

WORDS MOST COMMONLY MISSPELLED

Great difference of opinion would, no doubt, arise were teachers asked to name the word most frequently misspelled by pupils from Grade 2 to Grade 8. Mr. F. W. Jones, head of the Educational Department, University of South Dakota, some years ago, made a study of the words used by children of these grades in their written themes. Some 75,000 themes were examined which had been written by 1,050 children. The total number of words used in all the themes, counting each word as many times as it was used, was approximately 15,000,000 words. There were 4,532 different words used.

Practically every one of these 4,532 words was misspelled by one or more pupils. The three words which were misspelled most frequently were "their" and "there" which totalled together 612 times, while "which" bears the distinction of having been misspelled most frequently or 312 times. The word "separate" which many teachers consider the most frequently misspelled word in the English language, ranged fourth, having been misspelled 283 times.

From the results of this study, Mr. Jones has prepared a list of the one hundred words most frequently misspelled by these 1,050 pupils. He has called this the "One Hundred Spelling Demons." It may be interesting for a teacher to determine at the beginning of the year how many of the students in her room have mastered these "demons."

One Hundred Spelling Demons of the English Language:

which	beginning	buy
their	blue	again
there	though	none
don't	coming	very
business	early	week
meant	hear	often
many	here	whole
friend	write	won't
some	writing	cough
been	does	loose
since	once	wear
making	tired	answer
dear	instead	too
guess	easy	ready
says	through	forty
having	women	hour
just	would	among
doctor	can't	busy
whether	sure	trouble
believe	lose	built
knew	Wednesday	color
laid	country	piece
tear	February	raise
choose	know	straight

separate	could	sugar
used	Tuesday	shoes
always	seems	tonight
where	enough	hoarse
done	every	said
grammar	they	wrote
minute	half	read
any	break	two
much	heard	ache
truly		

(List taken from Dr. W. F. Jones' Concrete Investigation of the Material of English Spelling with permission of the Author).

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

September.

First Week—True Wisdom.

Mon.—Prov. 3:13-18, 21-24. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom."

Tue.—Prov. 4:1-9. "Wisdom is the principal thing."

Wed.—Prov. 4:10-19. The way of wisdom.

Thu.—Prov. 8:1-11. Wisdom's call.

Fri.—Job 28:1, 2, 12-15, 20, 23, 28. What true wisdom is.

Second Week—Honest Toil.

Mon.—Ex. 20:8-17. The command to work.

Tue.—Prov. 6:6-11; 22:29. A lesson from the ant.

Wed.—John 6:22-27. Work for that which abides.

Thu.—II Thess. 3:7-13, 16. Be not weary in well-doing.

Fri.—Luke 19:12, 13, 15-20, 22-24, 26. Parable of the pounds.

Third Week—God in his World.

Mon.—Ps. 19:1-6. "The heavens declare the Glory of God."

Tue.—Ps. 8. "When I consider Thy heavens."

Wed.—Ps. 29:3-11. The voice of Jehovah in the storm.

Thu.—Acts 14:8-17. "He left not himself without witnesses."

Fri.—Acts 17:16, 19-28. "In Him we live and move and have our being."

Fourth Week—Stories of the Heroes and Heroines.

Mon.—Dan. 1:3, 5, 8-12, 14, 15, 17, 19. "Daniel purposed in his heart."

Tue.—Esther 4:1, 4-7, 9-11, 13-16. Esther, the brave.

Wed.—Gen. 12:1-7; Heb. 11:8-10. Abraham who believed God.

Thu.—Ruth 1:6-10, 14, 17. Ruth, the faithful.

Fri.—Luke 2:41-52. The boy Jesus in the temple.

Fifth Week—Harvest-time Parables.