- In the folloing paragraf,...
- I will explain the key feachures and then...
- For instanse...
- On balans, I would say that...
- In modurn sosiety...
- There are many advantadges to this
- In my own experiense,...
- ... is a major exseption...
- We can therefor...
  
- After this, it crushed and...
- It experienced a substantial lies of 45% in just two years.
  
- It fluktuated between 7 and 8.5%.
- Subsekwently,...

*Match the sections above to these descriptions:*

- Consonant combinations which are never or rarely used in English words
- Double letters needed (even though it would be pronounced the same way with a single letter)
- Minimal pairs (= two different words that only vary by a single sound)
- Silent letters
- Homophones (= spellings which would be pronounced the same way but which aren't correct because they have different meanings)