Spell It Calling

See it · Spell it · Star it!



Teacher Guide

Four levels of picture spelling · solo, Team Race and teacher screen-share · printable worksheets · test your mic

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Welcome!

Spell It Calling is a vocabulary game for English lessons. A picture appears, and students **spell the word**. Pip the Parrot is your guide. It is a great way to end a lesson, including on Zoom.

> This game works offline in a web browser. There is no live online room in this version. For Zoom, share your screen and use Teacher Screen-Share or Team Race, or let a student play Solo Practice while the class watches.

Three ways to play

- **Solo Practice** – one player. Earn stars and keep a streak. Works on a computer, tablet or phone.
- **Team Race** – two players or teams take turns on one device. Perfect when you share your screen on Zoom and the class calls out the letters.
- **Teacher Screen-Share** – big pictures for the class. You hear the word, reveal a letter, show the word, and keep score for two teams.

How to start

1. Unzip the folder and double-click **index.html**. It opens in Chrome, Edge, Safari or Firefox. Nothing to install.
2. Choose a way to play, a level and a topic pack.
3. A picture appears. Students spell the word with letter tiles or by typing. Press 🔊 to hear the word.
4. Three stars for a first-time correct spelling with no hints. Two stars if they need one hint or one "Try again". One star if they get it after more tries. After three misses, the word is shown and you move on.

Four levels

- **Level 1 · Easy** – 3-letter CVC words (45 words). Letter tiles, and the first letter is already shown.
- **Level 2** – 4 and 5-letter everyday words (51 words). Letter tiles, with a few extra decoy letters.
- **Level 3** – longer words, 6–8 letters (51 words). Tiles with decoys, or typing.
- **Level 4 · Hard** – longer and trickier spellings (43 words). Typing only. An optional timer can be turned on.

American English spelling is used throughout (for example: color, gray, center, pajamas).

No repeated words

Each word in the pack is used only once. When every word has been used, the pack starts again in a new order, and the same word is not used twice in a row.

Playing on Zoom

1. Open the game and press **Teacher Screen-Share** (or Team Race if two teams will take turns).
2. Choose the level and pack you taught today, then press **Start**.
3. Share this browser tab (or the whole screen) on Zoom, and ask students to look at the picture and spell the word out loud or in the chat.
4. Press 🔊 to hear the word, 💡 to reveal one letter, or 👁️ to show the word. Then mark which team got it.
5. The easiest setup is often one computer with the picture shared, and the class calling out the letters together.

Tip: before a Zoom lesson, press 🎙️ **Test your mic** on the home screen if you plan to use "Say the word" recording. Students who play on a tablet should do this too.

Buttons and options

- 🔊 **Hear the word** – uses the voice built into the device.
- 💡 **Hint** – reveals one letter and costs a star. You can turn hints off when you set up the game.
- 🎙️ **Say the word** – optional, and off by default. After a correct spelling, the student records saying the word and plays it back.
- ⏱️ **Timer** – optional on Level 4. If time runs out, the word is shown and you move on.

Test your mic

Press 🎙️ **Test your mic** on the home screen. It records a few seconds and plays them back.

If the microphone does not work on a tablet

- **iPad / iPhone:** Settings → Safari (or Chrome) → Microphone → Allow or Ask. Or tap AA (or the lock icon) in the address bar → Website Settings → Microphone → Allow. If the game was opened inside Zoom, tap the menu and choose Open in Safari or Chrome.
- **Android:** in Chrome, tap the lock icon next to the address → Permissions → Microphone → Allow. If the game was opened inside Zoom or another app, open it in the browser instead.
- On a computer, click the lock or camera icon in the address bar and choose Allow.

Opened as a file, Chrome and Edge usually allow the microphone; some other browsers block it, and the game says so.

Word packs

Level	What students do	Words by topic
Level 1 · Easy 45 words	3-letter words. Letter tiles, and the first letter is already shown.	**Animals** (8): cat, dog, pig, hen, fox, bug, rat, cub **Food** (6): jam, bun, ham, nut, fig, yam **Clothes** (4): cap, hat, wig, zip **Home** (13): cup, mug, pan, pot, lid, box, bag, bed, rug, mat, mop, can, fan **School** (4): pen, pin, map, ten **Transport** (4): van, bus, jet, car **Nature** (4): sun, web, net, log **Things** (2): bat, hut
Level 2 51 words	4 and 5-letter everyday words. Spell with letter tiles.	**Animals** (9): duck, frog, bird, horse, sheep, mouse, snake, whale, tiger **Food** (7): apple, bread, cake, pizza, milk, grape, lemon **Clothes** (6): shirt, dress, socks, shoes, pants, coat **Home** (5): table, chair, door, house, clock **School** (4): book, paper, desk, ruler **Transport** (5): train, plane, bike, truck, boat **Nature** (5): tree, plant, cloud, moon, star **Body** (5): hand, foot, nose, mouth, hair **Things** (5): ball, kite, flag, gift, watch
Level 3 51 words	Longer words (6–8 letters). Use tiles (with decoy letters) or type.	**Animals** (10): elephant, giraffe, dolphin, penguin, monkey, rabbit, turtle, octopus, hamster, kangaroo **Food** (8): banana, orange, carrot, tomato, potato, chicken, sandwich, cookie **Clothes** (5): sweater, jacket, pajamas, glasses, umbrella **Home** (4): kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, garden **School** (4): scissors, backpack, crayon, notebook **Jobs** (4): teacher, doctor, farmer, dentist **Transport** (4): bicycle, scooter, tractor, airplane **Nature** (4): mountain, rainbow, volcano, island **Things** (8): computer, balloon, guitar, camera, pumpkin, castle, rocket, dinosaur
Level 4 · Hard 43 words	Longer and trickier spellings. Typing only. An optional timer can be turned on.	**Animals** (4): leopard, squirrel, lamb, crocodile **Food** (11): vegetable, chocolate, spaghetti, breakfast, watermelon, strawberry, pineapple, hamburger, pancake, cupcake, popcorn **Clothes** (1): clothes **Home** (3): refrigerator, toothbrush, suitcase **School** (4): dictionary, alphabet, calendar, keyboard **Jobs** (1): firefighter **Transport** (3): ambulance, submarine, yacht **Nature** (2): ocean, night **Body** (2): knee, thumb

		Things (12): knife, whistle, Christmas, comb, ghost, phone, photo, treasure, thermometer, eight, light, people

Printable worksheets

The next pages are picture-spelling worksheets for each level, with answer keys. Students look at the picture and write the word. Make as many copies as you need. A pencil-and-paper version is useful at the end of a lesson, or for homework.



Picture spelling

Level 1 · Easy · Richard Sim ©

Name: _____ Date: _____

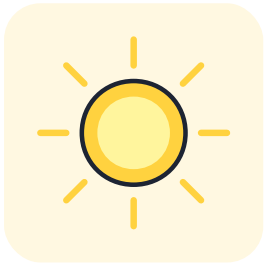
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Picture spelling (continued)

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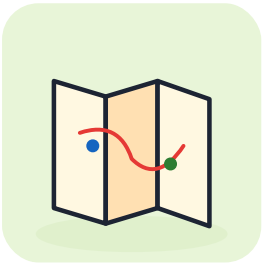
Look at the picture. Write the word.



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Answer key



cat

C A T



dog

D O G



sun

S U N



hat

H A T



bus

B U S



cup

C U P

Answer key (continued)



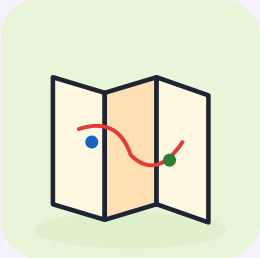
bed

B E D



pig

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map

M A P



pen

P E N



fox

F O X



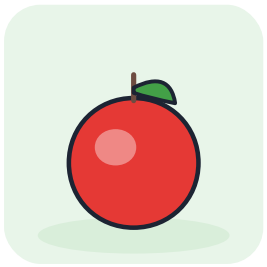
jam

J A M

Picture spelling

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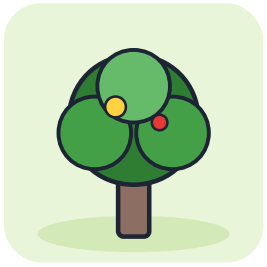
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Picture spelling (continued)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Look at the picture. Write the word.



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Answer key



apple

A P P L E



house

H O U S E



tree

T R E E



book

B O O K



train

T R A I N



duck

D U C K

Answer key (continued)



cake

C A K E



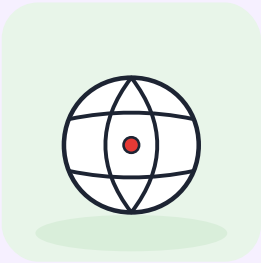
shoes

S H O E S



clock

C L O C K



ball

B A L L



chair

C H A I R



milk

M I L K

Picture spelling

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Look at the picture. Write the word.



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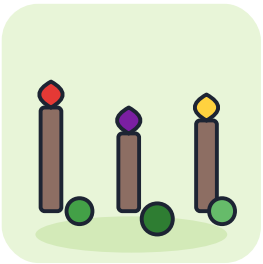
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Answer key



elephant

E L E P H A N T



banana

B A N A N A



rainbow

R A I N B O W



teacher

T E A C H E R



bicycle

B I C Y C L E



castle

C A S T L E

Answer key (continued)



kitchen

K I T C H E N



tomato

T O M A T O



penguin

P E N G U I N



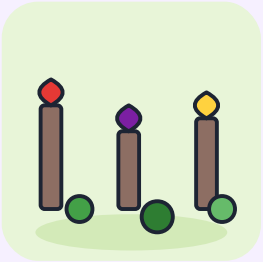
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G U I T A R



rocket

R O C K E T



garden

G A R D E N

Picture spelling

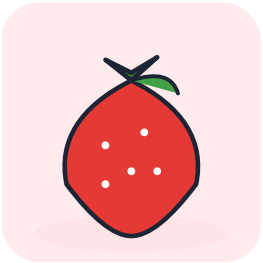
Level 4 · Hard · Richard Sim ©

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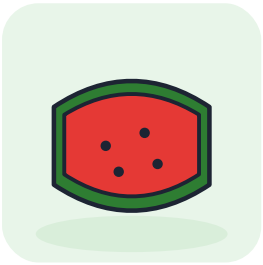
Look at the picture. Write the word.



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Answer key



chocolate

C H O C O L A T E



strawberry

S T R A W B E R R Y



Christmas

C H R I S T M A S



knife

K N I F E



ambulance

A M B U L A N C E



pineapple

P I N E A P P L E

Answer key (continued)



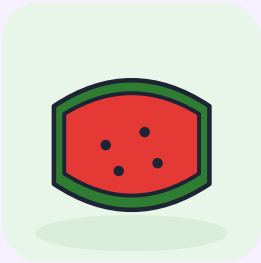
ghost

G H O S T



eight

E I G H T



watermelon

W A T E R M E L O N



phone

P H O N E



light

L I G H T



yacht

Y A C H T