

Surprising Spelling

ILS 1A: I can identify spelling “exceptions.”

Some words don't follow the patterns you would expect. For example, sugar seems to be missing an h. And it's not clear why some words are spelled one way instead of another. Pigeon rhymes with legion but is spelled differently. Cocoa seems to have an extra a. And why do people spell it that way when it means the seeds of the cacao tree? These words are mysterious until you know their histories. If you trace the etymology, or history, of a word, you find out that most words in English come from other languages. The way we spell many words today represent the way they were spelled when they were introduced into English.

Make a list of words that have surprising spelling. Include words from your word wall and books. For each surprising spelling, write a clue to help you remember how to spell that word.

Word	How I will remember this spelling.