Spelling

General Directions:

The suggestions below should be of value to you in studying the correct spelling of words difficult for you. Try all of the steps at first; later on you may want to use just those which seem most helpful, but stick to this method for several weeks at least.

Steps in Studying a Word

1. Look at the word carefully and pronounce it aloud. Hearing the sound of the word is important.

2. See if the word can be written just the way you say it. If not, underline the difficult part.

3. Shut your eyes and try to get a mental image of the word. If you can’t, look at it again.

4. When you are sure of the spelling, cover the word and write it from memory, saying each syllable as you write it.

5. Check your spelling with the correct spelling, cover the word again, and try writing it once more.

6. Use the word in a short written sentence or phrase.

7. Keep a list of the words you study.

Note: At no point in these directions will you need to spell the word aloud. Avoid such oral spelling.