

**SPECIFIC
SPELLING
FEATURES
IN
FOCUS**

BACK TO BASICS

An Educational Revolution

Aart Bark

Spelling clues 1.

1. **Frills: ck** (The cat and the kangaroo),
ff,(rr),ll,ss.

“c,f,r,l,s easilily fall or roll over, so they need a twin or a partner”.

Short sounds: buck, back, rock, sick, neck.

scruff, draff, off, cliff (but: if)

tuft, soft, lift, left.

dull, doll, dill, dell.

bulb, alb, golf, kilt, welt.

truss(but:us, bus(omnibus), gus(Gustavo), pus,
plus, thus.

mass, moss, miss, mess, must, asp, cost, mist,
best. (but: this)

Long sounds: err(error), chirr, burr, purr where R
imitates the sound.

all, ball, call,...

The first L functions as U and thus lengthens
the sound; compare: Paul.

Dutch: mout, zout, oud, goud, koud.

English: malt, salt, old, gold, cold.

2. **Sun:** The **su**n comes **u**p, the **su**n goes **u**nder.

Son: boy

3. **Dutch connection;** (Dutch from Deutsch.):
such (zulke), rich (rijk), sandwich(zandwijk) in
whick ch relates to k. Compare: Duke,
Duchess. Much (from Spanish mucho)

4. **U associations:** put, pull, full, bull, push, bush, shush.
“The bull is too full to push or pull the cart out of the bush, so you had better put him away in the manger, stranger,” said the ranger.
5. **Bus:** the ending in the Latin word omnibus (for everyone).
6. **Homophones:** the ball is red. I read the newspaper.
7. I told you **so**. Joe is going to **sow** potatoes while his wife is going to **sew** his button **on**.
sew: e for **needle**.
8. **-aw:** saw, draw, straw, drawer,...
9. **For** is short: This is **for you**. **Four** is long: I'll **pour** your tea at **four**.
10. **wa-:** Walter wants warm water to wash himself.
11. **ir:** associate chirp, bird, girl, shirt, skirt, dirty, birthday.
The little girls in their dirty shirts and skirts chirped like birds on their friend's birthday.
12. **Yes:** one **s**. Were you home yesterday? **Yes**, I was.
13. **Little, brittle, skittle:** Little Miss Brittle can jump over a skittle. The **tl** order may be heard in **littlies**. I think that **le** became the “standardised” ending based on French.

table: The English borrowed the word from French but changed the pronunciation. The **ble** order may be heard in **tablet**. In order to become a good and confident speller, we have to adopt the strategy of finding clues. If no relatives can be found, I think it is safe to say that the **le** form is the correct one: apple, jungle, riddle, uncle (French oncle).

Warning: Don't be put off by exceptions; you are one yourself.

14. **He** is with **her** in **here**. **He** is also with **her** in **there**, so **where** are **they**?
15. **O: O**: Once a month on Monday, this mother can't be bothered to talk to her brother.
16. **Drop the y and put an i:** I say-I said.
They-their.
17. She rather likes her **fat father**.
18. Row, cow.
19. If you jump into the river, you'll shiver and damage your liver.
20. Bill, dill, fill.
21. We **are** in the **area**.
22. Rinse: **s** for **soap** and **soak**.
Compare: The prince didn't like quince mince so he started to wince.
23. Ask, bask, cask (**Smart** words).
No **r** because these words may be pronounced the American (Australian)

way(as **Tan** words).

24. **ea** in **head** words: **ear**, **hear**, **heard**, **deaf**, **rehearse**, **heartbeat**, **breath**, **breathe**.
25. **egg**: Two **gs**: one for the **g**oose, one for the **g**ander.
26. **O**, **zero**, **one**, **two**, **none**, **no one**,...

Spelling clues 2

1. **Two** (Dutch **twee**, German **zwei**) relates to **twice**, **twelve** and **twenty** in which the **w** is heard.
2. If you could and you would, you should, but if you couldn't and you wouldn't you shouldn't.
3. **Some come to me**, **others go** elsewhere. (Dutch: komen, sommige)
4. A **man** can live **many** years but not **any** number of years. (Dutch: enige, menig)
5. **ea**(**eat** words): **eat**, **tea**, **tealeaf**, **breakfast**, **bread**, **cereals**, **real wheat**, **peas**, **beans**, **pears**, **peaches**.
6. **ur**: **Fur**. Visualise a **curly** hair.
ir: **Fir**. Visualise the trunk, the shape of the **i**.

7. New, dew, few.
8. Our milk was sour within an **hour** (**h** for **hands**).
9. **Question words** and three others: **what**, **when**, **which**, **where**, **who**, **whom**, **whose**, **whether**, **white**, **while**. (Most people do not pronounce the **h** any longer)
10. She had a bath on the footpath (Smart words). No **r** because they can be pronounced as Tan words.
11. **ur** words in Association: **Turn** (**U**-**turn**) off the **urn** (shape) but don't **burn** yourself otherwise you'll get **hurt**.
12. **oa** words in Association: The **coat** of our black **foal** is very shiny because the **foal** eats a **loaf** of bread made with linseed and **oats**. Compare (**coat**&**cloak**).
13. I do, **he** **does**, **she** **does**. I go, **he** **goes**, **she** **goes**.
14. **Dutch connection**: half a calf has two **legs**.
15. Oh **dear**, I can hardly **hear**, I must **clear** my **ear**.
16. When the **poor** man opened the **door** of his shack on the **moor**, the **roof** fell down onto the **floor** so there was not much **room** for him to stay any more.

17. **Our** friend Col **loves** this **colour**.

Unfortunately, he's colour blind.

Most French nouns ending in **eur** changed to **our**: **humour**, **vigour**, **favour**, but: **chauffeur**.

18. Go-gone, do-done.

19. **Head words**: **ear**, **hear**, **heard**, **deaf**, **rehearse**, **heartbeat**, **breath**, **breathe**.

20. **Dutch connection**: The **k** words.

Put down your **knapsack**, **knock** on the kitchen door with your **knife** (**knippen**), your **knuckles** or your **knees**, then turn the **knurled knob**. However, there's **knack** to it so don't get your **knickers** in a **knot**. (knife, **knippen**: **f** and **p** are relatives. Compare Pisces and Fish).

21. **Bill**, **will**, **frill**.

22. I'll **pour your** tea at **four**.

23. The **bull** is too **full** to **pull** the cart.

24. **Tealeaf**.

25. **Double Dutch**: Although you are **rough**, you're not **tough enough** to lift this heavy **doughnut trough** when you have such a bad **cough**.

26. **Live**, **give**, **liver**, **giver**, **river**.

Drop the **e**, put ing: live-living, give-giving.

27. Our **coal** black **foal** ate the whole **loaf**.

28. A person who delivers the **mail** is not always a **male**; sometimes, she's a **female**. **Mail** can go by **air**, **rail** or **sail**.

29. Miss, hiss, kiss.

30. New, news, jew, jews.

31. The **load** of **tadpoles** and **toads** jumped from the truck onto the **road**.

32. **ui**: Does **fruitjuice** with ice **suit** you?

33. The doctor was not **sure** how to **cure** this **obscure** illness.

34. **wrap with**. **Wrapping** paper.

Spelling clues 3

1. **Girlfriend**

2. All, ball, call.

3. **Solve**: **v-u** relation (Latin): solve-solution.

4. **Question words**: **what**, **when**, **why**, **which**, **who**, **whom**, **whose**.

5. I'll **pour your** tea at **four**.

6. Boss, cross, moss.

7. All, ball, call.

8. **ai**: **bail**, **sail** **frail**.

9. Jack, his face as white as **chalk**, **walked** up the bean**stalk** to **talk** to the giant's wife because he was in strife.

10. Ale, bale, dale.

The sailor put his sailor up for **sale** in Moss **Vale**.

11. **wa**; **wash** with **warm water**.

12. **we were** here.

13. **wh**: **white, while**.

14. It's **raining again**.

15. **apple**: Standardised ending; Two **ps**: one for the **pip**, one for the **peel**.

16. **Hunger, finger, longer, longest** in which the **g** is heard. Compare **sing-singing, hang-hanging** (verbs).

17. When we **reached** the **beach**, the **teacher**, Mrs **Preacher** gave us a **peach each**. Relate: **Beach, sea, ocean**.

18. **eat** words: **bread, breakfast, cream,...**

19. A boy in our **class** lost his double **bass** and his **brass buspass** in the tall **grass**.

20. **Biff, riff, tiff**.

21. **Ice, dice, rice**.

22. **ence, ent**: **silence** (French). These endings usually mean non-action.

ance, ant: Usually corresponds with-ing: **servant-servant**.

The **e** **silence** may be heard in **silencio**. (Italian)

23. I'm **after** a four by two **rafter** this **afternoon**. (Smart words); no R because they

can be pronounced as Tan words.

24. Brown, gown, clown.

25. The **fairy** came down**stairs** to get some fresh **air** while sitting in her **chair**.

26. Although **Jean** is rather **mean**, she always **wears clean jeans**.

27. The picnicker got a tic when he was picnicking during a picnic.

28. Rock, sock, block.

29. **Carbrake**.

30. **ea**: **Weak teapots break easily**.

31. The **acorn** looked somewhat **forlorn** when he was **born**.

32. **ir**: Three **girls** came **first**, second and **third**. Since they were not only **dirty**, they were also **thirsty**, so they needed a drink.

33. **le**: **puzzle-puzzling**

Ron hit another car **front on**.

Spelling clues 4.

1. Tracey **Glass**, a girl in my **class**, lost her double **bass** and her **brass** bus**pass** in the long **grass**.
2. One horse**e**-two horse**es**. The silent **e** is heard in the plural form.

Likewise: one house**e**-two houses**e**s.

3. **However**: One mouse-two mice. One lousy louse-two lousy lice.
4. **Double Dutch**: “When you use a **light** at **night**, it **might** make look things shiny and **bright**,” said the **knight** as he galloped out of **sight**.
5. Brick, quick, sick.
6. **ir**: **Girls** only have **dirty** shirts and **skirts** when they play in the **dirt**.
7. **ai**: The **maid** was **afraid** that she wouldn't be **paid** for the carpet she **laid**, so she dragged it away with the **aid** of her **braid** during a W.W.II. **airraid**.
8. **oe**: **Joe** hurt his **toes**, so he took off his **shoes** which he normally never **does**. There he **goes**.
9. **Poll, roll, toll**.
10. **Ask, bask, cask**. (Smart words). No **r** because they can be pronounced as Tan words.
11. **All, ball, call**.
The first **l** functions as the **u** in Paul.
12. **Drop the y and put an i**: They lost their heirloom.
13. He is with her in here. He is also with her in there, so where are they?
14. **Rose chose** to **pose** as a garden **hose**; one of **those** that automatically **close**.
15. **Those**, not **these**.

16. You'll have to **choose** your own **cheese**.

Silent **e** sounds in chooses and cheeses.

17. **Table** from French **table**; **ble** order can be found in **tablet**.

18. **Bell, dell, smell**.

19. Boys **flirt** with **girls**. Sometimes, they **squirt** water on them to make them **chirp** like **birds**.

20. **Kick, lick, pick**.

21. If you would and you could, you should.

22. **-dge**: **budge, badge, dodge, bridge, edge**.

23. A **man** can live **many** years but not **any** number of years.

24. **Cuff, duff, huff**.

25. **ur**: Mnemonic: **U**niting **chur**ch.

26. **ie**: The **chief**'s **niece** used her uncle's **briefcase** to take a **piece** of **pie** to her **friend** the local **priest** who had just finished listening to the confession of a local **thief**.

27. Drop the **e**, put **ing**: come-coming.

28. It's quite common to put a comma to indicate a short pause. It's shorter than the pause for a semi-colon which in turn is shorter than a full stop.

29. Auntie Flo **grows** **flowers** during April **shows** for the Royal Easter **Show**.

30. When the **little** **kitten** was **bitten** and **smitten**, it hid in a **mitten** next to the

letter I had written.

31. **-tch**: clutch, catch, scotch, kitchen, sketch.
32. **ea** Associate: read, teach, learn, speak.
33. Although the girl was very **pretty**, it was a **pity** that she took off with the **petty** cash of her boss in the **city**.
34. "When the sun is low, you'd better wind down the window," said the widow.

Spelling clues 5.

1. **O**: Once a month on Monday, my mother and her brother together with another mother and her brother meet each other.
2. Never ever say never. **Every** time you say it, you may be **very** sorry you did.
3. Don't make the blunder to stand under a tree during a thunder.
4. **oa**: A **load** of **tadpoles** and **toads** jumped from the truck onto the **road**.
5. Sister Fairy**floss** walked **across** the **moss** to give the holy **cross** a new **gloss**.
6. **ie**: The Sheffield **Shield** Match is held on a **cricket field** because it will **yield** more runs.
7. Doubles in the middle to maintain a short sound: sudden, middle, meddle.

8. Don't jump into the icy river, you will start to shiver and damage your liver.
9. Long-longer-longest. Short-shorter-shortest.
10. The French Connection: **tion**: **station**, **nation**, **vacation**.
11. Although Sid is **vivid**, he is rather **timid**.
(No doubles: timide, vivant, French)
12. **au**: Why is there a **pause** in the **applause**?
Because.
13. **aw**: **Law** of the jungle: **paws** and **claws** turn **raw** meat into **coleslaw**.
14. A cat walks on all **fours**.
15. **Floors** and **doors** are not made with **straws**.
16. Silent **e**: pulse**e**-pulses.
17. Double **s**: **cuss**, **fuss**, **muss**, **truss**.
Single **s**: us, bus, Gus, pus, plus, thus, crus.
18. **Back**, **black**, **shack**.
19. **ve**: When twelve **elves** jumped off the **shelves**, they hurt themselves.
20. Between **seven** and **eleven**, the **elephants** got **ants** in their **pants**.
21. Oh dear, I nearly cut off my ear.
22. Our milk was sour in less than an **hour** (**h** for **hands**).
23. I do, **he** **does**, **she** **does**. I go, **he** **goes**, **she** **goes**.

24.If **Joe** **doesn't** hurt his **toes**, he **does** wear **shoes**.

25.**The Greek connection:** phonograph, (sound grooves) telephone (far sound), telegraph (far write), telescope (far see), phonograph (sound grooves)

26.Silent **e**: lapse**e**-time laps**e**s.

Compare: One lap around the oval.

Two laps around the oval.

27.**-tch**: Crutch, scratch, blotch, stitch, stretch.

28.**-dge**: Sludge, badge, lodge, ridge, pledge.

29.**-ough** (Double Dutch): This **doughnut** **trough** is too heavy to heave, especially when you have a bad **cough**.

Though he was a **thorough** student, he didn't get **through** the test the way he **thought** he would.

30.**wa**: A black **swan** in a **W. A. swamp** **wanted** to **swap** its feathers with those of a white **swan** sitting in the sun. however, as it started to squat near the white one, a nasty **wasp** used its **wand** to cause the deal to be undone.

Spelling clues 6

1. Note: **say** rhymes with **may**, but **says** rhymes with **fez**.
2. **Deal, heal, meal, weal, steal,...** Heal relates to healthy, weal to wealthy, steal to stealthy.
3. **Eel, feel, heel,...** Heel relates to knee and feet.
4. **Spanish connection:** much from mucho.
5. **Dutch connection:** such from zulke; hence not tch. Same for rich (rijk), which (welke), and sandwich (zandwijk), greenwich (Groenwijk).
6. **-tch:** This witch has a broomstick with a lightswitch.
7. **Touch:** French toucher, hence not tch.
Mnemonic: ouch, don't touch.
8. **ur:** turn (u-turn) off the urn (shape) but don't burn yourself.
9. **I go, he goes,** she goes. I do, he does, she does, it does.
10. **Beak, leak, peak,...**
Associate: a leaking teapot. You buy leeks at the greengrocer.
11. We **shall all** throw the **ball** over that **tall wall**.
12. The **rain** in **Spain** falls **mainly** on the **plain** and then down the **drain** **again**.
13. **French connection: terrible.** lble

ending because terr is not a full word.

Compare: **horrible, possible, incredible.**

14. Act, fact, pact, tact, bract, tract.

15. **Year, near, hear, ...** It is **nearly** new **year.**

16. Bow, cow, how, ...

17. **Binge, hinge, singe, ...**

18. Sow, blow, flow, ...

19. **All, ball, call, ...**

20. Town, gown, brown, ...

21. **Skip, pip, hip, ...**

22. Last, mast, past, ... No r, hence they are pronounced as **Tan words** by some people.

23. **Mild, wild, child.** The L lengthens the sound. (L makes i say its name)

24. **Child-children.** (short: dr against L)

25. **Add:** Two ds: $1+1=2$

26. I'm going to the zoo at ten **to** two. Are you going **too**? (short)

(long)

27. **Few, dew, new, ...**

28. Own, known, shown, blown, flown, grown, thrown.

29. **Joe** is going to **sow** **potatoes** while his wife is going to **sew** his shirt **button on.**
sew: **e** for **needle.**

30. **Joe** puts his **toes** in his **shoes** before he **goes** out to check his **potatoes** and his **tomatoes.** (Dutch: **schoen**)

31. **-able**: The const**able** is **able** to slide along a **cab**le**** from the **gab**le**** onto a **tab**le**** in the **stab**le****.
32. **ey**: The don**key** and the mon**key** lost the **key** to their car in Syd**ney**, so then **they** couldn't buy hon**ey** for their mon**ey**.
33. **oa**: oak, soak, cloak, croak, oaken.
When the **boat**man put his **cloak** to **soak** in some **soapy** water, he tripped over his **oaken** bucket and **croaked**.
34. **ie**: The **chief**'s niece gave her **pie**ce of **pie** to the local **priest**.
35. **ea**: **Peace** be with you in **heaven**, on **earth**, at **sea** and on the **oceans**.
36. "You are nearly as tall as a **fir, sir**," said a **girl** in **first** grade.
37. **ea**: **Bear** in mind that a bare footed **bear** would like to **eat** you apart from just **peaches** and **pears**.
38. Before Sky went out to **buy** loaves of rye bread **by** the dozen for his cousin, he said good-**bye**.
39. **Silent u**: "**Buy** means **purchase** with money out of your **purse**," said the **nurse**. (The money is in the **u**-shaped pouch: visualised spelling).

Spelling clues 7.

1. **Homophones** (sound the same): “My **son** is a good boy,” said the mother to her brother. The **sun** comes up and then goes under.
2. Aunt: (French and Dutch: tante). **Mnemonic:** **au**nt and **un**cle (French: oncle)
3. If you replace the two eyes with two es and imagine the eyebrows and nose to represent the y, then the resulting picture looks eye. **eye** words: **eyes see**, **peek**, **peer**, **weep**, **sleep**, **seek**.
4. **Homophones: peer** (look) and **pier** (where the ferries moor). **Peter** looks up to his **peers**.
5. **Homophones: peek** (look) and mountain **peak** which rises up from the **sea** and **reaches** into the **heavens**.
6. Low, slow, mow,...
7. **Homophones:** The Jew **blew** out his candle (**le**: candle-candler). Sue is always dressed in **blue**.
8. The cow and the sow had a row over who should row the prow, so now they both have a thick eyebrow.
9. **Question words:** Why, when, where, which, whether, what, who, whom, whose.
10. **Homophones:** When the Jew had the

flu (short for **infl**uenza), he was so cold that he **flew** up to sit on the **flue**.

11. Not every **bowler eats** cereals out of a **bowl**.

12. The **fair** haired **fairy** who lived in a **lair** on the **prairie**, came downstairs to sit in her **chair** in order to enjoy the fresh **air**.

13. **ea**: The **beauty** (from French) and the **beast** went **east** to have a **feast** for at **least** a **year** in the flat they **leased**. (I **lease**-he **leases**).

14. **owls** and **fowl** have **wings**.

-**owl**: howl, jowl, yowl, scowl, growl, prowl,...

A shed full of **fowl** may emit a **foul** smell.

If a player commits a **foul**, he's usually sent off to sit in the sinbin.

15. **Drop the y** and put an **i**: city-citizen.

16. **ea**: **Easy** on **please**. "Be **pleasant** to the **peacock** and the **pheasant**," said the **peasant**.

17. **-dge**: Budge, fudge, judge, badge, cadge, fadge, lodge, wodge, splodge, stodge, fidge, midge, ridge, bridge, fridge, edge, hedge, ledge,...

18. **ea**: I **fear** that soon I won't be able to **hear**; I'm going **deaf**.

19. **Silent b**: **Comb** (**combination** of teeth or **brush**). **Climb** (**clamber**), **lamb** (**baa baa**)

black sheep), thumb (**both** hands), doorjamb (leg of the door opening, from French: **jambe**), numb, plumber (**pb**: lead).

20. **-ain**: gain, main, pain,...

21. **Homophones**: Electric **cord**. A **cord** to fasten something.

A **chord** is played on a musical instrument.

Relate: **choir** and **chorus**

22. **ea**: eat, beat, heat,...

23. The **bull** is too **full** to **pull** or **push** the cart out of the **bush**. (Dutch: bos)

24. **Silent e**; **else**; can be heard in someone **else**'s.

25. **ey**: birds of **prey**: **They** have **grey eyes**.

26. **ea**: dead, head, lead,...

27. **Double Dutch**: high (hoog). "Land is **nigh**, "shouted Captain **Bligh** while standing in water **thigh high**. (thigh=dij)

28. **Ron** is an **iron monger**. **Mnemonic**: **iron ore**.

29. Drop the **y** and put an **i**: She runs a busy **business**.

30. **er**: ern, fern, hern, kern, tern, stern, quern.

When Captain **Kern** shouted, "Full **astern**" to avoid hitting an **ern** and a **tern**, he accidentally tripped **over** the green **fern** he kept near the **stern**, so now he has a **hernia**.

31. **K words in body language**: Skull, cheekbones, knuckles,

knickerbockers, knees, skin, ankles.

(**le**: relate **anklets**)

32. **Homophones**: bears don't **wear** wash-and-wear underwear. Here, there, **where**.

33. **Wire, fire, hire, ...**

34. **wor-**: The **worm works** in the under**world**. It doesn't say **word** because its cough is getting **worse**, so it won't be **worth** your while to use it as bait.

35. **wa-**: **warm water** to **wash**.

36. **Prizes** come in all sorts of **sizes**.

37. The whole group suffered from **croup** so they ate nothing but **soup**.

38. In order to minimise his tax, Max drives a mini- as well as a maxi taxi.

39. The **alto** shouted "**halt**" because he wanted to buy **malt** and **salt**. **Table salt**.

Spelling clues 8

1. **During** a **cruise**, a Dutch **builder** spilt **fruit juice** on his good **suit** when he **bruised** his finger.
2. **Homophones**: It seems to always **teem** with rain when our soccer **team** has to play in May. The referee deems it unwise to even start the game. What a shame!
3. **Homophones**: This waiter has to **wait** at least eight months before losing **weight** (Dutch:

wacht, acht, gewicht).

4. Mr **Wolf** likes to play golf with his little **wolves**.
5. A **stove** is usually **above** (Dutch: **boven**) the **oven**.
6. **oa**: The **oaf** **soaked** his **coat** and his **cloak** in **soapy** water.
7. **Homophones**: He never **tires** to put new **tyres** on his car.
8. Down, clown, crown,...
9. The **sheaves** are too **heavy** to **heave**, so **leave** them alone, Steve.
10. Our **doctor** visits his patients on a **motor** bike.
Visualise **doctor**: Think of the two o-shapes of his stethoscope. **Motor**: Think of the two wheels.
11. **-augh**: Homophones: court, caught (think of the **a** in **catch**; **our** tenniscourt.
The **naughty daughter** (Dutch: **dachter**) got **caught laughing** (Dutch: **lachen**).
12. **o**: Every **other** day, the **mother** and her **brother** meet each **other**.
13. The **donkey** and the **monkey** went to **Sydney** to buy **honey** for their **money**.
14. **Double Dutch**: **knife** relates to **knippen** (to cut). Note: **f** and **p** are relatives: **pisces-fish** (**pescador**=fisherman in Spanish)
15. When the a husband attacked his **wife**

with **knife**, he was in **strife**.

16. **match, catch, latch,...**

17. **Prizes** come in all **sizes**.

18. The **beast** went **east** to have a **feast**.

19. Most people turn on the **light** at **night**.

20. **o: month** and **Monday** relate to moon.

Once a **month** on **Monday**, the **iron-monger** sells **shovels** for **shoving** coal into **ovens**.

F and **v** relationship: change of meaning.

Shovel relates to Dutch **schoffel** which means hoe.

21. **Silent e**: **noise-noises**, **house-houses**.

22. **Oft** is short for **often** (silent T or not)

23. **Sick, trick, brick,...**

24. **oa words by Association**: The **boatman** **boasted** that he could row his **boat** with only one **oar** over the **roaring** and **soaring** waves along the **coast** while eating **roast** on **toast**.

25. **Homophones**: **roar** and **raw**, **soar** and **sore**, **oar** and **or**.

26. **Mock, knock, shock,...**

Miss **Peacock**, dressed in one white and one blue **sock**, a **frock** and a **smock**, got up at five **o'clock** to round up the **stock** near **Ayers Rock**.

27. **Annual**: Relate anniversary, per annum (Latin). French: an-year. **Al** ending because it can be lengthened to **annually**

(**Adjective to Adverb**) Prefix **ad** means next to. Ject means throw: adject, project, inject, subject

Thus: **An adjective** stands next to a noun(name).

An adverb stands next to a verb.

28. Grass, glass, pass, class, mass.

29. **Once upon...**

30. Bell, fell, knell,...

31. **now I know.** I should have known it long ago.

32. **Double Dutch:** You **might** see better when you turn on the **light** at **night**.

33. **October** was originally the 8th month (octopus, ootagon) July (after Julius Ceasar) and August (after the Roman Emperor Augustus) were introduced later.

September was the 7th, November the 9th, **December** the 10th month (compare **decimal**).

Spelling clues 9

1. **Talk, walk, chalk, stalk:** The **l** functions as a **u** to lengthen the sound. Compare: auk (diving bird).
2. **Associate:** **Teach, learn, read, speak. Each, beach, teach, peach, reach,...**

3. **Have**, (Dutch heb**bb**en). There is a **v b** (not Victoria Bitter) relationship. Compare: move-mobile.
4. **Double Dutch: -ough**: I **thought** you might have **brought** the **wrought** iron bike you **bought**. However, you **sought** to fight with your brother. You **fought** and you **fought** but didn't win, so now you've got **nought**.
5. **Double Dutch: -ough**.
During the **drought** (droogte), the **bough** (boog) fell down onto the **plough** (ploeg). Then, nothing was heard but the **sough** (zuchten) of the wind in the willows by the windows of the widows. (weduwe)
6. I'm **through** with you. You can have your dinner **though**.
7. **January**: after Janus, the Roman God of End and Beginning, hence his two-faced head. Often found at the entrance of a house or a building.
February: (French:Fevrier),(Dutch: Februari). The perfect month (between full moon and full moon). 4 weeks of 7 days (4x7=28) 2nd month, 8 letters.
8. **wa**: The **warden was washing** himself with **warm water**.
9. Ruck, truck, struck,...
10. **Double s, except yes**: guess, mess, dress,...

11. **Both**: A **Tony** word (long sound)
Compare: the moth fell from the cloth
into the broth (**Tom**: short sound).
12. "I wish I **knew** how to use this **new** gadget,"
said the **Jew** to one member of the **crew**
while they **flew**.
13. **Lamb** (baa baa black sheep). Door **jamb**
from French jambe-leg.
14. **ai**: the **maid** was **afraid** that she wouldn't be
paid for the carpet she **laid** so she draged it
away with the **aid** of her **braid** during an
airraid.
15. I have to buy **meat** so I'll **meet** you at the
butcher's (French boucher).
Meat is an **eat** word with **ea** like **veal** and
steak.
When you **meet** your friends in the **street**, you
most probably will **greet** them.
16. **Homophones**: the **nun** (u for church) ate the
lot, so there was **none** left.
17. Pass, glass, grass, class, brass, mass (Smart
words). Since there is no r, some people
pronounce them as Tan words.
18. **Homoplones**: **reins**. One for the **left** hand and
one for the **right** hand.
Reigns: the Queen **reigns** the Country (she
leads). **G** for **regal** which means royal.
The **rain** in **Spain** falls mainly on the **plain**.

19. There's a book about making different knots used by a seaman. It's called "Forget me knots".

20. **Lead free**: no lead. (scientific symbol: **pb**, hence **plumber**, a tradesman who used to work with **lead** pipes instead of P.V.C. ones) Yesterday my friend **lead** the way I was **led** to believe

21. **Homophones**: When the **poor** man opened the door of his hut on the moor in Dartmoor, the roof fell down onto the floor. I'll **pour** your tea at four; now I have to buy some **paw-paw**.

22. When it's very hot, sweat keeps **pouring** out of your **pores** more and more as never before.

23. **Lion** from French.

Lions don't eat **lemons** (round) or **melons** (round) but they love **bacon on** toast.

24. **Past, last, mast**,... (Smart words)

25. Don't **waste** my tooth**paste** in your **haste**. Less **haste**, more speed, so don't be too **hasty** and don't swallow it either because tooth**paste** is not as **tasty** as a **pasty**.

26. **ai**: There's only one word like **waist**. **I** for **middle**.

Note: With homophones, it's enough to learn one; the other is then learnt by elimination.

27.**oo**: Mr Cock**ro**ach, our soccer **co**ach, took us in a Greyhound **co**ach to the Tasman Sea to **po**ach on **lo**ach and **ro**ach. Afterwards, he **bro**ached a cask of lime juice and then bought his wife a **bro**och. (The Os represent two diam**o**nds)

Note: Long sounds: no tch.

28.**Drop the y and put an i**: I say-I said

29. Do you know Mrs So and So? No.

30. Although **Jean** is **lean** and **mean**, she always wears **clean jeans**.

31. Who's **hose** is this? Mine, so don't **lose** it. I **lost** it already twice before.

32. You'll need a **noose** that's not too **loose** to catch a **goose**.

33.**eat words with ea**: **meal**, **bread**, **meat**, **veal**, **steak**, **breakfast**, **beans**, **peas**, **pears**.

34.**Most** (Dutch: meest): My boss lost the toss so he lost most of his money.

35.**Homophones**: While you **buy** a pair of new shoes, I'll **buy** peaches and pears **by** the bagful, so good-**bye**.

36.**-al words lengthen to ally**: real, really.

Real Estate means Royal Estate;
compare: Real Madrid.

37.**Silent g**: sign relates to **sign**ature and **sign**al.

38.**o in Sun words**: **Love**, **dove**, **glove**, **shove**, **oven**, **cover**. Put a **cover over** it.

39. **Move** relates to **mobile**. (**vb** relationship)

Spelling clues 10

1. He is too **vain** to ask for help. I offered, but in **vain**, so he's still standing there in the pouring rain, probably till the sun starts shining again.
2. **Vein**: Like **rein**, think **left** and **right**. If the doctor wants to do a blood test, he draws blood out of your vein, either the one in your left-or in your right arm.
3. **Lane, mane, pane, vane**,... I call them the regular ones in which the **e** makes the **a** say its name. Compare **man, pan, van**.
4. **Silent b**: Climb: Think of clamber.
5. **Homophones**: sent, s for stamp. Cent, c for coin. The two initial letters for the third one: **scent** (learnt by elimination).
6. The cattle **below** started to **bellow** when lightning struck.
7. **Homophones**: Have a **break**, eat your steak. A **car** has **brakes**.
8. **-tch**: **Clutch, catch, Scotch, bitch, fetch**.
9. Put a **cover over** it.
10. **ea**: **Peace** on **earth**, in **heaven**, at **sea** and on the **oceans**.
11. Fence, hence, pence, thence, whence.
12. Dense, sense, tense.

Suspend-**suspense**, defend-**defense**, dense-
density, sense-**sensation**.

13. A **giant ant** is called a **bullant**.

14. **Silent w**: associate, **wristwatch**.

15. **ur**: The butcher ate so much **liverwurst** so his
stomach nearly **burst**.

16. **Chalk, talk, walk, stalk**.

17. **ea**: Instead of buying a new **bedspread** for
her **homestead**, Miss **Bleach** made one
herself with **needle and thread**.

18. **Dance, lance, glance, ...** (Smart words)

19. **ance, ant**: from French. This ending
usually indicates action. The – **ant**
form relates to the – **ing** one in English.

20. The **Sheffield Shield match** is held on a **cricket**
field because it will **yield** more runs.

21. If you can't **hear**, you must be **deaf**. You
heard?

22. John **Glover** **loves** his **doves**; he treats
them with **gloves**.

23. Why does this **typist** not **type**? Is she a
different **type** of **typist**?

24. The three –**ase** words: In this **case**, the Police
Chief himself organised the **chase** around the
R.A.A.F. **base**.

Others spell –**ace**: **Ace, face, lace, ...**

25. **ea**: Oh **dear**, I can't **hear**. I'll have to **clear** my
ear.

- 26.**oa**: The **boatman** **boasted** that he could row his **boat** with only one **oar** along the **coast** over the **roaring** and **soaring** waves while eating **roast** on **toast**.
- 27.**Dozen**: From French **douze**.
- 28.This **knight** only wants to **fight** when the **light** is **bright**, not at **night**.
- 29.Don't waste my toothpaste in your haste.
- 30.If you're too **hasty**, you can't **taste** this **tasty** **pasty**.
- 31.**Homophones**: Have a break to eat your steak. **Great!**
Regular **-ate** words: Date, fate, gate,...
Farmers often use a **grate** instead of a **gate** to stop cattle escaping.
- 32.**Ore, bore, core**,...
- Simon **Snore** has a sports**store** with soccer balls **galore** and much **more**.
- 33.**Ruth** always tells the **truth** but **Ruth** can also be **ruthless**.

Spelling clues 11.

- 1.**Cue, due, hue**,...
- 2.Since the **prince** didn't like **quince mince**, he started to **wince**.
- 3.**Homophones**: you can **knit** a sweater even if you have **nits**. However, it's not easy to **knit** and scratch at the same time.

4.**ea**: When we **reached** the **beach**, our **teacher**, Mrs **Preacher**, gave us a **peach each**.

5. Buff, cuff, duff,...

6. **Crock, frock, chock**,...

7. **Silent b**: The **dumb plumber** hit his **thumb** so now it's **numb**. He can't **climb** his ladder, **comb** his hair, feed his **lamb** or repair the **doorjamb**.

8. Eat, beat, heat,...

9. **aw**: When I got up at **dawn**, I saw a **prawn** on the lawn under the **awning**.

10. I'm **already ready** to **read**.

11. Stiff, sniff, cliff, skiff, whiff, riff, ... **but: if**.

12. Sugar: The a has to be identified.

(Spanish: azucar, no problem)

Mnemonic: sugar **cane**.

13. Double Dutch: The **knight's tights** were **slightly** too **tight**.

14. Tried: Try, drop the y and put an i.

Then: **ed** for **yesterday**. Standard ending for Past Tense.

15. **Oval**: Compare **ovary-ovarian** (French oeuf-egg). Pick out the o a and associate: A **coal** black **foal** ate all the grass between the **goal** posts on the **oval** in Shoalhaven.

16. **le**, **handle-handling**.

17. **O'clock** obviously means on (the) clock.

18. **on**: **person-personnify**.

“Her **son** is a good **person**,” said the **parson**.

19.**People: o** for in **popular**-popularity.

20.**ur**: Associate: We'll have to **curb** (the **u** illustrates the meaning) the **disturbing** noise in **urban** and **suburban** areas.(urb=city)

21.**Homophones**: Although this person's son learns his **lesson** more or **less**, his attention starts to **lessen**.

22.**ey**: The monkey and the donkey went to Sydney to buy honey for their money.
(they-their)

23."Please be pleasant to the peacock and the pheasant," said the peasant to his daughter Heather when she wanted to pull out a feather for her hat made of leather.

24.-**eem**: deem, seem, teem.

-**eme**: deme, theme, scheme.

Most words have the **-eam** pattern: beam, team cream,...

Cream is an **eat word**: tea, bread, peach, pear, breakfast, cereals.(real wheat)

25.-**tch**: Dutch, clutch, crutch.

Batch, catch, hatch, notch, Schotch, blotch, crotch, Itch, bitch, ditch, fetch, wretch, sketch, stretch.

26.**Heal-healthy, steal-stealthy, weal-wealthy**.

Homophones: I cut my **heel**. I hope it will **heal**

quickly. Associate: **heel**, **feet**.

27. **Silent t**: Listen to the mockingbird.

28. **il:Body Language**.

pupil (eye), **nostril**, **tonsil**.

il words in context: My ex-**pupil** is a **civil** engineer with the local **Council**. It's a rather **tranquil** job. (tranquil-tranquility) He checks the **pistils** of the **Council** flowers during **April** showers. (Spanish a brir, French ouvrir, Italian aprire-to open). He also gets rid of unwanted **fossils**, sharpens **pencils**, makes **stencils**, administers tranquilisers when the lives of councillors are in **peril**, clips their **tonsils**, removes **weevils** from their **nostrils** despite the **cavils** of these **evil devils**.

29. She **rather** goes with her fat **father**.

30. **Cain** put too much **strain** on his **chain** again. Since he **sprained** his ankle, he has to go by **train**.

31. **le**: **ankle**-**anklet**.

32. Holland means hollow land.

33. **Silent s**: An **island** (Spanish: **is** land)

Compare: isolate, insulate (Latin: insula)

34. This **person**'s **son** **poisoned** **someone**; now, he's in **prison**. He refuses to eat anything but **melon**, **lemon**, **bacon on** toast while sitting **on** a **cotton** **cushion** with **crimson** **ribbons** to nurse a sore **tendon**.

Since the person's **son** is rather docile in comparison to many others in that **prison**, the whole **squadron** of guards **reckon** that they should **abandon** him at **Wimbeldon** or **Artarmon** where perhaps he could learn to be a **mason** to build a **masonic** hall for the next **masonic** ball.

35. **Spread, tread, thread,...**

The **bedspread** in the **homestead** was a **threadbare**

36. **el**: **quarrel-quarrelling**.

Wordbuilding provides the clue.

37. **eat words**: You can't grow **wheat** without the sun's **heat**. If you want to eat **bread**, you need wheat or some other grain.

38. **ea**: Since the **eagle** was **meagre** (French: *maigre*-thin), it looked **eagerly** at the **beadle's beagle**.

39. **o**: Mnemonic: **don't worry**.

40. One **l** in combinations: **almost, always, until, altogether, also**. But: **all right**. (2 words)

41. Before he hit his forehead, he was **all right**.

42. **Ranch, branch, blanch, stanch**. No **r**:

Smart words, (British); Tan words, (Australian and American).

Spelling clues 12

1. Mnemonic: **girl friend**.
2. **Barge, large, marge, charge**. The **e** is heard in barges, larger, largest, charger, charges.
3. **Tempting**: Remember the **p**; it's not always pronounced because it is rather awkward to do so.
4. **wa**: Most **wards** in this new hospital are **towards** the back of the building.
5. It is very difficult to send an **antelope** by airmail in an **envelope**; it will **elope**, (from Dutch: lopen-walk, e=away).
6. **ance, ant**: It takes an hour to walk the **distance** between here and the **entrance** (from French: distance; Spanish: distancia in which the **a** is heard.)
7. **weal=wealth**
Suddenly, Robert **Peel** could **feel** an **eel** under the **steel keel** of his boat. When he wanted to **kneel** in order to wind the **wheel** of his **reel**, his **heel** got caught in the **wheel**. Then he tripped over his **creel** and **reeled** into the moat, the silly goat.
8. Knock knock. **Who's** there? Dr **Who**. To **whom** do you want to speak? To the patient **whose** hose is leaking.
9. **ous adjectives**: **serious**, **humorous**, **monotonous**, **hilarious**, **billious**, **obvious**.

10. **Homophones:** You **write** with a pen. That's **right**.
11. One **l** in combinations: **always**, **almost**, **also**, **until**. **All right** (two words)
12. **Hunger**, **hungry**. **Long**, **longer**, **longest**.
Compare: sing-singing, hang-hanging (verbs).
13. **Budge**, **badge**, **dodge**, **bridge**, **hedge**.
14. A **doctor** on a **motorbike**.
Ct words+ or: Instructor, tractor, director, conductor.
15. **-ture:** **Nature**, **future**, **signature**, **literature**, **texture**, **adventure**, **miniature**. (French)
16. He **read** the newspaper on his **threadbare** **bedspread** in his **homestead**.
17. The pears **appear** to be rotten. **ap** from prefix ad=towards. The **d** becomes **p** to create a better blend.
18. The **plumber** decided to slumber a bit under a pile of **lumber**.
19. **le:** **stumble**-**stumbling**, **tumble**-**tumbling**
20. One **man** and one **woman**. Two **men** and two **women**. (**woman:** relate **whomb**)
21. **Mnemonic:** **what's wrong?**
22. I'll have to sew your **button on**.
23. The **deacon** who lived near the **beacon on** the hill loves **bacon on** toast.
24. **el:** **travel**-**travelling**
25. **Voice:** relate to **vocal** to identify the **c**.

- 26.**ou**; associate with the aid of the key word
you: **you** are still **young** (Dutch: jong)
- 27.**om**: Always look for **patterns** because man is
a pattern-making and consequently a
pattern-using creature.
Every Spring, at the **bottom** of the **kingdom**
where people express their **wisdom** in a
different **idiom** from that of the **official-dom**,
- 28.**Neither** of them speak **either** English or
Korean.
- 29.**Unless** you buy at “Best and **less**”, you’ll
spend more money on such a dress.
- 30.**per**: perhaps once or twice **per** annum, the
price **per** kilo is rock bottom. (annum=year)
- 31.**o**: Can **someo**ne give me **some o**ne-dollar
coins please. Any**o**ne will do.
- 32.**French connection**: trouble, double, couple,
cousin.
A **couple** of his **cous**ins from New **Sou**th
Whales are in **double trou**ble.

Spelling clues 13.

1. **al**: hospital-hospitality hospitable
2. **Full**, but in combinations only one **l**: **useful**,
helpful, **dreadful**,...
3. **-ture**: future, nature.

4. **Homophones: weather, whether** or not, **wether** (old, male sheep). **Whether** is in the group of **question words**: why, when, where, etc.

“**Heather**, can you check **whether** or not the **wethers** are still **tethered together** in this horrible (French: horrible) **weather**?” asked her father.

Note: The stem of most words ending in ible is an incomplete word. **Terrible** (French: terrible). **Possible** (French: terrible). Of course there are exceptions because man himself is exceptional. Hospital-hospitable from French hôpital. (the accent replaced s)

5. **Homophones: Wait** till I have checked my **weight** (Dutch: gewicht). Eighty-eight kilo(from Dutch acht).

Note: Gaxton the printer (1476), spent much of his time in Holland and consequently worked with Dutch people who wrote these words with gh. By comparison, the French use gu: guide, guess, guild, guest(Norman input)

6. **Double Dutch:** The **freight** of **eight neighing** horses depends on **height** and **weight**.
7. **Valley** (French: vallée): There are not many donkeys in the Hawkesbury Valley.

8. **ou**: My **cousin** (French: cousin) works for the Prospect County Council. Although he comes from another **country**, his English is not bad. He loves reading about the Mutiny on the Bounty. The definition of **alimony**: a bounty on the mutiny.
9. **Nothing** means **no thing**.
10. **Dew, few, stew,...**
Homophones: threw, through.
“The mother earned a poor living by spinning, but Jack was lazy and earned nothing. At last his mother lost all patience with the boy and shouted, “I’m **through** with **you**,” and **threw** him out of the house.”
11. **Throw, grow, crow,...**
12. **oa words with Association**: The young **foal** of my **horse** has a hoarse **throat** so it can’t swallow bran or **oats**.
13. **o** in an expression: **No wonder** he’s ill; he sat all night on the windowsill till he caught a chill.
14. **wa**: **wander**: relate **walk**.
15. **Daisy** literally means the day’s eye.
16. **sur** in French means on, over, above (Dutch: boven) **Surprise** (French) **takes** you by surprise. On Sundays, there is a **surcharge** (a bit more than the weekly price).
17. **Visual spelling** to identify the **u** in **curtain**:

think of the **u**-shaped folds. **Certain** (French without any modification except for the pronunciation).

Association: He's not certain whether or not he'll get his **certificate**. (certify, certification to identify the **a**)

18. **ain:** capt**ain**, mount**ain**, cert**ain**, curt**ain**, vill**ain**, Brit**ain**, chieft**ain**.

Visualise: A **captain** from **Britain** was not **certain** whether or not he could capture the tribal **chieftain**, a real **villain**, who lived under a **curtain** between a snowy **mountain** and an icy **fountain**. (No need to memorise)

19. **Dutch connection:** Fight, fright, bright,...

The Great Australian Bight (Dutch bocht).

20. **Arrive:** From Latin: ad riva-to the river.

The **d** changed to **r**. (Arriver: French).

Arrive-arrival, survive-survival. A indicates Action.

21. Part, depart, departure.

22. **aid** or **ade:** Learnt by **Elimination**.

The **maid** was **afraid** that she wouldn't be **paid** for the carpet she **laid**, so she dragged it away with the **aid** of her **braid** during a W.W.II **airraid**.

23. **we owe** Joe some **money**, **honey**, so run to the bank while it is still sunny.

24. **Own, known, shown, blown, flown, grown,**

thrown,...

I should have **known** that I could have **grown** these flowers on my **own**. If you had **shown** me, I wouldn't have **blown** all my money. I might as well have **thrown** it away if I hadn't **flown** to that man in Japan.

25.**ur**: visualise the spelling. **Curl**: The **u** has the shape of the very curl.

26.-**ail** and -**ale**: Two large groups.

I call-**ale** the "regular" pattern.

The **frail** man **failed** to **bail** out his **sailer** because he had no **pail**. He had just come out of **jail**, because he had been off the **rail** for sending drugs by **airmail**. Since there was no wind and only **nail**-shaped **hail**, the **sailing snail** could hardly out its icy **trail**. The **ailing sailor wailed** like a **quail** without **tail**, but to no **avail**. Then he **brailed** up his **sail** just before the **sailer** with the **sailor** went down like a **drail**.

27.-**ame**, -**aim**: Dame, fame, game,...

Aim, main, claim.

28.**aw**: **Law** of the jungle: I **saw** the **paw**, the **claw**, the **maw**, the **raw** meat minced into **coleslaw**. The last **straw**. **Awful**!

29.**Homophones**: sow potatoes.

sew a button on. (**e** for **needle**).

- 30.**Homophones:** You can **bore** a hole. I looked in awe at the wild **boar** when it went for me with a frightening **roar**, I killed it with an **oar**.(boar: male pig)
- 31.**Homophones:** The **convict** slept in a **cell**.
The farmer in the dell wanted to **sell** his well. Since there was no water in it because of a dry spell, it didn't sell very well.
- 32.**Homophones:** The piman was afraid that he would **die** if they made him dye his hair.
- 33.**Homophones:** Tim eats blueberry jam to keep slim and trim. Since it was poisoned, they had to **bury** him. (**u** for **u**nderground).
- 34.This person's **son** **poisoned** a **parson**.
Now he's in **prison** where he only gets **lemon**, **melon** and **bacon**.
- 35.There are only don**keys**, not mon**keys**, in the Hawkesbury **Valley**.
- 36.**ear:** "Already **early** in life, you have to **learn** to **earn** money in **earnest**," said the **Earl** as he was searching for **pearls**.

Spelling clues 14.

1. **ir: firm.** The manager of this firm had his glass in a firm grip when he stood on deck of a cruise ship.

2. **-age** French connection: **village, voyage, damage** (from dommage). **Page** managed to get the **garbage** to the **village**.
3. A **Dutch builder** **bruised** his finger during a trip on a **cruise** ship.
4. The cows stopped to **graze** and looked in a **daze** at the **amazing haze**.
5. **Foul** play. **Fowl** have **wings**. Gas-gastric.
6. **Silent l and p**: alm, balm, calm, malm, palm, psalm (Dutch words), qualms.
When a huge **palm** in the village church fell down during the singing of a **psalm**, the congregation stayed **calm** and made no **qualms**.
7. **-aw**: I **saw** a **raw prawn** at **dawn** on our **lawn** under the **awning**.
8. **Act, fact, pact, tact, bract, tract**.
9. **Patient** (French–patience.) **ent, ence** usually indicate non-action: silent, silence.
10. **-ow**: **bow, low, slow, ...**
11. **ea**: That's a good **idea, dear**. (Dutch: idee)
12. Thea wanted to **leap** so she **lept**. She wanted to **sleep**, so she **slept**. She needed to **weep** so she **wept**.
13. **ea**: Before the **teacher** gave us a **peach** **each**, we had to **leap** over the **heap** of **pears** and **peaches** because they were so **cheap**.
14. **Boss, loss, moss, ...**

15. Birds of **prey** don't pray and have not always **grey eyes**, but **they** do **obey** the law of their species. **Obey**: They **e** can be heard in obedient.
16. The **stove** is usually **above** (Dutch: **boven**) the **oven**.
17. **Hale** and hearty Jonah pulled the **male whale** over the **wale** of his boat. Then he put it up for **sale** in Moss **Vale**. **Whale**: **h** for **heavy**.
18. Bill, the silly dill, damaged his **pupil**, his **nostril** and his **tonsil** with a **pencil**.
19. **ail, ale**: **Mail** can go by **air, rail** or **sail**.
20. I heard the **roar** of the **boar** when I hit him with my **oar**.
21. **Homophones**: This **or** that. Iron **ore**.
You can row a boat with one **oar**.
22. **ir**: Can you **stir** porridge with a **fir**? No, **sir**.
23. It is a difficult **task** to **ask** a question while wearing a gas **mask**.
24. **er**: berm, germ, herm, term, therm, sperm.
When a **German** girl caught a **germ**, she had to stay home in 3rd **term**.
(Term-terminal, terminate).
25. After a long **journey** (daytrip from French: jour) and reading many **journals** (literally: daily news). We finished our **tour**.
26. **ew**: The **Jew** just **knew** that if he sat on the last **pew**, he would have a good **view** so that

he could see which way the wind **blew**.

27.**Homophones:** I **warn** you; I'm **worn** out.

28.**Homophones:** Zorba the Greek is too **weak** to go out this **week** (**seven** days).

29.**wh:** He uses his whip from his hip.

30. If you don't see the car **ahead**, you will be **dead. Dreadful.**

31.**ai:** Since the **waiter** walked with a funny **gait**, he could never follow a line that was **straight** so instead of going to Cairns, he went to Bass **Strait** to buy **bait**.

32.I will all **allow** you to row my **prow**, but not **now** because I have to milk the **cow**.

33.**o:** The **donkey** was the only different animal among the **monkeys** of the **monkey monger**.

34.**on:** Ron's wife always has her apron **on**, even on a pupil-free **Monday**. She makes melon and lemon jam for her **son** who is in prison because he **personally** **poisoned** a **parson** who himself was convicted for **arson**.

35.**aw:** I **saw** the **paw**, the **draw** of the **claw**, the **maw**, the **raw** meat. **Awful!**

36.**ea:** The **beauty** and the **beast** went **East** to have a **feast** for at **least** a **year**.

37.**Homophones.** Only girls give **birth** but not always on their birthday.

In Sydney, ships **berth** at Darling Harbour.

A four-**berth** caravan has four **beds**.

38. Guess, less, mess,...

39. **Dutch Connection:** blood (bloed), flood (vloed). There was a **flood** of **blood** on the **floor** near the **door** of the **bedroom**.

40. **oa:** Jack **Boar**, who can row a **boat** along the **coast** with only one **oar**, pays **board** and **hoards** the rest of his money in his cup**board** because he often goes **abroad** to watch movies on **Broadway**.

41. **ough:** During the **drought** (Dutch: droogte), the **bough** (Dutch: boog) fell down onto the **plough** (Dutch: ploeg). Then, nothing was heard but the **sough** (Dutch: zuchten) of the wind in the willows by the windows of the widows.

Spelling clues 15.

1. **ane & ain:**

- **Cain** went off his **brain** when he missed the **train** to **Spain**. (Spain-Spanish).
- **Shane's plane** hit the **vane** of a **crane** standing in a field with sugar **cane** when the moon began to **wane**. That's **insane**.

2. A boy in my **class** lost his **brass** bus**pass** in the long **grass** (Smart words).

3. After the **builder** had **built** a double bed under his new **quilt**, he decided to go on a **cruise**. One night, as he sipped his **fruitjuice**

with ice, he spilt some on his **suit**, not once but twice. When he jumped up, he **bruised** his finger because he tripped over the lemon slice.

4. When we **reached** the **beach**, our **reading teacher**, Mrs **preacher**, let us **leap** over a **heap** of **pears** and **peaches**. Then she gave us one **each** because they were so **cheap**.
5. The question is whether this **cheque** will bounce or not. I had better **check**.
6. The **main aim** was to **claim** that the soldier was **maimed**.
7. **Scout words**: ou or o double u.
A **loudmouth** from the **South** is very **proud** when he's able to **shout** heavy rain out of a **shroud** of **clouds**, especially with a cheering **crowd**.
8. **el**: **cruel-cruelty**
9. **ur**: **curve-curved**. (**visualised** spelling)
10. **ea**: after the **death** of his **Headmaster** who had run out of **breath**, the word **spread** that he was going to **learn** to **read** himself **instead**.
11. **il**: my ex-**pupil** is a **civil** engineer with the local **Council**. He's got a rather **tranquil** job. He checks the **pistils** of the **Council** flowers during **April** showers, gets rid of unwanted **fossils**, sharpens **pencils**, makes **stencils**, administers **tranquilisers** when the lives of **councillors** are

in **peril**, clips their **tonsils**, removes **weevils** from their **nostrils** despite the **cavils** of these **evil devils**.

12. **Silent b: Doubtful.** The **b** can be heard in **dubious**. **Debt.** The **b** can be heard in **debit**.
13. **ain:** The **rain** in **Spain** falls **mainly** on the **plain** and then down the **drain again**.
14. **al:** **equal**-**equally**-**equality**-**equation**.
15. **Quantity** and **quality**.
16. **Raise, braise, praise, chaise** (French)
Raise your hand if you want me to
braise your meat. Remember to **praise** the Lord before you eat.
17. **Early** to bed and early to rise makes a man **healthy, wealthy** and wise.
18. **ew:** The **Jew** asked a member of the **crew** which way the wind **blew** and then jumped out before the plane was **due** because he didn't want to **spew** the **new stew** while they **flew**.
19. **Serve:** drop the **e** and put **ing:** serving.
Mnemonic: **self-serve** (French: servir)
20. **Servant:** ant indicates an action. It compares with ing in English.
21. **Ore, bore, core, ...**
Simon **Snore** wanted to see the **seashore** a bit **more**. When he fell, he **tore** the new suit he **wore**. His whole body was **sore**.

22.**ea Associations:** speak, ear, hear, read, teach, learn.

23.**Body language:** eyes, cheeks, teeth, speech, knees, heels, feet.

24.**eel:**

- When Robert **Peel** could **feel** an **eel** under the **steel keel** of his boat, he quickly turned the **wheel** of his **reel**. Unfortunately, his **heel** got caught in his **creel**. Consequently, Robert **Peel reeled** into the moat, the silly goat.

eal: (or by elimination)

- One day, a **stealthy** burglar went down the gurgler. Since his wounds needed to **heal**, he got on to a **really** good **deal** to obtain a **healthy meal**. As soon as he heard the local churchbells **peal**, he was filled with a holy **zeal**. He stole some **veal** and caught a **seal** as well as a **teal** although he heard the creatures **squeal**.

25.**Mnemonic:** burglar alarm

26.**ock:** Mrs **Peacock**, dressed in one blue-and one white **sock**, a red **frock** and a green **smock**, got up at six **o'clock** to round up the **stock**. When she walked around Ayers **Rock**, she discovered a **flock** of **mockingbirds** in **shock**.

27. **Bell, sell, dell,...**

The farmer in the **dell** fell into his **well** after a very dry **spell**. Since nobody heard him **yell**, he rang a **bell** because he wanted to get out of his **cell**.

28. **Mnemonic**: cell: **c** for **convict**.

29. **al**: total-totally. (French, Spanish: total)

30. **ail**:

The **frail** man **failed** to **bail** out his **sailer** because he had no **pail**. He had just come out of **jail** because he had been off the **rail** for sending drugs by **airmail**. Since there was no wind but only **nail**-shaped **hail**, the **sailing snail** could hardly cut its icy **trail**. The **ailing sailor** **wailed** like a **quail** without **tail**, but to no **avail**. Then he **brailed** up his **sail** just before the **sailer** with the **sailor** went down like a **drail**.
(**ale** words by elimination).

31. **Trials** for **trail** bikes.

32. **Silent e**: verse-verses, horse-horses.

33. These lines are too **feint**; I can hardly see them.

34. The **Saint** put in a **complaint** that his drinking water looked **quaint**. It was **tainted** and nearly made him **faint**.

35. Force: I always admire the **force** of a **horse**.

36. After the drought, the **rain** in **Spain** will cause the **grain** to grow **again**.

37. The whole **group** ate **soup** because they suffered from **croup**.
38. **oa**: You can **soak** your **coat** and your **cloak** in an **oaken** bucket with soapy water.
39. **gu**: Although he had given his **guarantee** never to fall asleep on duty, a Royal **guard** was found **guilty** of falling asleep as soon as he heard the sound of a **guitar** played by a tourist **guide** from Zanzibar. One night, a **guest** from New **Guinea** under the **guise** of a **guardian** angel caught him in the act. **Guess** what, the **guard** got sacked.

Spelling clues 16.

1. **Homophones:**
 - Today I hear; yesterday, I **heard**.
 - **Her** entire **herd** died during the recent drought.
2. **Homophones:**
 - I can **hear** my **heart** beat.
 - The **hart** is the male of a deer.
3. **igh**: We **might light** our new candles **tonight**. All **right**?
4. This **villain** has a beautiful **villa** in a nearby **village**.
5. **age**, French connection: village, voyage, courage.

At your **age**, you should have the **courage** to take the **garbage** to the **village**. Bon **voyage**.

6. **ain**: This **captain** is a **villain**. He damaged the Chinese **curtain** around my **fountain**. Are you **certain**?
7. **wh: why** does he **whistle** on the leaf of a thistle? Because he likes **whistling**. Talk a bit crisper. I can't hear you **when** you **whisper**.
8. **Silent t**: whistle: **t** for tune.
9. **Why** has the court **written** a **writ** to William's neighbour? Because his neighbour has smitten his kitten with a mitten.
10. **le**: like table-tablet. Put the kettle on the table. Settle-settling-settler.
11. Did I leave my toolkit in the kitchen?
12. When I have been **writing**, it's **written**.
13. **ness**: Darkness, laziness, foolishness,...
14. **Mnemonic**: Put a **cover over** the **clover** so that nobody can **discover** it.
15. **I**: Powerful, dreadful, hopeful, wonderful,...
16. I like to have a **shower** before attending to my **flowers**.
17. The performance of the **princess** was a huge **success**.
18. **tion** (French connection): Question, nation, station,...
19. **scissors**: **s** for **sharp**, **c** for **cut**, **o** for the **hole**.

20. **Difficult**: (French: difficile). It's **difficult** to understand this **cult**; it's part of a totally different **culture**.
21. Differ-different: The **e** in different is silent.
22. **Tomorrow** you will feel the impact of your **sorrow**, not now.
23. **Advent**: Prefix ad-towards, venire-to come, Latin (French venir) **Adventure**.
24. The **beauty** (French: beauté) and the **beast** went **East** to have a **feast**.
25. Happy: Drop the y and put an i: happiness.
26. **ant, ance**: importance, important. This ending usually denotes action.
27. **Mnemonic**: Put the **vegetables** on the **table**. (**a** for **vegetation**)
28. **Spelling in expressions**: No wonder he's not coming; he's overseas.
29. **Acreage** tells you that **acre** spells with **re**.
30. **Spelling in expressions**: we **are** in a **square area**.
31. **Well**; one l in combination: **welcome** (Dutch: welkom). Only **some** are **welcome**.
32. **Regular**-regularity.
33. **Receive**: Forget about rules.
Reception tells us that the **e** follows the **c**.
34. **Ire, dire, fire, wire, tire-tired-retire**.
35. The clown went down town in his brown nightgown while wearing a crown.

Spelling clues 17.

1. **al** may be lengthened to **ally**: usual-usually.
2. **Saturday** is named after the planet **Saturn**.
Every 2nd day has a u: **Sunday**, **Tuesday**,
Thursday, **Saturday**.
3. **Injure**. The **jury** had to decide whether or not the **injury** happened at work.
4. She's trying to **obtain** a bicycle **again** because she can't afford to go by **train**.
5. **Commence**: (French commencer) When will they commence repairing the **fence**?
6. **our**: Simon **Saviour** always picks his **favourite colour** and **flavour**, your **Honour** because he's interested in **glamour**.
7. **City**: Drop the y and put an i: **cities**, **citizen**.
8. **ous** for **adjectives**: famous, ridiculous, hilarious,... spacious. **Us for nouns**: circus, asparagus, annulus, omnibus (bus),...
9. **dge**: The **sledge**hammer fell from the **ledge** into the **hedge**.
10. **custom**: (French: coutume). **Tom** is a good **customer**.
11. **tion**: French connection: action, fraction, multiplication,...
12. The **waiter** was **awaiting** orders from the customer.

13. The **clown** jumped into the river dressed in his **brown** night**gown**. Since he couldn't swim, he **drowned**.
14. The king's pal**ace** is an **ace** place. Not only has it furniture but also a furn**ace**.
15. His **furniture** had been covered with **fur** (curly u-shape). Since it had worn off, he threw it in his furnace.
16. **Cotton**, (French coton): She only wears **cotton** dresses with buttons.
17. **ou**: (French connection): A **couple** of **your** **cousins** are in **double** **trouble**.
Couple-cou**pl**er-cou**pl**et,
double-dou**bl**ing, trouble-trou**bl**ing.
18. **Course**: **s** for **study**
A **source** of **income**.
19. Our **courtyard** is next to the **courthouse** **your** **Honour**.
20. Between the golf**course** and the tennis**court** runs a water **course** from an unknown **source**.
21. **court**-**courting**-**courtesy**-**courteous**.
22. **Homophones**: Sauce is not the same as source, of course.
Sauce (**hambur**ger, **frankfur**ter)
23. **oa**: Our **horse** has a **hoarse** **throat**.
24. **ant**, **ance**: significant, significance.

25. **Damage**, (French: dommage). It's not worth our while to **salvage** the **damaged** ship.
26. **Eat, beat, feat,...**
It's a treat to beat another team, much better than suffering a defeat.
27. After the **fall**, the farmer's land lay **fallow**. Although he **hallowed** the Lord, his face looked **sallow** like **tallow** with eyes rather **shallow** because he was destined to be hanged on the **callows**.
28. **Dutch connection**: Half, calf.
Two **halves** make a whole.
Two **calves** don't make a cow.
29. **crucial**-**crucially**.
30. You have to be **honest** with me **honey**.
31. **follow**-**hollow**.
32. Although the old **fellow** is rather **mellow**, he can **bellow** so hard that his face turns **yellow**.
33. **au**: Is there a **plausible** excuse not to **applaud**? Yes, **because** the conductor wants a **pause** instead of **applause**.
34. **Silent e**: I **pause**-he **pauses**.
35. **Homophones**: paws(animal); pause(stop).
36. **general**-**generally**.
37. **le**: **gentle**-**gently**.
38. France, glance, chance, lance, prance, trance, stance, ranoe. (Smart words)

Spelling clues 18.

1. **ant, ance**: Usually denotes action.
2. **age: courage, manage, voyage, damage, village, message, language, bandage, average, advantage, sausage.**
3. **Love, dove, glove, shove, shovel, oven.**
4. Master, faster, casting, lasting, fasting, vasting, blasting. (Smart words).
5. **Ever, every, sever, several, clever, never.**
6. Here, severe, sincere, austere, persevere, mere, atmosphere, interfere, coherent, revere (reverend), adhere, inhere.
7. Doubles in the **middle**: Don't **meddle** with someone else's affairs.
8. **le**: **Meddle-meddling.**
9. **medal-medallion. Metal-metallic.**
10. **kettle, mettle.**
11. **singular-singularity.**
12. **Marry, carry**: Drop the y and put an i: **marriage, carriage.**
13. **Dutch connection**: bight, dight, fight, high, light, might, mighty.
14. A **minute** is a **minute** part of an hour.
15. **Second** (French second): think **two**.
Second (French seconde): think **clock**.

16. **Two** (Dutch twee; German zwei): Think **o**, zero, none, **o**ne, two**o** to remember the **o**.

Two relates to **tw**ice, **tw**elve, **tw**enty.

17. **Modern** (French moderne; Spanish moderno in which the r is audible).

A Southern bitt**ern** fell into the gutter of a house in the North**ern** Hemisphere (half a sphere) and then wound up in a mod**ern** cist**ern**.

18. Joe Blow used a bow and **arrow** to try and shoot a **sparrow**. Since he **narrowly** missed the **sparrow**, he'll try again **tomorrow**.

To his great **sorrow**, he hit his neighbour from whom he **borrowed** the **arrow**.

19. Inhabit**ant**-habit**at**. Indign**ant**-indign**ation**.

Const**ant**-stay. extravag**ant**-extravag**anza**.

Conson**ant**, son**ant** (Spanish sonar=to sound).

Protest**ant**-protest**ing**. Irrit**ant**-irrit**ate**. Blat**antly** ignor**ant**-ignor**ing**.

20. Mat has a mat**ure** nat**ure**.

21. **le**: need**le**-need**ling**.

22. **ice**: Some can be traced by word building:
office-official-officially, novice-noviciate,
notice-noticeable

able after a full word: Service-serviceable
(**Self Serve**), justice-justify, practice-practitioner.

Fruit**juice** with **ice** for **Alice**.

Liquor with **ice** gives **liquorice**.

You cannot join the **police** force if you have **lice**, no matter how **nice** you are.

23. These **angels** grow a whole **range** of **oranges** on the high mountain **ranges**.

24. **Parcel**: Since the c sounds s, it has to be followed by e, not l.

25. **Part-partial-partially**.

26. **ey**: **grey** birds of **prey**: they **obey** bird laws. The **e** is present in **obedient**.

27. A **lase** is capable of acting as a **laser**.

To laze-to be lazy. A **phrase** is a **phase** of a sentence. **Phrase**ology, **phrasing**.

28. Ignite-ignition.

29. **Raise, braise, praise**:

Raise your hand if you want me to **braise** your meat. Be sure to **praise** the Lord before you eat.

30. To **pray** is to **say prayers**.

You **play** with other **players**.

Spelling clues 19.

1. **on**: Is there any **reason** why John **Cotton** is again in **prison** this **season**? Yes, because he is a mentally **poisoned person** who never ever learns his **lesson**. This time, he was accused of **treason**. They **reckon** that he delivered a **wagonload** of **weapons, pistons,**

common old-fashioned **cushions** with **crimson ribbons** and stuffed with explosive **buttons, lemons, melons** and **bacon** to a **squadron** of terrorists. They had taken over an **abandoned beacon** on **Deacon Hill** between the Grand **Canyon** and **Wimbledon**.

When his father, a **champion surgeon** and a Free **Mason**, tried to **beckon** him not to do it, the boy drove off in a Ford **falcon** stolen from the local **parson**, because there's no **comparison** between them. John **Cotton** may be compared to an agile **gibbon**.

2. **ant: occupation, participation**
merch**ant**, account**ant**, occup**ant**, applic**ant**, immigr**ant**, serv**ant**.
3. **ence**: process, state or the **result** of action
(compare-ance: action)
adhere-adherence, depend-dependence.
4. This **train** will **mainly** drive around the **domain** but not in the **rain**.
5. **Move**, remove, removalist: the **o** can be heard in **mobile**.
6. **Turn** off the **urn** but don't **burn** (**hurt**) yourself.
7. **Reward**, **war**, **ward**, **warden**.
8. **Leonard Lizard** was a warden in a war-time hospital. He moved patients back**wards** and fore**wards** (Dutch voorwaarts) from **ward** to

ward. Last week, he got a **reward** for being a **wizard** at playing **billiards** during a **blizzard**.

9. **Abbot Rabbit** lived next to the **exit** of an ancient abbey on the **summit** of a mountain the height of which seemed to have no **limit** and therefore close to the Holy **Spirit**. Only the monks and the nuns could live there. The few people who would pay them a **visit** were usually so scared that they would almost **vomit**. **Abbot Rabbit** was in the **habit** of going down to the bank to make regular **deposits** to increase his **credit** so his bank balance never showed a **debit**. Nobody knew how he made his **profit**. Even the **editor** who **edited** the local newspaper never provided any details, probably because he was bound by adhering to a **predetermined ambit**.
10. **One b**: **habit-habitual**. **One r**: **spirit-spiritual**.
11. **Prophet**-French **prophète** in which the e is audible.

The **prophet** was one of the **triplet** of a **midget** born in a **closet**. When he started to **fidget**, he accidentally pushed the button of a **rocket** which then left its **socket**. Although he didn't have a **ticket**, he landed in front of the **wicket** during a game of **cricket**. Since he had no **helmet**, the ball hit his **velvet bonnet**.

Fortunately, it only felt like the sting of a **privet**.

He then hid the ball in a **pocket** under his **singlet**, between his **wallet** and a **docket** with the price of some **fillet**.

12.**eal**: A **seal** swims in the **sea**. I **deal**-I **dealt**, **heal**-**healthy**, **meal** (**eat** word), **peal**-**appeal**, **veal**(**eat**word), **zeal**-**zealous**, **steal**-**stealthy**, **squeal**.

Associate: a **great deal**. To **seal** a **deal** that will **appeal**.

13.**One d**: shadow, relate shade.

14.Don't stand in the cold **breeze**. You'll **freeze** and you'll start to sneeze so that you'll have to **squeeze** your nostrils with **tweezers**.

15.**ous** for **adjectives**: suspicious,famous, hilarious, ridiculous, ominous.

16.**Suspicion**: the **c** as in suspect.

17.wagon (French wagon, Dutch wagen).

18.If you use an **ad** to sell your **dress**, you have to mention your **address**.

19.Are you **ready** to **read**?

All, all right. **But**: almost, also, always, already.

20.Range-arrange, point-appoint, peal-appeal,...

21.Every greengrocer **arranges** his **oranges** so that people will buy them.

22.Beneath **heaven** is **earth**. Beneath **heaven** is the **sea** (**ocean**).

23. **butcher**. The baker sells bread, but the butcher sells meat. (French boucher)
24. **Ron** is always in **control** when he's on **patrol**. (Petrol-petroleum).
25. **Courage**- courageous (French courage)
Manage, village, damage, garbage,...
26. Don't **push** the **cushion** off my seat.
27. **dia**(across): diagonal(from one angle to another), diameter(a line across the centre of a circle), diamond.
28. **ant, ance**: **distance**(French distance).
It's a fair **distance** to the **entrance**.
It's difficult to notice a distant **ant**.
29. **Factory**, **factorise**, **factor** from Latin to make or to produce(wordbuilding: **factorial**).
All these **ct** words are followed by an **o**:
doctor, tractor, conductor,...
30. **Feather**, **heather** on the **heath**, **leather**, **weather**. (Dutch: veer, hei, leer, weer).
During fine **weather**, **Heather** likes to roam on the **heath beneath** the blue sky. Although she's as tough as **leather**, she's as light as a **feather** so she can almost fly, even during bad **weather**.
31. It's a **pleasure** to **measure** the **treasure**.
Be **sure** to **measure** the **treasure**.
32. **Message** (French message).
33. **Messenger**: visual spelling. Look at the

symmetry of the letters.

The Pass**enger** was also a mess**enger**.

34.**Massage**. Because of his age, the old sage was due for his **massage**.

35.**per**: **Percy** is a **perfect person**. He only charges \$1 **per** bottle of **perfume**.

36.**ise**: In order to stop people **criticise** (from critic, critical), it would be wise to **practise** not to **promise** them a block of land in **Paradise**.

Spelling clues 20.

1. Several-severally, individual-individually.
2. Some older **soldiers** sold solder to other soldiers (the i=y; is audible).
3. **French connection**: Station, nation, ration, attention,...
4. **Clutch**, **match**, **blotch**, **itch**, **stretch**,...
5. Pose (to put)-suppose=sur+pose; the b changes to p to blend.
6. If you want to pour the **rainwater** into this **container**, you had better use a **strainer**.
7. **Motel**, **hotel**, **hostel**.
8. **Human**-**humanity**.
9. **us for Latin derived nouns**: Circus, humus, annulus,...
10. **Humid**, **timid**, **vivid**.
11. This Jew is a jew**eller**; he sells jew**ellery**
12. The **beauty** and the **beast** will stay in **East**

Germany for at **least** one **year**.

(Germany-Germanic).

13. **Level**-levelling, **tunnel**-tunnelling, **channel**-channelling,...

14. **Linen**: Most people **line** their beds with **linen**.

15. If you want to catch a **goose**, you'll need a **noose** that's not too **loose**.

16. Do **geese** like **cheese**?

17. **Madam** (French madame) "Good morning **madam**," said **Adam**.

18. **Jean** really **meant** it when she said, "I **mean** it."

19. "**Merry** Christmas; The more the **merrier**," said **Jerry**.

20. The **a** in **extra** can be heard in **extravagant** (**an** as in **extravaganza**).

21. **August**-named after Emperor Augustus in which the **u** is heard. **Us** ending for Latin nouns. **Autumn**-autumnal.

22. **Come** in to get your **income**.

23. **om**: It is a well-known **axiom** that the **officialdom** of a **kingdom** uses a **customary phantom idiom seldom** used by the people at the **bottom** of the **kingdom**. The choice of words is certainly not **random**, but it is devoid of **fathomless wisdom** especially when it is used to give the definition of **ransom** or to describe **atoms** of a plant in **blossom**.

- 24.**ai**: **mail** can go by **air**, **rail** or **sail**, but not along the **trail** of a **snail**.
- 25.**oa**: a **load** of **toads** jumped from the truck onto the **road**. **Oa** as in **tadpole**(back to front)
- 26.**able**: The **constable** was **unable** to jump from the **gable** onto the **table** in the **stable**.
- 27.**Count-account**=prefix ad+count; d becomes c.
- 28.**ant**: Occupation, participation.
account-accountant, occupy-occupant,
apply-applicant, immigrate-immigrant, serve-servant.
Cause and effect:
accelerate-accelerant, cool-coolant, lubricate-lubricant, pollute-pollutant.
Foreign input:
triumph-triumphant, instant, militant, elegant.
- 29.**oa**: The **coal**-black **foal** called Raven ate all the grass between the **goal**posts on the **oval** at **Shoal**haven.
- 30.Put a **cover over** it.
- 31.Capture, nature, rapture,...
- 32.**Homophones**: We don't need to learn times-tables by **rote** any longer thanks to the Bark patterns discovered in 1980. The Education Department **wrote** that they were not in accordance with the syllabus.
- 33.**Silent d**: Wednesday(Woden's **d**ay) named

after the Nordic god Woden.

34. **Cain** put too much **strain** on his bike **chain** **again** so now he has to go by **train**.

Spelling clues 21.

1. **Homophones:** egg **yolk** (silent **l** for yellow).
Coke, joke, poke, **yoke**,...
2. Folklore.
3. It's an **offence** to **offend** people too often.
4. **el:** cancel**el**-cancell**ing** and therefore cancelled.
5. I don't like this **rude intruder**.
6. In order to **prove** it, you need **proof** before it is **proven**.
VB relation: Move-mob**ile**, prove-prob**ation**.
7. **Dollar** from Dutch daalder, German thaler).
8. **au:** Why is there such a long **pause** before the **applause**? **Because**.
9. Piano-pianist.
10. **Homophones:** Lunch on the **plane** consisted of **plain** pancakes.
11. **le:** bottle-bott**ling**, rattle-ratt**ling**, battle-batt**ling**,...
12. I can't afford to buy a new Ford.
13. **ai:** The **maid** was **afraid** that she wouldn't be **paid** for the carpet she **laid**, so she dragged it away with the **aid** of her **braid**.

14. **al**: animal. The **a** can be found through word building: anim**a**tion.
15. **Answer**: The **w** can be heard in Dutch ant**w**oord and German ant**w**ort.
The word relates to **swear** in which the w is audible. I **sw**ear that it is the right **answ**er.
16. A **p** and a **pear** turns into **appear**.
17. **Silent n**: solemn-solemn**n**ity, hymn-hymn**n**al, autumn-autumn**n**al, column-column**n**al.
18. **el**: rebel-rebell**ion**-rebell**ious**.
19. **Arrive**: Literally ad+riva-to the river (Latin). The d changes to r.
20. **Attack** (French attaquer)
21. **Attend** from ad+tend. The fact that we have to do with a prefix may be seen by changing it: intend, pretend,...
22. **le**: battle-battl**ing**-battl**er**.
23. **Some** bec**ome** interested in c**ome**ts, others in c**ome**ics.
24. Camera, literally meaning room(Latin).
25. Circle-circl**ing**. A circus is circ**ular**.
26. **ee ending**: Would you like some **toff**ee with your **coff**ee while you sit in the shade of the **malle**e? Yes, provided there's no **chimpanzee** to disturb me.
It's silly to write a letter to an **addressee** when that person is an **absentee**. I **agree**.
27. A collar fits **ar**ound your neck.

28. **Silent w**: Learn by association. **wrist watch**.
Wrist relates to **wrestle-wrestling**.

Spelling clues 22.

1. **Jew, stew, new, view,...**
2. **per**: **person, perform, per** kilo, **per** annum.
3. Performance**ance** relates to performing**ing**.
4. **ar**: nectar**ar**, nectar**arine**, sugar**ar**, dollar**ar**.
5. This popular**ar** beggar**ar** looks a bit like a caterpillar**ar** (literally: hairy cat). In summer, he would sleep under his favourite poplar**ar**, but in winter, he usually resides in an underground cellar**ar**. Most people thought it rather peculiar**ar** (peculiar**arity**) that he spent every dollar**ar** he got on cheddar**ar**.
6. **Vase**: Dutch vaas.
7. **le**: angle**le**-ang**ling**.
8. **el**: angel**el**-angel**elic**.
10. **Annoy**: Double n to conform with others like **appear, affect, effect,...**
11. **We were all** enthral**led**.
12. **oa**: A Gold **Coast boatman boasted** that he could row his **boat** with one **oar** over the **roaring** and **soaring** waves while eating **roast** on **toast**.
13. Ever since our new **rooster** runs our **roost**, there is a **boost** in egg laying.

14. **ward**: Some **forewards** run **backwards** and **forwards** without scoring goals. Consequently, these **forwards** won't get any **reward**.
15. Since the **thief** took off with the **chief's** **briefcase**, the **chief** had to **chase** the **thief** around the R.A.A.F. **base**.
16. **er** association: A **clerk** does **clerical** work (relates to **clergy** because hundreds of years ago, the monks did a lot of writing by hand).
17. **Pavilion**: **onion**, **union**,...
18. **our**: **Our** local **Court** house is next to **our** tennis **court**.
19. **Day**: Drop the y and put an i: **daily**.
Daisy means the day's eye.
20. A **fair** **haired** **fairy** lived on a **dairy** farm. When she broke her arm, she wrote about it in her **diary** in January.
21. I can **sense** (senses) a magic **incense** in the **dense** forest. However, its **density** oppresses me.
22. Joe Blow was **incensed** when I used his common **scent incense** worth no more than five **cents**. It almost **sent** him around the bend.
23. **ible** after an incomplete word: **invincible**.
The **prince** was **convinced** that he was **invincible** because the **princess** gave him **quince mince** for lunch.

24.**Error**: The **o** can be found through word building: erroneous. **Or** often relates to **eur** in French: liquor-lique**ur**, horror-horre**ur**, terror-terre**ur**, indicator-indicate**ur**, author-aute**ur**, vendor-vende**ur**,...

The ex-**conqueror** was now a retired **warrior** who lived in **sqoualor** in a rather narrow **corridor**. He sold sly **liquor** which he kept in an old **incubator** instead of in a **refrigerator**.

An **indicator** would **monitor** whether a **visitor** was genuine or something like a **solicitor**. In that case, the self-made **vendor** would turn up his **transistor** in order to listen to the stories of a famous **navigator**.

One day, he looked in **terror** and **horror** when an earth **tremor** destroyed his whole **sector**. Since he thought that it was the work of an **impostor**, he yelled "See you later **allegator**," and hopped on his **tractor** to find another **sponsor**.

25.**ible**: After an incomplete word; **edible**.

26.I have no **faith** in this **wraith**.

27.**al**: fatal-fatally-fatality, final-finally, local-locally.

28.You can buy a bag of sugar anywhere **for forty-four dollars**.

29.**gu**: **Guard**, **guide**, **guess**, **guest**,...

30.**dge**: **Judge**, **badge**, **dodge**, **bridge**, **hedge**,...

9. **ur:** **Absurd**

Last **Thursday**, the son of a **surgeon**, a **surly** but **sturdy**, **turnip** coloured **curly burglar** with a **Turkish surname**, was **lurking** on his **surfboard** on the **turf** around a **church** in the **suburb** of **Burwood**.

When he stumbled over a **hurdle**, his blood started to **curdle** because he had **disturbed** the watchdog of next door's **turtle nursery**. Although the **scurvy cur** could only see with a **blur** and bark with a **slur**-it could only **gurgle**- it knew that someone was out there to **burgle**.

Not **perturbed** by its physical **burden**, it decided not to bark any **further** and embark on its first act of **murder**.

With eyes **burning** like a **furnace**, it jumped over some **furniture** with the **surplus** of its **natural** energy and **urgently turned** to the **burglar** with its intended **purpose**.

The whole **neighbourhood** could hear him **curse** while he **spurted** to his father's **surgery** with the help of a **nurse**. Instead of attacking the man's bodily **curve**, the **cur** had only bitten into his **purse**.

10.**id**: Stupid-stupidity.

11.**ary**: tributary-tributarily.

- 12.**ear**: You have to **learn** to **earn** a living in all **earnesty** already **early**.
- 13.**Double g in the middle**: When a young **braggart** stabbed a **ragged** and **haggard** looking **beggar** with a **dagger**, his **maggot** infested **sguaggy** cur grabbed the **braggart** by his **baggy** pants. When the youth started to **stagger**, he fell onto his own **dagger** which taught him not to walk with an **exaggerated swagger**.
- 14.**ence**: consequence-consequ**ential**-consequ**entially**,sequ**ence**-sequ**ential**.
- 15.**ai**: **Cain** didn't sell any cars, so they stopped his **retainer again**.
- 16.Why are there only a **mere** handfull of pacels **here**?
- 17.**Double c**: ac-cept from prefix ad+cept. The **d** changes to **c** to blend with **cept**. Change the prefix and discover why it is so: conce**pt**, inter**cept**, rece**ption**,...
- 18.**ant**: redundant (from Latin redundare in which the **a** is audible; it means to run back, so **ant** relates to **ing** which indicates **action**.)
- 19.**on**: If **bisons** like **lemons** and **melons** (**o**-shape), they will probably like lemon**on**ade as well.
- 20.Intense-intensive.
- 21.Mandar**ar**ins: Ten for a dollar**ar**
- 22.**au**:When **Paul** and **Saul** carried a **maul** from

Australia to **Gaul**, they were exhausted after the long **haul**.

23.**ate**: intimate-intimater-intim**ation**.

24.**u**: ill**u**strate means to add **l**ustre to a magazine. (**l**ustre=shine) An ill**u**strious person is literally someone who shines.

25.**on**: environ**ment** from French environ-
environnement.

Ron has created a natural environ**ment** around his house.

26.**Double c**: **access**.

27.**Homophones**: You **peel** a potato. A churchbell **peals**. To **appeal** means therefore to attract attention by **pealing**. Double p follows the pattern found in ad+verb. (from French appeler-to call).

28.**or**: author**or**-author**or**ity.

29.**ie**: A well-known **thief** took off with the **briefcase** of the **chief** of Police. I **believe** that his **niece retrieved** the **briefcase** on the local **cricket field** while she was on her way to her **friend** the local **priest** to deliver a **piece** of **pie**. The **chief** was **relieved** of course.

30.**ea**: You don't have to take a deep **breath** before you **eat**.

31.Since **Jean** was **deaf**, she couldn't **hear** herself **breathe**. Her **death** was caused by a lack of **breath**.

32.**age**: When a truckdriver tried to avoid hitting a dog that looked rather **savage**, he accidentally ran into a **cottage** in the small **village**, so the rescue squad had to pull him out of the **wreckage**. Since the truck was a write-off because of the **damage**, it was worth less than **garbage**.

33.**Brooch**: It has two **diamonds** in it.

34.The **c** in **concrete** reminds you that **cement** also starts with a **c**.

35.**ete**: **Concreting**

Although you don't have to **compete** with a professional, you still have to **complete** the job within a certain time, otherwise you will **delete** the function of the **concrete** by making it **obsolete** no matter how much sweat you **secrete**. It will only **deplete** your zest for work.

36.**abstract**: The prefix **ab** means from, so the word **abstract** means to take from.

Spelling clues 24.

1. **re**: **centre-central**, **metre-metric**.
2. **Eat** word: **cereals** are made with **real** **wheat**.
3. You have to accept the **voice** you have; you haven't got a **choice**.
4. **us** for Latin derived nouns. A **circus** is circular and so is a **discus**.

- **Gus** lives on an **isthmus**. He grows **asparagus**, **citrus** and a rare type of **narcissus**.
 - A **syllabus** tells you when you have to study the properties of a **rhombus** and the details of an **octopus** as well as those of a **platypus**.
 - A Pharaoh had trouble with his **oesophagus** so he lost all his **impetus**. Now he's a mummy in a **sarcophagus**.
5. **Automobile**: Literally self-mover because, until the arrival of this wonder, people had only been used to seeing horses pulling carts. Is your auto automatic or manual? (manually from French main=hand)
 6. **Homophones**: Y; butterfly or free **style**? In order to enter a swimming pool, you have to go through a turn**stile**.
 7. Have you seen that beautiful **scenery**?
Scene from Latin scena (stage)
 8. Decide-decision, deride-derision, collide-collision,...
 9. **Silent g**: sign-design. Relate signal, signature.
 10. **ai**: **Gail** never **fails** to study dog **tails** in every **detail** because she works in **retail**.
At night she reads fairy**tales**.
 11. Every **lawyer** has sets of **drawers**.
 12. **ea**: **Jean** wanted to **dream** so she **dreamt**.

She wanted to **leap** so she **leapt**.

ee: She wanted to **sleep** so she **slept**. She wanted to **weep** so she **wept**.

13. **Palace**-**palatial**. A **palace** is an **ace** place.

14. **ate**: A **palate** is not very **elaborate**, which means not very **intricate** to the naked eye. Yet, you have to be **considerate** and only eat a **moderate** simple diet without any sharp objects. Every child, man and woman has a hard and a soft **palate** whether they are **literate** or **illiterate**. If a **palate** is not **adequate**, you have to go to your doctor to get a signed **certificate** in **duplicate** or **triplicate** because it has to be **legitimate**.

15. **Easy**: Drop the y and put an i: easily.

16. **Double f**: effort, effective.

17. **eigh**: My **neighbour** has **eight** **neighing** **reindeer**. The **freight** to send them to Santa depends on their **height** and **weight**.
(Dutch: acht, vracht, hoogte, gewicht).

18. **ence**: existence (French existence).

19. **er**: I admire **her** **energy**; she's very **energetic**.
(Latin: energia)

20. **ex**: prefix meaning out of, outside.

Exceed. The **c** can be **seen** and **heard** by changing the prefix: **proceed**, **preceed**,...

21. **eed**: The only three that virtually mean the same: to go on, to go beyond.
Succeed, proceed, exceed. They relate to success, process, excess.
22. **Except**: By changing the prefix, the c can be heard. **Concept, intercept, incept**.
23. **er**: **Bert** is a **pert** **expert**. He's very **wise**, hence his **expertise**.
24. When **Pat** is on **patrol**, he uses a lot of **petrol** (petroleum).
25. I **fear** that the **weather** won't change during the rest of the **year**; it will stay **clear**, so we are in for a **drought** (Dutch: droogte).
26. **ure**: By just looking at his **picture**, his **posture**, his **miniature signature** and various other **features**, I **figure** that he is quite a **caricature** and someone who would like **lectures** on a **mixture** of **literature, scripture, agriculture** and anything that would **capture** the ingredients of **adventure**.
27. **o**: **memory-memorial** (the **a** is in **commemorate**).
28. **ald**: Herald (French **heraut**; the **u** relates to **l**: Dutch: **zout, oud, koud, goud**. English: **salt, old, cold, gold**. Trace the **a** by word building: **herald-heraldic**. I saw an advertisement in the Sydney Morning **Herald: emeralds** for sale.

29. **el**: kennel-kennels-kennelled-kennelling.
30. **One l**: Did you ever see a **lilac lily**?
31. **per**: She had to pay \$30 for her **permit**. "It's usually \$20 **per permit**," said the **hermit** in perfect English.
32. **per**: The jury voted unanimously that the **hermit**-an **impertinent person**-should **permanently** (think **a sound** in **remain**) stay in prison for **persistent perjury**.
33. **od**: **method**-**methodical**-**methodically**.
34. **French connection**: station-nation-national-nationally.
35. **Phew!** I nearly lost my **nephew**.

Spelling clues 25.

1. **ea**: I **nearly** lost my **ear**. I should **really** be less **fearful**. (real-really)
2. **on**: There's no **reason** why my **son** should be accused of **treason** this **season**. I **reckon** that they mix him up with another **person**.
3. I'll **repair** this **pair** of **chairs** myself, "said the **fair** haired **fairy**.
4. Guess what. My **son** bit his **tongue**; he can no longer talk.
5. A native **tongue** means a native language.
6. **el**: **tunnel**-**tunnelling**, **channel**-**channelling**.
7. **warm**, **water**, **swamp**, **swan**, **swap**,...

8. **ea**: After a **repeated defeat**, it's better to **retreat**.
9. Repeat-repetition, reflect-reflection.
10. **Single p**: A **proprietor** owns **property**.
11. **or**: **Proprietor**, **visitor**, **corridor**, **tenor**,
El **Salvador**,...
12. **ei**: **receive**-**reception**, **perceive**-**perception**.
13. **ei**: When they **received** **their** supposedly antique **heirloom**, they discovered that it was **counterfeit** (from French faire-to make).
14. **ea**: **heal**-**healthy**, **weal**-**wealthy**, **steal**-**stealthy**.
15. **on**: The **surgeon** **abandoned** his **son** because, more often than not, the boy was in **prison**.
16. **ence, ent**: non action.
Absence, **absent**.
Although the landlord had **sent** the **gent** a letter to say when he would collect the **rent**, the **gent** was **absent** because he **went** out and **spent** the **rent** money on a new **tent** with a **vent**.
17. **ary**: When **Mary** joined the **military** between **January** and **February** (8 letters!), the recruiting officer, **Ary** **Dromedary**, discovered that her lack of **vocabulary** was not only **hereditary**, but also due to the fact that she had no **dictionary**. In order to get himself out of this **quandary**, **Ary** **Dromedary** referred her to an **imaginary** **missionary** or their **subsidiary**

to assist the ladies **auxiliary** on a **voluntary** basis because **Mary** appeared to have a good **lapidary** and **planetary** knowledge despite the fact that she hadn't done any **preliminary** studies.

18. **Silent g**: **benign**-**benignant**, **malign**-**malignant**.

19. **ie**: I **believe** that the **chief** of **police** can **achieve** better results by **retrieving** run-away **thieves** with the help of either a snifferdog or a golden **retriever**.

20. **Ous for adjectives**:

To catch **voracious**, **vicious** or **malicious** **omnivorous**, **herbivorous**, **carnivorous** and **granivorous** animals, you'll need a **vigorous**, **indigenous**, **audacious**, **religiously serious**, **continuously meticulous**, **non-superstitious** **amphibious** person.

21. **Approve**.

22. **le**: **article** (French **article**).

23. **ic**: The ground of this **picnic** area is **toxic**. The substance is rather **erratic**, **inorganic**, **non-botanic**, **metallic** and very **dynamic**. It might even be **volcanic**, so don't be **pedantic**, **dogmatic**, **fanatic**, **dramatic** or **fantastically romantic** because you might turn into a **rheumatic**.

24. This is **reminiscent** of a century-old situation.

25. A **balloon** is a big **ball**.
26. **Busy**: Drop the y and put an i: busier, busiest, business.
27. **age**: You can throw this old band**age** in the gar**age**.
28. **ance**: Balance, for instance.
29. **Mary** is in **primary**. It is custom**ary** for her teacher to give **Mary** a summar**ary** of all the arithmetic.
30. **Custom**. **Tom** is a custom**ary** custom**er**.

Spelling clues 26.

1. **al**: capital**al** relates to Latin caput-head.
2. **al**: central**al**-central**ly**, princip**al**-princip**ality**.
3. **le**: principle follows the standard format if no other clue is available.
4. **el**: channel**el**-chann**elling**.
5. Science-conscience from Latin scientia, hence the sc initials.
6. **o**: histor**o**-histor**ical**-histor**ically**.
7. **Geography**: Greek geo=earth, graph=write; the map of the earth=atlas named after Atlas who was thought to carry the Earth.
8. **able** after a full word: comfort-comfort**able**. Comfort, literally with+strength. Compare: forte, fortress, force.
9. **Concern**: To whom it may concern.
10. **Concert**(French concert): I **certainly** liked the

concert. A **concerted** effort.

10. **Homophones:** current-currency. Relate courier (messenger, runner).

Ants like **currants**.

11. Examine**e** examiner, examination

12. **Example**, French exemple, hence English exemplify, to give an **example**.

13. **ai:** It's hard to explain why **Cain** always puts too much **strain** on his **chain**.

14. I like old-fashioned **cushions**.

15. **Fortune:** Think of the Roman goddess Fortuna.

16. **ate:** The fisherman was **fortunate** enough to catch an **adequate** amount of tuna, so he was **moderately** happy.

17. **ar:** grammar-gram**mar**ian.

18. **ur:** "My father was furious when Mr **Furlong** tried to **furnish** **furniture** covered with **fur** (the **u** has the **curly** shape) rather than with leather, so we don't need him any **further**," said Heather who is as light as a feather.

19. **Far**, farther, farthest for distance.
Any **further** questions?

20. **Homophones:** My **father** can jump **farther** than my mother and my brother because they are rather heavy.

21. **ate**: priv**ate**. Kate always ate deliber**ately** in priv**ate** because she only chose food that was suitable for her pal**ate**. Although she passed her School Certific**ate** and thus adequ**ately** liter**ate**, she was moder**ately** modest and honest.
22. **our**: **our** arb**our** and the one of **our** neighb**our** are on a wharf near the Harb**our** Bridge. One wharf-two wharves (Dutch werf). One dwarf-two dwarves (dwarfs).
23. **or**: arb**or**=tree(Latin) Arb**or** day. The labor party doesn't celebrate Arb**or** Day. Not every lab**ourer** votes Labor**or**.
24. Her hus**band** (housebound?) plays in a rock **band**.
25. **ea**: Although the je**alous** and ze**alous** ze**alot** was we**althy**, he was not he**althy**.
Zeal-zealous, weal-wealth, heal-health.
26. **eo**: Le**opard** from le**opardus** (Latin). It was thought that the leopard was a cross between a leo(lion) and a pard (Dutch paard=horse). Leonardo Da Vinci was good at drawing leopards.
27. If you don't im**prove**, you'll have to **move** (relate mobile, hence the o).

28. **em**: **problem** (French problème). System (French système).
The **problem** is that we can't find a suitable **system** to produce **emblems**.
29. **One b**: Liberty from French liberté in which the stress is on the last syllable while the i in the first one is long, hence the single b.
The **liberal rebel** sold his **abattoir** in Malabar because he didn't want to **exhibit** how much he was in **debit**. Then he got into the **habit** of turning log **cabins** into **habitats** for **bureaucrats**.
30. **ary**: **Library**; drop the y and put an i to make **librarian** which shows the **a**.
31. **an**: In a great many words denoting people **Italian**, **Mexican**, **German** (Germanic) **Aquarian**, **barbarian**, **vegetarian**, **Sagittarian**, **Christian** (Christianity), **American**, **Belgian**, **Austrian**. An **Egyptian** man and an **Arabian** woman,...
32. **ice**: **Alice** was born without any previous **notice** between a summer **solstice** and a winter **solstice**. She always wears a **liquorice** coloured **bodice** when she works as a **novice** in an **office**.
33. Support from sub+port, hence the double p. (port=carry)
34. **Scourge**: relate **scour**.

35. **oa**: Our soccer **coach** Mr **Cockroach** likes to catch **loach** and to **poach** eggs while **broaching** his cask of wine and telling us how to score **goals**.
38. **Approach** from French proche=close, Latin prope-near. PP to conform with words like attend (Ad+tend).

Spelling clues 27

1. **Scrape**-scraped. **Scrap**-scrapped; double P to keep the short sound.
2. Shine, dine: Drop the **e** and put ing. Shining, dining.
3. **al**: special-especially, accidental-accidentally, usual-usually.
4. **eeze**: Don't stand in the **breeze**, you'll **freeze**, **sneeze** and **wheeze**.
5. **ent**: The student wanted to become a **dentist**.
6. **One d**: Study from French étudier with the stress on the last syllable, hence one **d**. After an intensive study, we considered that it was a credit to the idiot who ate non-edible items without harming his body because they were endorsed (backed by; compare dorsal fin) by the Shadow Minister for medical medicine.

7. **ie**: These th**ie**ves find rel**ie**f in gri**ev**ing the local pri**est** and the ch**ief** of poli**ce**. It's their bel**ief**.
8. **ey**: The Hawkesbury Val**ley** isn't far from Sydne**y**. It is far when you need a replacement kidne**y**, especially when you only have a donke**y** and no mone**y**.
9. **o**: Vict**or**y-vict**or**ia-vict**or**ious.
10. **ent, ence**: viol**ent**, viol**ence** (from French without change): a state, not an action.
11. **or for foreign words**: visit**or**, doct**or**, conduct**or**, tract**or**,...
12. One whole gives two **halves**, a cow can produce two **calves**. Calf, half (I pronounced in Dutch).
13. One **wife** used a sharp **knife** (compare Dutch knippen-to cut). All the other **wives** used blunt **knives**.
14. **le**: wrig**gl**e, gig**gl**e, trem**bl**e, assem**bl**e: wrig**gl**ing, gig**gl**ing, trem**bl**ing, assem**bl**ing, assem**bl**e-assem**bl**y.
15. **ent**: The stud**ent** who wanted to become a **dentist** had an accid**ent**al accid**ent**.
16. **add**: **add**ition; 1 **d**+1 **d**=2**d**.
17. **Apply**: same format as att**end** (Ad+t**end**)
18. Begin-beg**inn**ing, chop-ch**opp**ing.
Two consonants to keep the short sound.
19. Cloth, clothe**e**, clothing.

20. He wanted to **commence**, **hence** he **commenced**.
21. **.ary**: Although she was still in **secondary** (French *secondaire*, hence the A), **Mary** started to work as a **temporary** (French *temporaire*, hence the A) **secretary** (French *secrétaire*, hence the A) in the **dispensary** of a **legendary** **veterinary** **surgeon** who had his **practice** along the **boundary** of the **estuary** in Port Macquarie. She was sorry that it was only **necessary** to do that during **January** and **February** (8 letters). **Secretary-secretarial**.
22. **ete**: **Pete** wanted to **compete**. Since the form he had to fill in was **obsolete**, he had to **delete** more than he had to **complete**. **Compete-competition, complete-completion**.
23. **One d**: **consider** from French *considérer* with the stress on the last syllable; the i is long, not short as in *consider*.

Spelling clues 28.

1. **oa**: The card-**board** is in the cup**board** next to the black**board**.
2. You don't have to wear a uniform in university.
3. **Decor-decorate** (French *décor*).
4. **Scribe-describe-description**.

5. Divide-division (s sounds z).
6. **ous for adjectives**: Norm is enormous.
Glory-glor**ious**, previous-previous**ly**.
7. Don't elope (Dutch weglopen) with my envelope.
8. Let's do the **next exercise**.
9. Funny-funnier-fun**niest**.
10. Good**bye**, r**ye** bread, e**ye** lid.
11. **Full**, but grate**ful**, thank**ful**,...in combinations.
12. Know, unknown, known, knew.
13. Ign**ore**, ign**oring**, ign**orant**, ign**orance**.
14. **al**: I had lunch during interv**al** at the festiv**al**.
15. **Irrigate**: same format as **irresistible** in which the prefix **in** becomes **ir**.
16. **el**: label**el**-vab**elling**.
17. **Silent t**: I like **t**o listen (Dutch luisteren) **t**o this **t**une.
18. **ine**: According to this magazin**e**, you can grease a machin**e** with gelatin**e**.
19. **ine**: I can imagin**e** that one needs a certain disciplin**e** to examin**e** an engin**e**.
Discipl**e**-disciplin**e**.
20. **al**: material**al**-material**ly**.
21. Most doct**ors** are also mot**or**ists. (French doct**eur**, mot**eur**)
22. Ob**ey**-obedi**ent**-obedi**ence**. (state, not an action).
23. Not all birds of pre**y** have gre**y** e**y**es.

24. **le**: gentle-gently. Obstacle (French obstacle, hence le)
25. **Offend** from **ob** (against)+**fendere**. The B turns into an F.
When I pushed him **off** the fence, he was **offended**.
26. **Ordinary**: The **a** is not pronounced but can be heard in ordinary. **Extra**: **prefix** meaning beyond. **Extraordinary**.
27. **dge**: porridge, bridge, badge, hedge,...
28. **Position**: Relate deposit to hear the **o**.
29. **Prison** from French prison.
His **son** is in **prison**; he's a **prisoner** (prisonnier).
30. A girl between **een** fourteen and nineteen was **keen** to be **seen** on a T.V. **screen**, that's why she **preened** herself with Mr **Sheen** in the canteen.

Spelling clues 29

1. Progress —•, progress •—, progressing.
2. **al**: punctual-punctually (punct=point=dot; on the dot). Personal-personally.
3. **a**: relative=relation.
4. **Double Dutch**: shoulder (schouder), boulder (bolder), smoulder (smeulen).
If he **could** lift this **boulder**, he **would**.

However, he hurt his **shou**lder, so he had no choice but to let the fire **smou**lder.

5. The old man gets bolder and bolder the older he gets.
6. **tion**: direction, infection, subtraction,...
7. **pp**: skip-skipping. Slip-slippery to maintain the short sound, so it is a question of wanting to listen.
8. **ea**: When we **reac**hed the **beac**h, our **teac**her Mr **Preac**her gave us a **peac**h **ea**ch before **teac**hing us to **reac**d. We **reac**ally liked to **lea**rn this way.
9. His parents had to **restrain** **Cain** from putting too much **strain** on his **chain**.
10. **ea**: "Please be **pleas**ant to the **peac**ock and the **pheas**ant," said the **peas**ant to his daughter **Hea**ther who was as strong as **lea**ther but as light as a **fea**ther.
11. **ure**: "It's my **pleas**ure to be **sure**," replied Heather.
12. **Personal**-**personality**. This person has a pleasant personality.
13. **o**: **peop**le; think **popu**lar-**popu**larity.
14. **ant**: **vac**ant; think **vac**ate, **vac**ation, **vac**ancy.
15. **Port**=carry. **Import**=to carry in, action. Hence: **import**ant, **import**ance.
16. **Emper**or, **visit**or, **navigat**or, **warri**or,

refrigerator**or**, transistor**or**, solicitor**or**, doctor**or**, motor**or**.

17.Convict **or** or convict **or**

18.**One d**: product; think produce, producer.

19.I can listen to a **solo** when I turn on my **radio**.

It doesn't matter whether it's on **mono** or **stereo**. I can even change the **tempo** with my **biro**. Is that **so**?

20.**o**: tempor**or**ary; think tempo**o**.

21.Publish: (French publi**er**).

22.**Estate**.

23.Primary**ar**y; think prim**ar**ily. **Mary** is still in Primary**ar**y; she is there prim**ar**ily to learn something.

24.Contract **or** or contract **or**

25.**ea**: His lease is valid for at least a year.

26.**pp**: appoint=ad+point; d changes to p.

27.The **elves** enjoyed **themselves** on my book-**shelves**. There were only **twelve**.

28.**ice**: just**ice**; relate just**ify** to hear the **i**.

Alice, a young nov**ice**, wanted just**ice** to be done so she worked in the off**ice** of the High Judge between the summer sol**stice** and the winter sol**stice**. (sol=sun; compare solar power, solarium, parasol. During the solstice, it looks as if the sun is standing stil).

1. **on**: They imprisoned his **son**; they put him in **prison** for treason without **reason** this **season**.
2. **ain**: **Cain** wanted to **entertain** his friends from **Spain again**.
3. **ary**: **Mary** worked as a voluntary **ary** worker for the ladies auxiliary of a distant subsidiary of a **Catholic** missionary **ary**, so she only received an imaginary **ary** salary.
Catholic-catholicism.
4. **Celery** (**c** for **crunchy**).
5. **an**: organ, organise: think organic.
6. Prefer from French préférer: preference, preferential, preferentially. Whole word+able: preferable.
7. **or in foreign endings**: director(French directeur), tractor(French tracteur), conductor (French conducteur), instructor (French instructeur), doctor (French docteur).
However, chauffeur (literally stoker) didn't change (changer in French).
8. **ure**: injure-injury.
Since the **jury** was **sure** that there was no **cure** to get the **injured** man back to work because of his **injury**, they awarded him the highest amount of money of the **century**.
9. **ea**: The **earl learnt** to **earn** a living in all **earnest** already **early** in life by searching for **pearls** deep down oceans and **seas**.

10.**ss**: press, chess, bless.

11.The **i** functions as **y**: onion, union, million,...

12. **ur & ock**

Absurd

Rupert **Burdock**, a well-known member of the **surfclub** at Ayer's Rock put a new layer of **turf** on his paddock on the hillock because he wanted to grow dockleaves and Paddy's **curse** for his private **nurse** who wants to feed her bullock and some other stock in Cessnock.

13.A **surd** is an **absurd** number. You can put it on the numberline, but the calculator will never show it as terminating decimal.

14.**ant, ance**: assistant, assistance. **Action**: assist-assisting; **ing** instead of **ant**.

15.**on**: It's not **uncommon** for the Police to **summon** Tony's **son**; the boy is a strange **person**, more **in** than **out** of **prison**.

16.Prefer, refer, preference, reference, referee.
(French préférer, référer, hence e)

17.**ee**: This **referee** who lives in the middle of the **mallee**, feeds his **chimpanzee** on **coffee** and **toffee** which suits the animal to a **tee**. **Gee!**

18.Difficulty from French difficulté in which the u is pronounced. Difficult from French difficile. Many people have difficulty accepting another **culture** (culture in French), except when they need **acupuncture**. From Latin

acus (needle)+puncture. The a in acus is long, hence single c. Compare acute (sharp).

19. **al**:final-finalist-finally.

20. "That's not the **issue**," said **Sue Blue**.

21. All letters in **Fortuna**-a Roman goddess-are pronounced clearly, but not in fortune, fortunate, unfortunately.

Using a mnemonic (literally something that helps you to remember).

This fisherman only fishes for **tuna**. **Fortunately**, he is **fortunate** enough to catch a **great deal**.

22. The Labor Party depends on an **elaborate** and **deliberately** intricate but **legitimate** and **moderately** adequate conglomerate of rules and principles.

23. **Boris** always votes **Labor** or Liberal although he is a **labourer** working with his neighbour on the wharves near the **harbour**.

24. **Hurry**-hurriedly.

25. Christmas: literally a Mass dedicated to Christ.

26. Decide-decision, deride-derision, collide-collision.

27. Speed-speedy-speedily.

28. **Strong**-strength. **Long**-length.

Spelling clues 31

1. **le**: struggle-struggler-struggling, wriggle-wriggling, giggle-giggling.
2. Round-around-**surround** (sur:French from super in Latin: over) Compare: **surcharge** (a charge on top of). **Survey** (overlook, look over).
3. **ea**: “When an un**pleas**ant **peas**ant th**reat**ened to kill my **peac**ock and my **pheas**ant, **swea**t soaked my **swea**ter despite the cold **wea**ther,” said **Hea**ther.
4. **ss**: class, glass, brass, grass, pass-tresp**ass**; tres=trans=across. Compare: transatlantic, transversal, trans**ac**tion,...
A boy in my **cl**ass**** was **tres**pass****ing on the newly laid **gr**ass**** of Mr **Gl**ass****, a member of the local **br**ass**** band.
5. “I like your **bl**ouse****; they match your **tr**ousers****,” said a **sp**ouse**** when his wife entered the **h**ouse**** chasing a **m**ouse****.
6. **a endings**: umbrella from umbra=shade. Compare: penumbra, umbral, umbrageous,...
A **con**tra** guerilla** who lived near the **Tamp**a** Del**ta**** on the **Flor**ida** Pen**insula**** in **Amer**ica**** where he organised the yearly **reg**atta****, went for a holiday (literally holy day) to

Wagga Wagga where he stayed in a **villa** between the local **cinema** and the local **opera**. When he started to grow an illegal kind of **alfalfa** under an **umbrella** from seeds imported from a **savanna** outside **Havana**, he was caught during a **razzia** as he was dancing a **polka** while giving some **vanilla** to his **gorilla**, his **goanna**, his **broilca**, his **echidna**, a blind **kookaburra** and his pet **tarantula**, because he sincerely believed in the **propaganda** that it helped combat **malaria** which is such an uncomfortable **phenomina**. Since his sentence didn't show a **comma**, he died of **nostalgia**.

7. Guerilla (single r because the stress is on the second syllable (.----.) from French guerre, Spanish guerra-war.
8. Peninsula, penumbra: from pen+umbra (shade) and pen+insula (island, hence s). Prefix pen from French à peine=almost. Compare Cape York Peninsula.
9. **Silent w**: while William was **w**resteling with a snapper in order to put it into a **w**rapper, he lost both his **w**rist watch and the dapper snapper. Dapper from Dutch dapper=brave.
10. Chocolate from French chocolat in which the first two syllables are pronounced clearly.
11. Stop-stopping-stopper-stopped.

12.**age**: After his pilgrimage to Mecca in his car of an ancient vintage, **Page** envisaged living in the tiny village cottage where he was once held hostage while keeping alive on one single sausage. Unfortunately, it never happened. Due to shrinkage, his vintage car looked like a wreckage because it had lost its once glorious image.

13.**ai**: Since his vintage car was no longer **available** (whole word+able), he loudly **bewailed** his loss by using a **hailer**, then unhooked his **trailer** and turned it into a **sailer**, so the once vintage **tailor** turned into a vintage **sailor**.

14.**ai**: The **Saint** put in a **complaint** that the new **paint** he had **obtained** from an **acquaintance** put **restraint** on his breathing which made him **faint**. He **maintained** that the **paint contained** some chemical that stopped him from **attaining** his **aim**.

The **acquaintance explained** that one should always **abstain** from or **refrain** from drinking alcohol while using **paint** because that's what caused him to **faint**.

15.**ous for adjectives**: danger-dangerous (French dangereux), callous, melody-melodious.

16.**pp**:appear-disappear: according to the format of ad+riva=arrive=literally **to the river**.

17. Put a **cover over** it. Discover=uncover.
18. "I'm disgusted with these **August gusts**," said Justin.
19. Discuss-discussing-discussed-discussion.
20. **Our** favourite flavour, odour and colour (French odeur, couleur).
21. Compose-composite-composition, oppose-opposite-opposition, define-definite-definition, finite-infinite (not finite).
Since I have an **exquisite** taste, a **hypocrite** is **definitely** not my **favourite** friend. He or she would be the **infinite opposite**.
Exquisite from Latin **exquisitus**. Compare: inquire-**inquisitive**.
22. Supply-supplier. Compare appeal from ad+peal(to attract attention).
23. **Introduce**=intro (in)+duce (lead). Introduction (same as in French).
24. **Know**: The silent k relates to **ken** (Dutch and Scottish). **Knowledge**.
25. We made a **collage** (French) in **college**.
Collage from French collar-to glue.
26. **sincere** (French sincère). The e is heard in **sincerity**.
27. Diction-dictionary. **Mary** temporarily lost her dictionary in **January**.

Unfortunately, it is necessary to have one in Secondary. As you all know, losing things is hereditary. Fortunately the secretary found it in February (8 letters).

28. Mary's van has been **stationary** in front of the station since **January**; it's full of stationery for the stationer who runs the paper shop.
29. Differ (e pronounced)-different-difference (e not pronounced). French: différence.
30. **Excite**: ex+cite. Change the prefix to see how it works: **incite**, **recite**.
31. Girlfriend, friendship (Dutch vriend).
32. **Light**, **night**, **slight**. **Frighten**-**frightened**.
33. invite-invitation: from French inviter, invitation.
34. **Punish** from French punir (hence **one n**) in which the stress is on the last syllable.
35. **Success**: the two Cs are pronounced separately: (k) and (s) before e.
36. **Caterpillar**: Literally hairy cat. Compare capillary, resembling a hair. Capillary action in porous bricks. Water is drawn up through the hairlines; hence the compulsory use of a dampcourse.
37. **pose**-**compose**-**impose**-**oppose**-**repose**. **Oppose** from ob+**pose**=to put against. **Position**-**deposit** in which the o is heard. Same with **composition**-**compose**.

38. **Interest**: from **inter**+esse (Latin to be).
Interesting; **e** is written, not heard. (French intéressant)
39. **ea**: “Be sure to **measure** the **treasure**,” said the **peasant** to **Heather** who is as tough as **leather** but light as a **feather** (French mesurer, trésor)
40. **Converse** (French converser)-**reverse**-**inverse**.
Conversation (same in French).
41. **er**: It certainly is difficult to **converse** with a **German person** or an **alert mermaid** (from French la mer=the sea) while they are reciting a **verse** with a **gherkin** in their mouth, no matter how **verbally perfect** they are.
42. **er**: She **prefers** her own **kerchief** to a tissue or somebody else’s **handkerchief**.
43. **ie**: The **chief** lost his **briefcase** as well as his **handkerchief**.
44. **A terse verse**
Perched on her **berth** in the sick bay at **Perth**, watched by the **stern** looking **erns** and **terns**, was a **perse**, **terse**-looking **sperm**whale serving till the end of **term** to get rid of a **German germ**. Then there **emerged** along the **berm** of the **ferny** shores, a **pert** and **perk herd** of **herbivores**. The whale, **alert**, full **astern** with an **expert jerk** of her tail, had the **nerve** to **swerve** with **verve** away from the grassy **kerb**, thus ending **her** sentence without **verb**.

Spelling clues 32.

1. **el**: fuel-refuel-refuelling-refuelled.
2. omit-omitting-omitted: double consonant to keep the short sound.
3. **Homophone**: This builder works on the building **site** **opposite** the local church. Compare: sit, situation. In situ (pouring concrete).
During a dark night, things disappear quickly out of **sight** (Dutch zicht)
4. **Homophones**: The sole survivor walked on shoes with holes in both **soles**.
S.O.S. Save our **souls**.
5. The **bursar** who is in charge of the **purse** of a University, should **urgently urge** the Dean to **purge** all money on private trips.
6. Adult  ● or adult ● 
7. **Homophones**: Mary wanted to get married in front of the new **altar** that had been paid for **dollar** for **dollar**. As soon as I **altered** (alteration) the halter, the horse started to falter (from French faute=mistake). The relationship between Dutch u and English I has been shown earlier: zout, mout, oud, goud, houd... salt, malt, old, gold, hold.
8. **cease**, **lease**, **grease**, **crease**.
After the **cease** fire, many soldiers had a new **lease** on fire. They didn't need to **grease** their

rifles, stifle a cough or press a new **crease** in their pants. They would have a trifle more enthusiasm to live.

9.**Single I**: Pat wanted to **enrol** in an annual course to learn how to **patrol** the Panama **Canal** in order to **control** people wanting to illegally distil **alcohol** in **Brazil**. In order to **fulfil** his duty, he stayed in a **motel** or sometimes in a **hotel until** he was able to **excel** in his task to **repel** and **expel** the culprits as well as **dispel** any fear that he couldn't handle any situation or that he was likely to **rebel**. Consequently, at the end of the course, the officer in charge pinned a shiny badge of excellence onto his **lapel**.

Note: enrolling, patrolling, controlling, distilling, fulfilling, excelling, excellence, excellent, repelling, expelling, dispelling, rebelling.

10.**existence-existent**. French existence. (a state, not an action).

11.**False**: Compare French **faute** in which the u relates to the I. (Dutch vals)

12.**False**: The relationship between I and u can also be seen in **fault**.

13.We could mention the word **fraud** if an **Australian** manufacturer keeps on delivering **faulty** petrol **gauges** without replacing them or refunding the money **received**(**reception**).

14.**Singe, binge, hinge**,...

15. **Mayor**: from Spanish mayor=major. The **mayor** was born in May.
16. **Major**-**majority**, **minor**-**minority**, **senior**-**seniority**.
17. **Queue**: During W.W.II., people formed long **queues** to buy food; sometimes, the **queue** was so long that it extended around the corner.
Mnemonic: Think twice **ue**.
18. **Homophones**: The **rain** in **Spain** (Spanish) falls mainly on the plain.
When you ride a horse, you have a **rein** in your **left** and **right** hand.
During the **reign** (think **regal**) of a queen or a king, the omnipotent holds the reins of the country.
19. **Rhyme** and **rhythm**.
20. **Homophone**. Do you know the route (French word meaning road) to Brisbane? Ou as in journey (daytrip, from French jour=day).
Some people shoot at a bandicoot, others shoot at a harmless beet**root**.
21. **routine**: Literally a repetitive way (road) of doing things.
22. **ei**: When a woman fell through the **ceiling**, her husband **seized** her because she had a **seizure** and **received** multiple scratches to her body. Unfortunately, it happened during a wedding **reception**. How **weird**! No rules: rece**ive**-re**ception**, per**ceive**-per**ception**.

23. Even if you're **sensitive**, you can still have common **sense**. (sense-5 senses).
Sense-sensation. It's common **sense** to use mosquito (Spanish: little fly) repellent with **incense**.
24. Is this **sw**ord very sharp? My **w**ord! (Dutch **z**waard)
25. **le**: title (French titre) follows the spelling of table (tablet) from French table.
26. **o**: **one onion**.
on: **union, million, billion, onion**
27. **ei**: When **Keiran** and **Keira Weir** received their **heirloom**, they thought that it looked **weird**.
28. If you want to know how **wide** it is, you want to measure its **width**.
29. **Yacht** from Dutch jacht.
30. **ie**: The **Sheffield shield** match on our cricket **field** didn't **yield** many runs.
31. Why do you scrounge around my lounge?
32. **Accuse** from French from Latin ad+causa (lawsuit): hence double c.
33. **al**: **actual-actually**.
34. **ea**: The men had to **rehearse** (=rehear) carrying the heavy **hearse**; they could hardly **heave** it.

Spelling clues 33

1. **Assure**: follows the format of accuse. I can **assure** you that he is **sure** to come.
2. **ur**: A **sturdy Turk** with **burning** eyes from Istanbul in **Turkey**, grabbed his car key, put on his **purple** and **turquoise** coloured, **turnip**-shaped **turban** to go in a **hurry** to **Durban** for the **purpose** of solving a mysterious **murder** in a **urban surfclub** because the local Police didn't get any **further** than apprehending a **curly** and **surly** looking **burglar** without **surname** who was **lurking** around the scene pretending to play his **hurdy-gurdy** with the speed of any **turtle** one can **purchase** without **surcharge** in a petshop before **curfew**.
3. One of my **peers** wants to make his **career** by building houses with brick-**veneer**.
4. Our **church choir** sings in **chorus**. (Latin derived nouns ending in us like circus).
5. **Commit** from Latin com (together+mittere (put)). Compare: **committee**.
6. **Single I**: Don't **compel** him to stay in a **motel** because he feels more comfortable in a **hotel** where he is more in **control**.
7. **ory**: It's **compulsory** for owners of a **factory** to provide a lavat**ory** for the **workers**. Whether the **factory** is in the outback or near a promont**ory** (mont=mountain) doesn't make a difference. If

they don't have a lavat**ory**, the owner must sign a promis**ory** note or a statuto**ry** declaration to say that they will install one in the near future.

8.It's my **desire** to **hire** someone who can extinguish my bush**fire**.

9.**or for foreign nouns**: Doctor, conductor, instructor**or**, creditor**or**, debtor**or**,...

10.The **Sire** and the Squire were entire**ly tired**.

11.A person who delivers the **mail** by **air**, by **rail** or by **sail**, can either be a **female** or a **male**.

12.**ie**: **Fierce**, **pierce**.

This fiery looking woman is the **niece** of the **chief** of **Police**. She has **piercing** eyes so she looks rather **fierce**.

13.**or**: operator**or**, curator**or**, alligator**or**, instigator**or**,...

A curator**or** is the operator**or** of a museum where he exhibits stuffed alligator**ors** but not instigator**ors**.

14.**op**: gallop from Dutch galop and French galop (silent p).

The **bishop** wanted to buy a **scollop**. Since he could only **lollop**, he hopped on his stallion and then gave it a **wallop** to cause it to **gallop**.

15.**garage** (French):

The **sage** got into a **rage** when someone dumped **garbage** in the **garage** at the back of his **cottage**.

16.**gu**: The u stops the g from sounding its name.

A royal **guest** from **Guernsey** went to New **Guinea** under the **guise** of a **guitar** playing **guerilla**, a member of a terrorist **guild**. When he and his **guide** went past the armed **guard** in front of the palace, the latter thought that the two men looked rather **guilty** so he told them to get into his **limousine** which ran on kerosene and kept them for nine months in **quarantine** before taking them to a rusty **guillotine**. Their bodies felt like **gelatine** or **margarine**. When the **guard** went into his **submarine** to get a **tangerine**, a **magazine** as well as a **tambourine**, the royal **guest** and his **guide** hid under a **trampoline** where they couldn't be seen.

17. **our for nouns**: hon**our** (French honneur with the stress on the last syllable), fav**our** (French favour), hum**our** (French humeur), hon**our**able (whole word+able), fav**our**able.

18. **ous for foreign adjectives**: humour-humorous.
The first u is now omitted.

19. **ea**: It's very difficult to play Rugby **League** ten **leagues** under **sea** level.

20. **or**: mirror from French miroir.

The auth**or** (auth**or**ity) looked in horr**or** when he saw himself in the mirror**or**.

21. **image** from French image with the stress on the last syllable; hence one m. imagine-
imagination-imaginary.

22. **motion** (French).

23. **ur**: **Kurt** sees with a **blur** and speaks with a **slur** although it sounds more like a **murmur**.

24. **Homophones**: **muscle**; the **c** is heard in **muscular**.

Mr Russell used to sell **mussels** in **Brussels**.
(Bruxelles; hence el).

25. You can't buy **petroleum** in a museum.

Petrol

26. Occupy-occup**ant**-occup**ation**-occup**ancy**.

27. pose-**oppose**-**opposite**-**opposition**-**opponent**-**exponent**-**exponential**.

Ob(against)+**pose** (put); the **b** changes to **p** to make a good blend.

28. Compare: reside-resid**ent**-redid**ential**.

29. **pur**: pursue-purs**uit** from French pours**uivre** (to follow); hence the **ui**.

While the **purser** (he holds the **purse** to buy food) of a ship was busy talking to a **purveyor**, a passenger **surveyor** noticed that a sailor wanted to turn himself into a **conveyor** with the sole **purpose** to **purloin** some goods in order to exchange it for some foreign coin. When the **surveyor** decided to **pursue** the sailor, he knocked his head against a **purlin** during the

pursuit. Not only did his face look **purple**, he also ripped his suit.

30.**ent**: recent (French recent) is an adjective which is descriptive, not active.

The **recent centenary** celebrations cost a fortune.

31.**reduce-reduction, induce-induction, seduce-seduction,...**

32.**regard** from French regarder=to look, hence no u after the g.

Send my **regards** to the **guards** in the school**yard** if it's not too **hard**.

33.**ie**: The **Police** **besieged** a house on **piers** near the **frontier** in order to **retrieve** a batch of stolen **briefcases**. When the **chief** **wielded** a **cricket bat**, the **fierce** looking **thief** with **piercing eyes** **shrieked**, "Good **grief!**" To his **relief**, the **chief** missed and thus **achieved** nothing much as such. However, I **believe** that in the end, the **thief** went to **pieces** when the chief's **niece** sent in her dog that belonged to a vicious **species** and didn't want to **reprieve** the sentence of the **thief**, no matter how quickly the **priest** arrived on the **field** to **relieve** the **fiendish fiend**.

34.**affair**: same format as **affix** (ad+fix) or **affirm** (ad+firm).

The **fair haired fairy** who lived in a **lair** on the

prairie had an **affair** with the dwarf who lived downstairs.

35. **arrest** from Latin ad+restare.

36. **eme**: What's the **theme** of your **scheme**?
(Dutch schema; French schéma).

37. **ure**: The doctor was not **sure** whether or not he could **procure** or **secure** the **medicine** necessary to **cure** an **obscure** disease.

Spelling clues 34.

1. **al**: serial-serially.
2. **ous for adjectives**: serious, humorous, dangerous, meticulous,...
3. **ere**: "I believe that you should **adhere** to an **inherently sincere** and **coherent** policy that will make you **persevere** in achieving what you **revere**," said the **reverend** to the student who was used to a **severe** climate in the Northern Hemisphere.
4. **one r**: spirit-spiritual-spiritually from French esprit.
5. **wa** or **qua**: A **W.A.** black **swan** continued to **wash** her **quads** in the **warm water** of the **swamp** after she had **squashed** the **wasp** who had **wanted** to sting them with its magic **wand**.

6. **system** from French système, hence the e.
My digestive **system** has a **solemn** (solemnity) problem.
7. **They're**=they are.
8. **um**:(Latin ending) My **mum** often visits the new **millennium** (from French mille=1000) **museum**. Once she has passed through a type of Roman **atrium**, she admires old-fashioned **petroleum** cans, **vacuum** cleaners, stuffed **possums**, fair-**dinkum columns** from **Belgium**, a **memorandum** of Pope Pius II, pots with **talcum** and **potassium**, syringes with **serum**. On the first floor there is an **aquarium** with fish coloured with every shade of the **spectrum**. On the top floor there is a **planetarium** with hundreds of stars and well-known planets.
9. The exhaust of an old truck loaded with a **volume** of **perfume**, was spitting out black **fumes** on the **Hume** Highway.
10. **on**: When a **person** in a **common** **squadron** of a French **battalion** hurt his **tendon** while using a **weapon**(Dutch wapen) to shoot at an escaped **prisoner** hiding in an **abandoned** Ford **Falcon**, his face turned **crimson**.

11. **ous for adjectives:** **jealous**, **zealous**, **curious**,...
Jean, the wife of the Dean, is not only mean and **zealous** but also **jealous**.
12. **Homophones:** This store is **wholly** owned by the Uniting Church of the **Holy** Ghost," said our friendly host before he went on holiday (=holy day; drop the y and put an i).
13. **wor:** "The **worm works** in the **underworld**. It doesn't say a **word** because its cough is getting **worse**, so much so that it isn't **worthy** using it as bait," said Mrs Wool**worth**.
14. **Homophones:** "You're not **allowed** to shoot at people," said a mother **aloud** to her brother who then aimed at a cloud.
15. **an ancient** (French ancien from an=year) **ancestor** flew in a Lancaster**er** from London to Manchester**er**.
16. **Apology** from **apo**(away from)+**logos** (speech). The **o** can be heard in **logic**.
17. **age:** The average class mark in this **village** school is in accordance with each student's age.
18. **benefit:** from bene(good)+facere(do), hence one n. Relate **beneficial**.
19. "This is an **awkward ward** to work in," said the **warden** while he shifted yet again a heavy **wardrobe**.

20. **Bicycle**: from bi(two)+cycle(wheel).
Le: cycle-cyclist.
21. **Biscuit**: from bis(twice)+cuit(baked); in other words, crunchy.
22. **ui**: Don't spill fruit**ui**ce or the cream of this bisc**ui**t on your good **sui**t.
23. cap**a**ble(French). The a shows up in cap**a**city. **Le**: capable-cap**a**bly.
This female const**a**ble is quite cap**a**ble. She can jump from the gab**a**le onto the tab**a**le in the stab**a**le.
24. Cargo-carg**o**es, potato-potat**o**es, tomato-tomat**o**es.
25. **To**es fit in sho**o**es.
26. **ei**: This man is so conce**ei**ted that he conce**ei**ves his head to be above the ce**ei**ling. Forget about rules. The linguistic approach can do without them. Rece**ei**ve-re**ei**ption-re**ei**pt, perce**ei**ve-per**ei**ption, dece**ei**ve-de**ei**ption, conce**ei**ve-con**ei**ption.
27. This **ju**ry is the same as in the last cent**u**ry (the y-sound is heard).
28. centennial-centennial**ly**.
29. **centenary**.
30. **ey**: A cock**ey** went to Sydney**ey** to work as a jock**ey**. As soon as he had earned some mon**ey**, he filled his trol**ley** with a med**ley** of items such as hon**ey**, peanuts for his mon**key**,

carrots for his don**key**, vol**ley**balls and hock**ey**balls for his girlfriend and medicine for his kidn**ey**. When he opened door number fifty on the fifth stor**ey**, he noticed that his room was full of smoke because he had lit the woodstove without the chimn**ey**.

31. Collide from com(together)+leadere(to strike). M changes to l.
32. combin**e**-combin**ation** from French combiner and combination with audible o.
33. compan**y**-compan**ion** from com(with)+pane (bread in Latin, pan in Spanish, pain in French. The word literally means breaking bread with... a friend; compare Last Supper.
34. **Silent n**: condemn**n** (from Latin prefix con+demnare)-condem**n**ation. Solemn**n**-solemn**ity**, column**n**-column**al**, hymn**n**-hymn**al**, autumn**n**-autumn**al**.
35. **copy**, keep the y, **copying**.
36. **il**: Mrs **April**, a member of the local **civil council**, wanted to scratch her **nostril**. However, a **pupil** from a nearby school suddenly appeared and knocked against her **pencil**, the **evil devil**. Since it went into her mouth, it damaged her **tonsil** so now her life is in **peril**. Hopefully, she won't turn into a **fossil**.

37. **ous for adjectives:** curious, furious, spurious, ...curious-curiosity.
38. **op:** develop from French développer with the stress on the last syllable, hence one l. "My stallion starts to **develop** a nice **galop**," said the **bishop**.

Spelling clues 35

1. No rules to remember, only ears to listen and hear: de**ce**ive-de**ce**ption, re**ce**ive-re**ce**ipt-re**ce**ption-re**ce**ptionist.
2. **Defend** from French défendre. Millie Tenpin was **pensive** but also **defensive**, so she took up **fencing**. In the end, she was quite capable to **defend** herself.
3. **Descend** (going down) from French descendre. **Ascend** (going up). The sniffer dog followed the **scent** during the steep **descent**. Sc: Think **escalate-escalator-scala-scale** a ladder.
4. **ea:** You can't be at **ease** when you have a contagious dise**ase**.
5. **scent, cent, sent: homophones.**
I **sent** a letter (**s** for **stamp**).
I spent ten **cents** (**c** for **coin**).
I like the **scent** of ten **cents** worth of **incense**.

6. **Double Dutch**: During the **drought**, the **bough** fell down onto the **plough**. Then nothing was heard but the **sough** of the **wind** in the **willows** near the **windows** of the **widows**.
7. Picnic-picnicker-picnicking.
8. **eme**: I find the **theme** of your **scheme** rather **extreme** (extremity).
9. **ent, ence**: evident, evidently, evidence. The e shows up in evidential.
10. Spend-expenses, defend-defensive, comprehend-comprehensive-comprehension, expensive.
11. Far, **farther**, farthest, relating to **distance** only.
12. **Further**: I don't want to listen to your arguments any **further**.
13. **ea**: The artist **crea**ted a **crea**ture with very expressive **fea**tures.
14. **el**: Flannel from Dutch flanel with one a because the stress is on the last syllable. The **el** formation can be seen in flannellette.
15. **Vary**, drop the y and put an i: **various**, **variety**.
16. The**atre** the**atrical**-the**atrically**.
17. **om**: The bore**dom** of official**dom** in any king**dom** is like a phant**om**, like an invisible at**om**, like a plant without bloss**om**, like the fath**omless** bott**om** of an ocean.

The weekly pay of the recipients is but a token of the total ransom.

18. General**al**-gener**ally**.

19. **ous for adjectives**: gener**ous**, conspicu**ous**, vari**ous**,...

20. generous, drop the u, generosity.

21. grade-gradual**al**-gradu**ally**.

22. **immense** (French) from Latin im(not)+mensus (measured). Immensurable can't be measured.

23. The **sire** wanted to **inquire** whether or not he could hire an extinguisher to extinguish a **fire** in the Hawkesbury **Shire**.

24. **Inquire**: drop the e and put y; **inquiry**.

25. Instant**ant**-instant**aneous** from Latin in+stare (stand). The a can be seen and heard in **station** which is derived from the same verb.

26. **Justify**: drop the y and put an l; **justification**.

27. **Emerge** from ex(out of)+mer (sea in French). The opposite is sub**merge**. **Emergency**. Compare **mermaid**.

28. **perch**: Compare **berth**(**bed**).

29. **wor**: His cough is getting **worse**, the **worst** it has ever been; he can't even swallow liver**wurst**. (Think u in Frank**ur**ter or hum**ur**ger named after cities in Germany.)

30. Did you observe that this petrol station has a **self serve** system?

Spelling clues 36

1. **ure**: nature**ure**-natural**ally**. Nur**ture** from French nourir. To give nourishment.
2. **ur**: The **nurse** in the **nursery nurtured** the little boy who had undergone **urgent surgery**.
3. opinion: (French opinion in which the o is clearly pronounced). Dutch opinie.
4. **ent, ence**: patient is not only a noun but also an adjective; both are non-active. The **e** is heard in Spanish paci**encia**.
5. Form-perform-perform**ance** (think performing=action)-form**ation**.
6. Popular**ar**-popular**ity**, similar**ar**-similar**ity**.
7. **perform, perceive, per cent, per annum**(**annual-annually** from French **an**=year).
8. **ceed**: There are only three words with that ending; they each have a similar meaning: **succeed**-success-succession, **proceed**-process-procession, **exceed**-excess. Prefixes suc=sur, pro, ex. The fiery **steed exceeded** the **speed** limit. Since it was not allowed to **proceed**, it didn't **succeed** in winning the race.

9. **Limit** from French limite with one m because the stress is on the last syllable.
Timid from French timide.
10. Pose-**op**pose-**im**pose-**prop**ose-**sup**pose-proposal (plan).
11. My grandma went to the **Bahamas** in a new type of **pyjamas**, so that created quite a number of **dramas**.
12. **wa & qua**: The **quality** of this **water** is quite good, but not the **quantity**.
13. **Real-really-realise-reality** in which the a is heard.
14. **Rece**ive-**recept**-**recept**ion-**recept**ionist in which the **p** points to the silent **p** in **receipt**.
15. Our guest from the west had a silly request; he wanted to sleep in a crow's nest.
16. Satisfy-satisfaction, tidy-**tidy**ing (keep the y).
17. **au**: **Au**stralian **saus**ages, **hambur**gers and **frankfur**ters are usually smothered by barbecue **sau**ce; no s because that would sound (z) as in because.
18. **ct**: insect**ct**, intersect**ct**, section**ct**, select**ct**-selection**ct**, perfect**ct**-perfection**ct**,...
19. social**l**-social**l**ly-societ**l**y.
20. **ch**: Tom has a stomach**ch** **ache**; he ate too much**ch** spinach**ch**. Much=mucho(Spanish).
21. **Sugg**est from French suggérer from Latin sub+gerere(to bring). B changes to g.

22. **Surface**: Literally on the **face** (French).
Compare **surchage**, **surprise**, **surrender**, to give up.
23. Tobacco-tobacconist.
24. **Tourist** from French *touriste*: someone who enjoys doing **ours** (**journeys**) around the **country**.
25. Traffic-traffic**er**.
26. Tragedy from French *tragédie* in which the e is clearly audible.

Spelling clues 37.

1. Twelve-twelfth.
2. Hesitate from French *hésiter*, hence one s (stress on the last syllable).
3. **Myster**y from French *mystère*. **Myster**ious from French *mystérieux-mystérieuse*.
4. **ph**: **ph**ysical-**ph**isically-**ph**ysiotherapy-**ph**ysiotherapist. Tele**ph**one (far sound), **ph**otograph, **ph**obia, **ph**oneme, **ph**legm, **ph**ilosophy, **Ph**illip, **ph**enomenon,...
5. **Homophones**: This general practitioner has his **practice** in a medical centre (**central**).
If you want to become a good soccer player, you'll have to **practise** seriously.

6. **Price-precious**: The **i** and the **e** have swapped places. In **Spain** and **Spanish**, the **a** and the **i** remain in the same order.
7. **serve-observe-conserve-preserve-servant**
preserv**a**tive preserv**a**tion (hence the **a**).
8. Probab**le**, probab**ly** (from French probable in which the **a** is pronounced clearly. However, the **a** can be heard in probat**ion**(trial). Latin probare to prove.(Dutch proberen-to try out).
9. **Purchase** from por (for)+chase.
Mnemonic: The **nurse** lost her **purse** so she started to **curse** because she couldn't buy-means **purchase**-anything.
10. **sur**: on, above, up. **Surcharge**=is a charge on top of the normal one. **Survive**, **surrender**, **surplus**,...
Since the **burglars** had finished the **surplus** of food, they **surrendered** in order to hopefully **survive**; most probably by paying a **surcharge**.
11. Religion-religious: Soldiers in the **Foreign** Legion don't adhere to any particular religion.(French religion).
12. Ridicule(French, from rire=to laugh).
Ridiculous.
13. Sergeant: The **e** makes the **g** sound its name.
compare goose and gander.

The **sergeant**, dressed in **serge**, served during W.W.II in the Atlantic.

14. **le**: squab**le**-squab**ling**.

15. Susceptible-susceptibility from sub+capere (to take on) b changes to s.

16. Prefixes+**cept**: **incept**-**inception**, **concept**-**conception**, sus**ceptible**:

Gus was sus**ceptible** to criticism.

17. **Sympathy** from Greek sym(same, together) +pathos(feeling); hence the a. **sympathetic**, **sympathise**, compare **symphony**: sound together.

18. Tax-taxation-taxable.(noun + able)

Value: drop the e to make valuable.

19. **able**: Some part-words also take able; in some, the **a** can be traced in another word.

Dur**able**(from endure without the e;

duration), irrit**able**(irrit**ate**), hospit**able**

(hospit**al**, hospit**ality**), formid**able**(French

formid**able**), navig**able**(navig**ation**),

impecc**able**(from Latin pecc**are**-to sin)

pecc**avi**-confession of guilt; literally: I have sinned.

20. **tele=far**: telegram(write from far away),

telescope(see something far away),

television(far+see), telephone(a sound from far away).

Both Greek and Latin words are highly descriptive and short; in English we need many words to explain the meaning of any of the ones in Greek or Latin; no wonder they have almost taken over, especially in technical language: diagonal from Greek across+angle a line from one angle to another.

21. **ea**: Please **mea**sure the **treas**ure before the end of the **seas**on, preferably on Monday; there is no special **reas**on.
22. **verse**: un**iverse**, in**verse**, re**verse**, trans**verse**, un**iversity**,...
23. **Leisure** from German leise-slow, take it easy.
24. Verand**ah** or verand**ada**.
25. **Accord**-in **acc**ordance.
26. **ful** in combinations: wastef**ul**, painf**ul**, awf**ul**,...
But **all right**(two words)
27. **worry**: The o may be remembered by using the expression **don't wor**ry.
Worry is like a rocking chair: it keeps you going but it doesn't get you anywhere.
28. Whole word+able (drop the e though):
advise-advisable.
29. Aer**odrome** from Greek.
30. **lot**-**al**lot-**ballot**.
31. **Starting with a**: amaze, agree, alone, above, aforesaid, ago,...

32. **Ambulance** from Latin **ambulare**-to walk; hence the **a** for **action**.
Compare: perambulator(pram); something to take the baby out for a walk.
33. behave-behaviour, save-Saviour. (the e is left out and replaced by the i).
34. **Catalogue**, **catalyst**, **catapult**, **cataract**, **catafalque**, **Catalan**, **cataclysm**, **catacomb**,...
35. **character** from French caractère.
Our **chemist** is funny **character**, at least by the way he **acts**.
36. Commit-committee: Latin com+mittere (French mettre to put together, hence mm, tt).

Spelling clues 38

1. **Collide-collision**.
2. **condition** (French).
3. **sc**: **conscious**, **science**, **scientific**, **scent**, **scenery**, **sciatica**.
Scarlet is very self-**conscious** of the way she moves around because she suffers from **sciatica**.
4. **op**: operate-operator opera.
5. **Vehicle** from French véhicule. No **vehicular traffic** means no cars.

6. Vice-vicious.
7. The princess **ss** acted as a witness **ss** without much success **ss**.
8. Peculiar-peculiar**ity**. All liars are a bit peculiar **ar**.
9. **ate**: accur**ate**-accuracy from Latin ad+cura (care).

After a moder**ately** elabor**ate** and intric**ate** and adequ**ately** accur**ate** deliber**ate** deliber**ation** that took approxim**ately** one month, the committee issued a certific**ate** in triplic**ate** to the Court and in duplic**ate** to the fortun**ate** inventor so that he could Irgitim**ately** sell his new type of distill**ate** that proved to be harmless to the pal**ate**.

10. Active-act**ivity**-act**ivist**.
11. **Noun**-pron**oun**-pron**ounce**-ann**ounce**-den**ounce**.

Announce: literally to spread the word(noun); ad+noun, hence nn format.

12. Same for **prove**-app**rove**-app**roval**-dis**prove**.
Relate prob**e**, prob**ation**(on trial).
Compare: mov**e**-mob**ile**(**v b** relationship).

13. Appetite from French bon appétit. Pp: one fot the plate, one for the palate.

14. **argue**-**argu**ment.

15. astonish from French étonner.
He was **as** astonished **as** I was.

16. **Homophones: ewe** (female sheep) and **you**.
Give the **ewe** a **ewer** of milk.
17. **Calendar** (Spanish **calendario** in which the **a** is pronounced). From **calends**, the first day of each month in the ancient Roman calendar (when interest on debts had to be paid).
18. **au**: All **automobiles** in **Australia** have to proceed with **caution**, especially during **autumn**.
19. This **champion stallion** eats **millions** of **onions** in **one month**, but not all on a **Monday**.
20. **le**: **circle-circling-circulate-circular**,...
21. **ir**: The **girls** in **first** class and **third** class went to a **circular circus**.
22. **Collapse-collapses-collapsed-collapsing**.
The **silent e** in **collapse** is heard in **collapses**.
The chap did twenty **laps** around the oval before he **collapsed**. After a **lapse** (time **lapses**) of half an hour, he did another twenty **laps**, more than any of the other chaps.
23. The **blast** was in sharp **contrast** with the silence that only **lasted** till half **past**.
24. **Persuade-persuasion**. The **u** is pronounced as a **double u**.
25. **per**: **Perceive, perception, percentile, perceptive, percolate, percussion, perfect**.

My brother is a **perfect percussionist** with a clear **perception** how to **percolate** coffee.

26. **Finite-definite-definitely**. Define definition.
27. Delic**ate** from French délic**at**. Delic**at**essen. This embroidery is very intric**ate**, elabor**ate** and delic**ate**. At the Royal Easter Show, it was awarded a merit certific**ate** in duplic**ate** because one might not have been adequ**ate**.
28. Family-famili**ar**-famili**ar**ity.
29. **ent, ency**: frequent-frequency-frequ**ent**able in which the e is pronounced whole word+able.
30. **ea**: incre**ase**-decre**ase** from Latin in+crescere (to grow more), de+crescere (to grow less). Compare: crescendo in music-to get louder. Increment (a raise), decrement (a deduction)
31. If you don't **increase** the amount of **grease**, the **bearings** will **cease**.
32. Indicate-indicator**or**, initial-initial**ly**-initial**s**-initiate.
33. **Innocent** from in+nocens(not harm).

Spelling clues 39

1. irrit**ate**-irrit**able**.
2. keros**ene** (**o** as in petrol, petro**leum**).
3. Lazy**y**; drop the y and put an i: laz**iness**.
4. Locate-location.
5. Major**-majority**, minor**-minority**.
Each word identifies a letter in its relation:
major**-majority**.
6. **al**: casual**-casually-casualty**.
7. **ine**: medicine (French).
I can't **imagine** that a friend of **mine** who lives in Engadine studies **medicine**; at present, he only likes to **examine** his **engine** to see that it is **genuine**.
8. minist**er**-minist**erial**.
9. spell-spells-spelt.
10. N**uisance** from French enn**u**yer-to annoy.
A **builder** finally had a chance to go on a **cruise** to France. Unfortunately, during the trip, he dropped a glass of **fruitjuice** with ice on his good **suit**. Since it was already late, he didn't linger any longer with his **bruised** finger, so he said, "What a **nuisance**."
11. **ous for adjectives**: numer**ous**, curios**us**, humor**ous**(hum**our**), delici**ous**, consci**ous**.
12. Delic**acy**-delic**ate** from French délicat.
Delicat**essen**.

13. **Leonard** breeds **leopards**. **Leonardo** Da Vinci drew them. A **Leopard** was thought to be a cross between a **leo**(lion) and a pardus (Dutch paard-horse). A lion will put the life of a **leopard** into **jeopardy**.
14. **Official-officially**.
15. The queen visited our **class** but she was too embarrassed to sit with us on the **grass**.
16. The original inhabitant of Australia was an **aborigine** (prefix **ab**=from) born out of aboriginal parents. Origin-**original-originality-originate**.
17. **Ornament-ornamental-ornamentally**. The a can be found in **ornate**.
An **ornate**, **elaborately** decorated **ornament**.
18. **Parallel lines, parabola, paragraph, parachute** (for, meaning against the fall) **parasol**(for, meaning against the sun).
19. **Audience, audiovisual(hear and see)**. Audit, auditor.
Inspector, spectacle, spectacles: look
An **Australian audience** has the tendency to stay home during **autumn**, especially during **autumnal** rain. Then they prefer to be entertained by their **audiovisual** apparatus.
20. **Busy**; drop the y and put an i: **busier, busiest, business**. Gus drives a bus; he has a **busy** business. (bus is short for **omnibus: for all**).

Compare: **omnipotent-all** mighty. **Omnivore**.

Omnivorous: **eating** everything edible.

Herbivore: eating **greens**.

Carnivore: eating meat.

Carnival: last day of eating **meat** before Lent

Compare: **omnivorous** and **voracious**.

21. **Nuclear**: It should be quite **clear** that a **nuclear war** will destroy all life on **earth**.

22. **Unique**(French): **one**(uni) of; not necessarily special. A **unicorn**(from **cornus=horn**) is a unique animal.

23. **Propaganda-propagate**(to produce, to spread).

A panda is a herbivorous mammal that propagates mainly in China.

24. **Clinical-clinically**, **final-finally**.

25. **Proportionate** from pro(per)+portion(part).

The **a** can be seen in **proportional**, **proportionally**, **proportionable** (whole word+able).

26. **Dormitory** from French dormir-to sleep.

The **dormitory** is between a **factory**(**factorial**) and an **observatory**(**a** for **observat**ion). Since it has no **lavatory**(from French laver-to wash), the guests have to walk down a twenty-storey high **promontory** whether they are Liberal or **Tory**.

27. **ate**: **Kate** is quite consider**ate** but also obstin**ate**, not very accur**ate** and moder**ately** liter**ate**, so she didn't get a legitim**ate** school certific**ate** because her performance was proportion**ately** below the approxim**ate** average.
28. **Matriculate**+matriculation(registration).
Relate **matrix** to identify the **a**.
29. **Appreciate** from ad+price(e and I have interchanged):literally to put a price on something. Standard prefix+stem format(pp).
30. Antarctica is south of Australia.
31. **Contemplate** from French contempler.
32. **Intelligent**-**intelligence**-**intelligentsia**(shows the **en**). This **gent** is a member of the **intelligentsia**.
33. **Erupt**(e=ex=out), **disrupt**, **corrupt** from rupt-to go to pieces. When the volcano **erupted**, the whole village was **disrupted**.
34. **Translucent** from trans(**across**, through) +lucere(to shine). Relate lux-light, luxury.
35. **Nonchalant**-**nonchalance**. From French nonchalant-not warm. Relate French chaleur(heat) and chauffeur, literally someone who keeps the fire going(stoker).
36. **Arabesque**: An ornate and intricate ornament or a standard pose in ballet.
When an overweight **Arab** from **Arabia** tried

to do an **arabesque**, he looked rather grotesque.

37. The **builder** with the **bruised** finger on the **cruise** ship finally got to **France**. However, when he descended the gangway, he lost his **balance** because of his nonchal**ance** and fell into the deep water, so he never got to see **France** because he missed his last **chance**.
38. Scaffolding from French échaf**auf** (Dutch schav**ot**). Many words in French and Spanish starts with e, whereas the corresponding English and Dutch ones start with s: Espagne, Espãna-Spain, Spanje.
39. **Access-recess**, **process**: prefix+stem format, hence cc.
Accessible: It's **possible** to access.
40. **asm**: enthus**iasm**, ch**asm** (a deep cleft).
lsm: **prism**, algor**ism**, magnet**ism**, manner**ism**, metabol**ism**, anach**ronism**, (from **chronos**=time)
anachronism: something that **cannot** have happened at the particular time.

Spelling clues 40

1. Cerem**ony**-cerem**onial**.
2. Duplic**ate**(noun) and duplic**ate**(verb) in which the **a** is heard.
3. Tutor**-**tutor**ial**.
4. Advert**ise**(— ●●) advert**ise**ment(●—●●).
5. Adjourn from French jour(day): literally put off till another day. Relate journey(daytrip), journal(daily newspaper).
They adj**ourn**ed the publication of their **journal** because all the **journal**ists were away on an overseas **jour**ney(**tour**).
6. **us for foreign nouns**: circ**us**, apparat**us**, surplus**us**,...
7. **peri**: Greek prefix meaning **around**.
Periscope=around+look
perimeter=around+measure.
8. **Caprice** from Latin **capra=goat**, an animal that often makes funny movements.
Capriole. Relate **capricorn**=goat+horn from Latin **capricornus**.
9. **Monarch** from mono(one)+arch(ruler):
archangel, **arch**bishop. Mon**arch**y.
10. **Exquisite** from **out**+seek. Relate: inquire(to look into).
Inquisition, **ac**quisition(to get). The last two words point to the **i** in exquisite.
11. **al**: brut**al**-brut**ally**-brut**ality**.

12. Spelling through wordbuilding:
Enamel-enamelling-enamelled.
13. **Dromedary** (Dutch dromedaris) from Greek dromas=running; that's why they are used for races in Arabia. They have only **one hump**.
Two **dromedaries** had a race around an Arabian aerod**rome**.
14. **le**: disci**ple**-disci**pline**.
15. **o**: arist**o**crat-arist**o**cracy(●●—●●): Each word provides a clue for the other one).
Members of the aristocr**acy** are usually better at liter**acy** than the rest of the democr**acy** (democr**atic**, ●●—●).
16. Exp**and**-exp**ans**ion, ext**end**-ext**ens**ion.
(standard change from d to s).
17. **ary**: **Ary** was the benefici**ary** of a dromed**ary** when his uncle **Gary** died in Janu**ary**.
Although he accepted the dromer**dary** without comm**entary**, he was in a bit of a quanda**ry** because he had just joined the milit**ary** as a volunt**ary** soldier to look after a huge shipment of sanit**ary** equipment. When the dromed**ary** had some prelimin**ary** trouble with its coron**ary** arter**ery**(arter**ial**), **Ary** decided that it was time to donate the dromed**ary** to a contempor**ary** African mission**ary** who travelled from sanctu**ary** to sanctu**ary**.

18. **Unanimous** from Latin unus (one+animus mind): literally one mind, meaning all people were in agreement.
19. Fascinate from Latin fascinare=to bewitch.
sc: science is fascinating.
20. **ar**: Mnemonic; burglar alarm.
21. influ**ence**-influ**ential**.
22. When the **zebra** had **influenza** (the official name for flu), they sent it back to **Africa**.
The **alfalfa** of the **savanna** near a **delta** was a **stigma** to provide it with the health of a **gorilla** from a **peninsula** in **Somalia**.
23. As soon as Francis had the **chance**, she paid her insur**ance**.
24. **rupt**-to go to pieces, break loose: **erupt**, **currup**, **interrupt**, **disrupt**.
25. Invis**ible** with the i of vision.
26. **Language** from French; it relates to French langue=tongue.
27. Contemporary from Latin con+tempus(time).
Tempus fugit: the time flies.
Tempo-temporarily.
28. Machine-machinery.
29. **Miserable** from French misérable. Relate mysère=misery. Whole word+able(the e is left out).
30. **le**: miserable-miserably.

31. necess**ary**-necess**arily**-necessity from French nécessaire.
32. Neighbour from nigh(close)+ Old English **bur** (Dutch **buur**)
 Our ne**igh**bour has **ei**ght black-and white coloured ne**igh**ing **rei**ndeer. At Christmas, he sends them to Santa who has to pay the **f**reight which depends on the **h**eight and the **w**eight.

Spelling clues 41

1. Opera**a**-operation (compare Spanish obra-work)
2. Perman**ent**-perman**ence** (adjective: descriptive, not active, hence **ent**. Perman**ente**, Spanish). From **per** (through) + manere(to remain).
 "The price **per** kilo is **per**manent," said the **man**.
3. Seve**re**-seve**r**ity-perse**ve**re.
4. Polit**ic**s-polit**ic**al-polit**ic**ally.
5. Pract**ic**al-pract**ic**ally. Pract**ic**ality.
6. Re**fer**, pre**fer**, pre**fer**ence, in**fer**, pre**fer**ring, pre**fer**red.
7. Pre**s**ide, re**s**ide, pre**s**ident, re**s**ident, pre**s**idential, re**s**idential.

8. **ege, edge**: Once upon a time, only the rich were **privileged** to go to **college** to gather knowledge. (**d** for student)
9. Telegram, program (tele=far, gram=write).
10. **Repel**-**repellent**, **expel**-**expelled**, **dispel**-**dispelling**, **propel**-**propeller**.

Single l at the end of some words:

Pat wanted to **enrol** in an annual (annually) course to learn how to **patrol** the Panama **canal** (Dutch kanaal) in order to **control** people wanting to illegally **distil alcohol** in **Brazil**. In order to **fulfil** his duty, he stayed in a **motel** or sometimes in a **hotel** until he was able to **excel** in his task to **repel** and **expel** the culprits as well as **dispel** any fear that he couldn't handle any situation, or that he was likely to **rebel**. Consequently, at the end of the course, the officer in charge pinned a shiny badge of excellence onto his **lapel**.

11. **Recognise**-**recognition** from re+c**ognoscere** (to know again). The **o** is in **incognito**.
The king always travelled **incognito** so that nobody would **recognise** him.
12. commend-recommend.
13. **refer**, **prefer**, **reference**, **preference**, **referee**, **referendum**.
14. **secret**, **secretary**, **secretarial**.
15. **Sign**, **signal**, **signature**.

16. Situation(French).
17. **Tele**phone from Greek **tele**(far) +phone (sound).
18. Liberal**al**, liber**ally** from French libéral, liberté with the stress on the last syllable, hence only one b.
19. Travel**el**, trav**elling**, trav**eller**.
20. Parent**ent**, parent**al**, app**arent**, app**arently**(from appear).
21. Artificial**al**, artific**ially**.
Art**ifice** from ars (skill)+**facere**(to make).
Off**ice**, offic**ial**, offic**ially**.
22. Assist, assistant, assistance assisting(action) from French assister.
23. **Tract**, **attract**, **attraction**; standard prefix+ stem format: tt
24. **mission**, com**mission**, com**missioner**.
25. The referee prefers to pre**pare**-com**pare**-com**parison**.
26. There is absolutely no compar**ison** between Mr Edison and his son who is an ar**son**.
27. conf**ide**-conf**ident**- conf**idence**-conf**idential**-conf**identially**.
28. Con**vene**-con**venient**-con**venience**. From con (together)+venire (French venir) to come. Compare **venue**.
29. During their **discussion**, they **discussed** the shape of a **discus**.

30. Event-eventual**al**-eventually.
31. Experience**n**ce from Latin experientia, Spanish experiencia, **hence ence**.
32. Experiment from French expérimenter, hence one r.
33. **Press**, **express**, **expression**, **expressionist**.
34. **Favourable**; whole word+**able**.
35. Found-profound-foundation.
36. Suffice-suffici**ent**. Spanish sufici**ente** (enough).
37. Visible-visibility-vision.
38. Comp**any**-accomp**any**-comp**an**ion from com+p**ane**(bread).
Company: literally someone to **break bread** with.
39. **Ann**iversary from French anniversaire, (**an**=year); compare **annual**, **annually**, per **ann**um.
40. **ary**: The honor**ary** secret**ary** of a lapid**ary** auxili**ary** wanted to celebrate her golden annivers**ary** during Febru**ary** in an out-of-the-way bird sanctu**ary** along a tribut**ary** and looked after by a volunt**ary** mission**ary**-without monet**ary** remuneration-who was also a member of a subsidi**ary** of the Federal liter**ary** Society in charge of producing a contempor**ary** diction**ary** based on the common folk vocabul**ary**.

41. **Range-arrange-arrangement.**

42. Soci**a**te-associ**a**te-associ**a**tion-social**a**-social**l**y.

Spelling clues 42

1. Comp**ete**-comp**et**ition-comp**et**itor-comp**et**itive.

2. **str**ucture-in**str**uct-de**str**uct-con**str**uct-**str**uctural-**str**ucturally.

3. Electric-electricity-electrical-electrically-elect-election-select.

4. Extravag**a**nt-extravaganza from Latin extra+vagari(to wander). Compare vagrant-a wanderer, so extravagant is to go beyond the norm.

5. Hand-handy-handicap-handicapped.

6. Depend**ent**-independ**ent**-independ**ence**; compare Spanish independ**encia** with e. However, a depend**ant** is a person depend**ing** on someone else.

7. Form-inform-perform-informer-information-formation-inform**ative**.

8. Manufacture from Latin manus,French main(hand) + fascere(to make). Relate **factory**, **manual**, **manually**, **maintain**,...

9. Misch**ief**- misch**iev**ous: The **niece** of the **Police chief** is a bit of a misch**ief**; she often hides his handkerch**ief** or his briefcase.

10. Observ**ation**-observ**ant**-observ**atory**. The **e** is in self **serve**.
11. Opp**ort**une-opp**ort**unity: prefix+stem format, hence pp.
12. Prep**are**-comp**are**: prepar**ation**-compar**ison**.
13. Temper**at**ure from French temp**ér**ature.
Temper**at**e-temper**am**ent-tempera**a**, **a** painting medium like egg yolk with water to be mixed (temper**are**) with powdered pigments. Temper**an**ce (restraint).
14. Defect, affect-affection-affectionate-affection**ate**.
Kate is quite affection**ate** and consider**ate**, but very obstin**ate**, that's why she didn't get her Higher School certific**ate**. She's only moder**ately** liter**ate**. She scored approximat**ely** 20% in English because she's not very accur**ate**.
15. Org**an**-org**anic**-org**anise**-org**anisation**.
16. Acc**om**modation from Latin ad (to)+ comm**od**us (having the proper measure)
17. Deter**mine**-determination, exam**ine**-examination, imagin**e**-imagination, discipl**ine**-disciplin**ary**-disciplin**arian**.
But: engin**e**-engineer.
A friend of **mine** is determin**ed** to terminate her job.

18. Present(●—)-represent**ent**-represent**ative**-represent**ation**-present**ation**. French présent. Daisy Dent **sent** me a present(—●), but I was **absent**.
19. **Connect**: prefix+stem format, hence **nn**.
20. **Instrument**(french): You need an **instructor** to tell you how to use an **instrument**; don't just strum it.
21. Alone-lonely-loneliness; drop the y and put an i.
22. Public-publication.
23. **Provide**-**provision**, but **attend**-**attention**.
24. **Convene**-**convention**-**convent** from Latin con+**venire**(to come together) French **venir**. Compare **venue**.
25. Distribute-distribution from French distribuer, single b. Even in English we don't need to double the b because there is already a "double sound" with the b and the u.
26. **Prove** from Latin prob**are**, Spanish prob**ar**-to try. Relate probe and probation; **move**-**mobile**
27. Exam-exam**ine**-exam**ination**. A **fine** friend of **mine** spends the whole day to exam**ine** his engine**ine** to see if it is genu**ine**.
28. Elect-election, select-selection.
29. Particular**ar**-particular**ity**.
30. **im**: **Muslim**, pilgr**im**, vict**im**, inter**im**.

31. Estim**ate** (noun), estim**ate** (verb).
32. Imposs**ible** (French) possibility (French possibilité)
33. In**fer**, refer, refer**ence**-con**ference** (French conf**é**rence) refer**endum** conf**er**ee-a person who takes part in a conf**er**ence.
34. **D**istinguish-**ex**tinguish.
35. Consider-consideration from French consid**é**rer, stress on the last syllable, hence one d.
36. Apply, drop the y and put ani: application; prefix+stem format, hence pp.
37. Circumstances from Latin circum-circle; relate Church, Dutch kerk, kirk in Scotland. The c sounds (k) in Latin. Also relates circumference-literally to ferry around the circle.
38. **Senate** from Latin **sen**ex (old man). Compare **senior** and **senile** hence one n.
39. Session-obsession-depression-impression-suppression.
40. Preliminary**ary** from pre (before)+limen (Limit) **ary**: The honor**ary** secret**ary** of a lapid**ary** auxili**ary** made some preliminary**ary** arrangements in view of her golden annivers**ary** the following Febru**ary**. She rang the volunt**ary** mission**ary** who runs the bird sanctu**ary** and made him the benefici**ary** of

a large sum of money so that he could go ahead with the production of the contemporary dictionary based on the common folk vocabulary.

41. **Allege** from Latin *lex* (law). We all **alleged** that he went to evening **college** to increase his **knowledge** (**d** for **study**); however, he became a drug addict and consequently went off the **edge**.

Spelling clues 43.

1. **Celebrate**-**celebration**-**celebrant**-**celebrity**.
2. **Cordial**-**cordially** from Latin **cor**, French **coeur**: literally from the heart. Compare **cardiac**, **cardiologist**.
3. **Recognise**-**cognition** from *re* (again)+ **cognoscere** (to know) **incognito** – without being recognised.
4. **Custom**, **accustom**: Tom got **accustomed** to call his **customers** by their name.
5. The **addressee**, the wife of Mr **Lee**, a **trainee** **referee** from **Taree**, will welcome you all at **three** with **coffee** and **toffee**.
6. **Agreeable**: whole word+**able**.
Change-changeable. Keep the e to keep the sound of g.

7. Point-**appoint**-dis**appoint**: Prefix+stem format, hence **pp**.
8. Thanks **for forgetting** my birthday.
9. General**al**-gener**ally**.
10. **Occasion**(French): Prefix+stem format, hence **cc**.
11. **ceed**: Only **three** words. **Succeed**, **proceed**, **exceed**.
12. **cede**: **precede**, **concede**, **recede**, **intercede**.
Con**cede**-con**cession**, **recede**-re**cession**,
pre**cede**-pre**cedence**-pre**cedent**.
13. **sede**: supers**ede**. "The new procedure will supers**ede** any preceding procedure," said the **Swede** from **Sweden**.
14. The ste**ed** succ**eeded** in proce**eeding** by exce**eeding** the spe**ed** limit.
15. **Immedeate** from Latin in+mediare (in the middle). Compare median French immé**diat**ement-immédi**ately**. Prefix+stem format, hence **mm**.
ate: I want an imm**ediate**, accur**ate** and moder**ately** elabor**ate** certific**ate** in duplic**ate**.
16. **Occur**-**occurring**-recurring-**occurred**: Prefix+stem format, hence cc.
ent, ence: Recurr**ent** recurrence.

Homophones: current, currant;

Mnemonic: ants like currants.

17. Pose-**op**pose.

Rose lives **opposite** the new building **site**.

18. Particular**ar**-particular**ar**ity.

19. Poss**ess**-poss**ess**ion.

20. Bliss**ful**, hope**ful**, spoon**ful**, dread**ful**,...
full & fill, but **fulfil**.

21. Tempt-temptation.

22. Feud-feud**al**-feud**al**ity. After a long **feud** in
Europe, the winning party shouted, "**Eureka**."

23. A shrew**d Jew** asked which way the wind
blew to a member of the **crew** before the
plane was **due**.

24. B**ur**y, drop the y and put an i: b**ur**ied. **U** for
underground.

25. Im**ag**e-im**ag**ine-im**ag**ination from French
image, hence one m.

26. **Mis**take-**mis**taken, **mis**lead, **mis**-spell,...

27. Move-**mob**ile, movable-removable. Whole
word (less e)+able. Removalist.

28. My ex-pup**il** is a **civil** engineer with the local
civil council. He has a rather tranquil
(tranqu**ill**ity) job. He checks the pist**ils** of the
flowers during April showers, gets rid of
unwanted foss**ils**, sharpens penc**ils** for lazy
counc**ill**ors, administers tranquil**is**ers when
their lives are in per**il**, provides them with

stencils, clips their tonsils, removes weevils from their nostrils despite the cavils of these evil devils.

29. **ous for adjectives:** perilous, advantageous, humorous, treacherous, dangerous,...
30. The gent sent me a present while I was absent.
31. Protest: noun and verb. Don't be pro-test; protest.
32. Provide-provision-provisional-provisionally. **Pro**(beforehand)+**vision**(see).
33. **ur:** The purpose of this trivial pursuit is to expose the purple fur of the purring cat.
34. **Quart-quarter-quarterly, quality-quantity.**
35. Farewell to welfare.
36. A combi is a combination of a van and a sedan. French combinaison, combiner.
37. Part-depart-departure-impart-department.
38. Adults indulge, divulge, promulge.

Spelling clues 44

1. Educate-education-educational-educationally.
2. Fiction-friction-diction.
3. **reign-foreign-foreigner.**

4. **our** for nouns (eur in French): rum**our**, hum**our** but hum**or**ous.
5. Salute from French saluer. Salve in Latin-greeting (in Latin, u and v are interchangeable).
6. The **Police** **besieged** the house on **piers** near the **frontier** in order to **retrieve** stolen **briefcases**. When the **chief** **wielded** a **cricket** bat, the **fierce** looking **thief** with **piercing** eyes **shrieked**, "Good **grief**!" To his **relief**, the **chief** missed and **achieved** nothing much as such. However, I **believe** that in the end, the **thief** went to **pieces** when the **chief's** **nice** **niece** sent in her dog that belonged to a vicious **species** and certainly didn't want to **reprise** the sentence of the **thief**, no matter how quickly the local **priest** arrived on the **field** to **relieve** the **fiendish** **fiend**.
7. Resist-resist**ance**-resist**ant**(**resisting**).
But: insist-insistent(quality).
8. **ea associates**(body language): **ear**, **hear**, rehearsal, **heard**, **deaf**, **head**, **heart**, **beat**, **breath**, **breathe**, **breast**, sweat-sweater.
9. Peninsula from Latin pen(almost+insula (island)). Relate: **isle**(an "island in a church"), **insular**, **insulate**, **isolate**.
10. **Excess-recess-process-princess**,... knowledge of **prefixes** is a tool in spelling.

11. Structure-instruct-destruct-construct,...
12. Solve-solvent... solution (u and v relation).
13. Wool-woollen-woolly.
14. **Separate** from French separer: Think **apart**
15. **Accept**-inter**cept**-con**cept**-con**ception**
ac**ceptance**-ac**ceptation**.
16. ate: Kate was coming home late because she and her boyfriend didn't want to separate and decided to combine their first and their second date.
17. **er**: Her **mother** was concern**ed** that if she kept going the way she did, she would have **eternal** **internal** problems, so she went full **astern**.
18. Second: **o** as **on** two**o**. (French seconde)
19. Arithmetic: You need to be meticulous to do arithmetic.
20. **Kate** and her **mate** liked the **climate** of the Sunshine **State**.
21. Everyone is at the **mercy** of commercial commerce (commercial**ly**).
22. **Concession**-**pro**cession.
23. Contag**ious**.
24. Congratulate-congratulations from Latin con+gratus (pleasing).
25. **Science**-con**science**-con**scientious**.
26. Constitution-constitutional**al**-constitution**ally**.
27. Continual**al**-continual**ly**.

28. **Contrast.**
29. Con**verse**-con**vers**ation-con**vers**ational-conversationally.
Con**verse**-re**verse**-in**verse**-tra**nsverse**-tra**ns**versal.
30. **Respond**-cor**res**pond-cor**res**pondence.
31. Corridor (French) from Latin correre-to run.
Relate current.
32. **Courage** (French)-**courage**ous.
33. Not only at the King's **court** do you have to be **courteous** but also amongst your own **countrymen**.

Spelling clues 45

1. **court**, **courteous**, **courtesy**, **country**, **your**, **young**, **youth**, **cousin**.
2. Cow**ard**-cow**ard**ice: A cow is not a cow**ard**, nor is a leop**ard** (from leo+pardus, lion+horse paard in Dutch).
This wiz**ard** collects liz**ard**s that can go forw**ard**s (Dutch voorwaarts) and backw**ard**s.
3. Critic-criticise-criticism-critical-critically.
4. Don't give me your critic**ism** about my metabol**ism**, my ideal**ism** or my manner**ism**. I might look like a pr**ism** but I have magnet**ism**, so stop your snob**ism**.

5. **Crucial**-**crucially**-**crucify**-**crucifix** from Latin **crux**-**cross**.
6. **Cult**-**culture**-**cultivate**.
7. **Homophones**: **current**: **e** for **e**lectricity or **w**ater. **Ants** like **c**urrants.
8. **Dynamite**-**d**ynamic.
9. **Sphere**-**hemisphere** from **hemi**(half)+**sphere**. Compare **semi**(half)+**trailer** and **demijohn** from French **demi**. The northern-and the southern **hemispheres** are **here** nor **there** in the **atmosphere**.
10. **Patch**-**despatch**: I'm **moderately** **desperate** (**desperado**) to **despatch** this batch of matches before somebody else **snatches** my station **wagon**.
11. **Double Dutch**: **thought**(**dacht**). Caxton, the English printer, worked in Holland and adopted the **gh** combination used at the time (15th century).
Brought, **wrought**, **bought**, **fought**, **nought**, **ought**.
I **thought** you **ought** to have **brought** the **wrought** iron bike you **bought**, but instead, you **fought** with your younger brother when you lost four-**nought**.
Note: Many children read **brought** instead of **bought**; they obviously don't see the relation between **bring**-**brought** and **buy**-**bought**. The

same happens with **caught**; they don't relate the **a** in **catch**.

12. **Prefix+cept**: **decept**-**deception**, **incept**-**inception**, **concept**-**conception**, **intercept**-**interception**, **deceptive** from **deceive** (shows the **ce**).
13. Deliver from French *délivrer*. Delivery-**deliverance**-**delivering** (action).
14. **Democrat**-**democratic**-**democracy** from Greek *demo* (people)+*cracy*. Compare: **aristocrat**-**aristocracy** from *aristos*-the best.
15. **Eccentric** from *ex+centre* off centre (x changes to c).
Concentric circles **with the same** centre.
An **eccentric** person.
16. In a **modern** (Spanish *moderno*, French *moderne*) **democracy**, it is **compulsory** to be instructed in **literacy** (from **letter**) in order to become **moderately** **literate** to get the School **certificate** (**certificat** in French).
17. **Dessert** (French): **sweets**, hence **ss**.
Desert (from French *désert*): only one **s** for **sand**.
The **German** (Germanic) **mermaid** (from French *la mer*=the sea) was waiting for her **dessert**, but not in the **desert** of course.
18. **Troy**, the boy from *Woy Woy*, always wants to destroy somebody else's toy.

19. **Prefix+struct(build)**: structure(French), structural-structurally, instruct, destruct, construct, construction, destructive.
20. A **German** friend of mine hates **germs** so he is **determined** to **examine** the possibility of using **detergent** to clean his dentures.
21. The **dope** went to the **Pope** to show him the **envelope** he had **developed** before he **eloped**. (from Dutch weglopen-walk away)
22. Satisfy-**dissatisfy** from **dis**(not)+satisfy, hence ss. Satisfaction(French), satisfactory from Latin satis(enough)+facere(to make). Compare: factory, factorial, de facto (making up for, functioning as)
23. When you want to live in this **district**, you have to be happy with many **strict restrictions**.
24. Dominate from Latin dominus-lord, master.
25. Denomination(religion), denominator from French nom=name.
The denominator of $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ is 4.
26. **Distinguish-distinguished**, **extinguish-extinguisher**.
27. **Double Dutch**: drought(Dutch droogte), sough(zuchten), plough(ploeg), bough(boog).
During the **drought**, the **bough** fell down onto the **plough**. Then, nothing was heard but the

sough of the **wind** in the **willows** by the **windows** of the **widows**(alliteration).

28. The river was **fraught** with danger.

A butcher wanted to slaughter the old **draughthorse** of his **haughty** and **naughty daughter**. She was so **distraught** that she wanted to jump into the water. Her father **laughted** and **caught** so that **taught** her a lesson.

29. **Homophones**: **duel-duelling**(fighting).
dual-duality.

The **written** word **wound** has a dual(two) meaning: I wind, I wound.

The dog was wounded; it had a wound in his paw; poor thing.

30. "Let's open the **parcel** and **celebrate**," said the **celebrant** to the **celebrity** who was munching on some **celery**, the staple diet for **Celtic** people.

31. **icle**: This **gentleman**(**gently**) is very articulate. He wrote an **article**(French) on a **particular particle** in his own **ventricle**.

32. **Occupy-occupant-occupancy-occupation**.

33. **per**: **perhaps**, **per** kilo, **percent**, **per** annum,...
The price **per** kilo is perhaps ½ percent of her **salary**(not **celery**) **per** annum (per year).

34. "Don't **sneer** at me when I feel uncomfortable in this **eerie** place."

35. Affect-affection-affectionate from Latin ad+facere(to do, to make), ad=to.
36. **Effect** from Latin e(intensifier)+facere: to do well. **Effective**-working well.
37. **Kate** is moder**ately** affection**ate**, adequ**ately** consider**ate**(consider**ation**), deliber**ately** accur**ate** with the effect that she is rather effective in canvassing prospective customers.

Spelling clues 46

1. **Migrate-emigrate** (e=out+migrate-immigrate (in+migrate), hence mm. Migrant-emigrant. Birds and people migrate to escape the cold, the heat, a dictatorship,...
2. Emph**as**ise, emph**as**is, emph**atic**.
3. Energy from Greek en+ergon(work) from Latin energia from French énergie. Note: erg is the cgs unit of energy.
4. **Engine-engineer**: This **English engineer** likes to examine **engines** to see if they're genu**ine**.
5. After the Melbourne Cup race, the admired sire was entirely tired, so it retired.
6. **Equal-equally-equal**ity**-equation-equator-equatorial**.
Equator: an imaginary circle that divides the earth into **equal** parts; the southern

hemisphere(helf) and the northern hemisphere(half).

7. The Titanic was not **equipped** with enough safety **equipment**.
8. **Equivalent**: **equal** value equivalent fractions: $1/3, 2/6, 3/9, 4/12, \dots$
9. **Essence**-**essential**-**essentially**.
Incense is essential in some religious ceremonies(ceremonial).
10. Prefix+cept: **except**-**incept**-**concept**-**precept**-**intercept**-**accept** from **ad+cept**.
11. Prefix+cite: **incite**-**excite**.
12. **Excursion**: from Latin ex(away)+currere(run).
Relate **current**, hence ur.
13. Prefix+hibit: **prohibit**-**inhibit**-**exhibit** from Latin habere-to have. Note b/v relation as in mobile-move; probe-prove.
14. **Execute**-**execution**-**executive**.
15. Exist from French exister: **existence**(French), **existent**-**existentialist** from ex+sistere(to stand).
16. Spend-expend-expendable-expenditure-expensive.
17. **Experience**: You need to **experiment** to gain **experience**. **Experimental**-**experimentally**.
18. **Experience**-**experiential**-**experientially**.
19. **Explanation**-**explain**. The same change in vowel length occurs in please-pleasant,

dream-dreamt, leap-leapt, sleep-slept,
weep-wept.

20. Fact**o**ry-fact**o**rial-fact**o**rise from Latin facere-
to make. De facto – in fact, taking the
function of.
21. fash**io**n-fashionable(whole word+able). Don't
push this fashionable **cushion** off my **plush**
chair.

Spelling clues 47

1. **Able-ably-ability**: The able constable could
do a handstand on the table in the stable.
2. Aborigine from ab+origin(from the
beginning): The original(origin**ally**) inhabitant
of Australia.
3. Absorb**b**-absorption**p**: b and p are relatives(soft
and hard). Absorbable(whole word+able)
absorbance-absorptance.
4. Abund**ance**-abund**ant**. French abond**ance**.
Latin: abund**are**.
5. Ac**ad**emic(●●—●)-ac**ad**emy(●—●●).
Each word contains a spelling clue for the
other one because of the stress change.
6. **Acc**omplish from ad+complete: prefix+stem
format, hence cc. Relate c**o**mplement to

hear the **o**: The **complement** of 20 degrees is 70 degrees to “complete” the 90 degrees.

7. Cumulate-**accumulate**- cumulative-cumulus clouds(billowing, cauliflower type thunder clouds).

Kate wanted to **accumulate** as many **dates** with the boy from the Sunshine **State** before it was too **late**.

8. **Accurate** from ad+cura(care) **accuracy**; **curator** shows the **a**. Curator: someone who “takes care of” a museum.

9. **Kate** is quite **accurate** and **considerate** but also **moderately** **obstinate**.

10. “If you really **believe** that you can **achieve** a high **yield**,” said the **chief**’s **niece** to her **friend** the local **priest**, “you can **retrieve** many stolen **briefcases**” when she caught the **thief** in the middle of the **cricket field**.

11. Jack **acknowledged**(**d** for **study**) the fact that he now goes to **college** in **Edgecliff**.

12. Prefix+quire: **inquire**, **require**. Before you can extinguish a fire, you have to inquire what sort of extinguisher is required.

13. **Acute**: an **acute** angle, an **acute** pain(sharp).

14. **Just**-**adjust**-**adjustable**(whole word+able). Justin had just adjusted his adjustable seatbelt.

15. Prefix+mit: **admit-transmit-permit-admission-transmission-transmitter-remittance**(action).
16. **Adolescent**; Quite a number of adolescents descend towards the **dole** office.
17. You have to go to Greece to find the ram with the golden fleece.
18. **Advance Australia**. Advances-advanced. Dance for advanced dancers.
19. **ae**: **aerate, aerial, aeroplane, aerodrome**. Drome=runway(Greek).
20. Agriculture(French) from Latin ager-field. Cultivate, cult, culture, cultural, culturally.
21. **Ally, alliance**(French).
22. Allegiance: loyal-loyally-loyalty. Act of uniting.
23. **Alter-alternate(—●●)-alternate(●—●)-alternating-alternative**.
You need to **alter** the **halter** otherwise the horse will **falter**.
24. **Homophones: alter**(change) and **altar**.
Mary wants to get married in front of the **altar**.
25. **Salt, halt, malt, falter**(relate fault), **halter**(relate halt), **alter**.
26. **er**: **ern, ferns**(e for green), **tern, astern, German, berm, hernia**.
When a flock of **erns** and **terns** frightened a

German spermwhale, he got a **hernia** when he went full **astern** and bumped into a **berm**.

27. **One l in combinations**: altogether, always, almost, fulfil, until, also,...
- Can you check **whether** or not the **wethers** are still tethered **together**?
28. **Amateur**(French from aimer-to love, from Latin **amare**) **Grand-grandeur**: Despite all his **grandeur**, this **chauffeur** from Europe is only an **amateur**.
29. Ambition-ambitious. I know no **ambit**; I am ambitious as well as **ambidextrous**.
30. **Ammunition** from Latin **munire**-to supply: prefix+stem format, hence **mm**.
31. Finance-financial-financially.
32. **Forfeit** from Latin **foris**(outside)+**facere**(to make, to do).
Foreign from **foris**+**reign**(outside the reign of the king).
ei: That's **weird**; these **foreigners** always **forfeit** the game when they play us, so once again we can go home at our **leisure**(German **leise**=easy on).
33. **Generator**-generate-generation-generic.
Foreign words with or: **doctor**, **conductor**,...
generous-generosity.(drop the u)
34. **Nouns in us**: **circus**, **omnibus**, **humus**,...
The **genius** who invented the **omnibus** took

us to the **circus** with a circular circumference in Florence.

35. **Our for nouns:** (type1) glam**our**-glam**orous**, hum**our**-hum**orous**.

(type2) flav**our**, fav**our**-fav**our**ite, col**our**-col**our**ful,...

note: In many cases, **our** corresponds with **eur** in French which carries the stress. (faveur, couleur, humeur, but chauffeur remains French).

36. **Silent n:** govern**ment**, but audible in govern**or**(French gouver**neur**).

37. Grad**e**-grad**uate**(noun and verb)-grad**uation**.

38. Grate**ful** from Latin grat**us**+**ful**.

39. **Limit** from French limite, hence only one m.

40. Attit**ude** from French attit**ude**, from Italian attit**udine**, from Latin aptit**udo**. tt because it has the prefix+stem format: apt**us**(apt)+... so the p becomes t to blend.

41. Individu**al**-individu**ally**.

Spelling clues 48

1. gr**udge**, dr**udge**, fu**dge**, ba**dge**, do**dge**, lo**dge**, ri**dge**, br**idge**, fr**idge**, e**dge**, he**dge**.

2. **guarantee, guard, guardian.**
Having a **guard** is no **guarantee** that your place full of **coffee** and **toffee** won't be ransacked, "said the **referee** to the new **addressee** who had changed her address from **Mudgee** to **Taree**.
3. Guard-guardian **angel**, angelic-Angelica (archangel). Angle-angling.
4. **Gym**: short for **gymnasium**; a place where you have to control your **equilibrium**.
5. **um**: tri**um**ph, a tri**um**phant, ele**phant**.
An aquari**um** (from aqua-water) is made of glass, not alumin**um**.
This nursery sells gerani**ums** from Belgi**um** at a price between minim**um** and maxim**um** for anybody's m**um** on Mother's Day.
6. **Heli** (from Greek): French hélice-spiral, propeller; hence one l. (long sound).
Helicopter, helipad.
7. This stoic her**o** is her**o**ic. Although his wife was a her**o**ine, now she doesn't know where she's going because she's addicted to her**o**in.
8. He is her **hero** because he saved her when someone doused her with **kero** (kerosene).
9. Funeral from French funéraire, hence the a and the e).

10. Hesitate from French hésiter; long sounding e, hence one s sounding(z). hesitant.
Don't just sit there, it makes you hesitant and procrastinate from Latin till **pro**(until)+cras (tomorrow).
11. **Horizon**-horizontal-horizontally from Greek horos-limit(French limite) Relate horo-circle dance, hour, French heure(around the clock). Note: There's not one student who relates horizontal to horizon.
12. **Horrible**(French). **Terrible**(French): part word+**ible**.
13. **Hospital**, **hospitality**, **hospitable**.
14. Anonymous from a(no, not)+nom(name).
Note that the **m** changes to **n** because the next m would have made it awkward.
Compare: de**nom**inator from de+nom – a **name** giver: 1/5, 2/5, 3/5, 4/5.
15. Anxious, anxiety from French anxieux.
Chris(short for Christian, Christopher) is always anxious towards Christmas.
16. Apologise, apology from Greek apo(away from, off)+logos(speech). Compare logic.
17. Auto(self)+stem: **auto**graph, **auto**mobile
automatic, **auto**biography.
18. Auxiliary from French auxiliaire in which the il hasn't got the stress, hence one l.

19. **Mary** works as a volunt**ary** secret**ary** for an Australian Ladies Auxili**ary** because she has a very good vocabular**ary** thanks to the fact that she became the benefici**ary** between Janu**ary** and Febru**ary** of a contempor**ary** diction**ary** produced by the local liter**ary** society.
20. Our doctor is a bachel**or**.
21. **Barbecue**: “The barbecue should **be** next to the **bar**,” said a member of the resc**ue** squad.
22. This **bear** is **barely** dangerous; he walks **bare** foot.
23. Come to the bar, we have a barg**ain** ag**ain**.
24. **Homophones: baron barren.**
25. **Basin.**
26. **Beauty, beautiful, beautify.** The **beauty** and the **beast** went **East** to have a **feast** for at **least** a **year**.
Beauty(silent **ea**) from French **beau**.
27. Behave-behaviour, savi**our**. The **I** sounds as **y** in you.
28. Bile-bilious. This bilious **rebel** is very **rebellious**.
29. **Homophones: The boarder** crossed the **border** in good order, but he fell over**board** as soon as he was ab**oard**.
30. Not all **monks** breed **monkeys**.

31. **Hygiene**: from French *hygiène*, from Greek *hygienic*.
32. **ie**: The **chief's niece** was very **hygienic** but she **died** on the **cricket field** while she **studied science**.
33. Identify, identification, identity (ID)
34. **Idiot** (French): **idiotic** (spelling through word building).
The **zeal** of the **zealot** turned him into an **idiot**. One day, he tried to **pivot** on an **ingot** to give a **carrot** to a **parrot**.
35. Does Bob **Carr** like **carrots**? From French *carotte*; long a, hence no rr.
36. Imitate, imitation from French *imiter* with I pronounced as ee, hence one m.
37. **Patient**, **patience** (French); Spanish *paciencia* with the stress on the **e** (**Penny**).
Impatient from in(not)+patient: n changes to m before p. impossible, important.
38. **Prefix+ port** (carry): **import**, **export**, **deport**, **importation**, **exportation**, **deportation** (illegal foreigners), **important**, **importance**.
39. **Incident**, **incidental**, **incidentally**, **accident**, **accidental**, **accidentally** (cc: different and audible)
40. Inevitable (not+avoidable): from French *éviter*-to avoid (long e, one v).

41. Inferior, inferiority from Latin inferus-low.
Superior-superiority from superus, super.

Spelling clues 49

1. Flame-flammable-inflammable-inflame-inflammation. French flamme, s'enflammer go up in flames.
2. Influ**ent**-influ**ential**-influ**entially**-influ**ence**-flu**ency** from Latin in+fluere-to flow freely.
3. Char**acter** from French car**act**ère.
These two charming characteristic char**acters** inter**act** like a catar**act**.
4. Innoc**ent** (adjective; non-active) innoc**ence** from in+nocere (harmless); relate noxious, obnoxious.
ent: When the presid**ent** (presid**ential**) found that the resid**ent** (resid**ential**) was evid**ently** innoc**ent** and no delinqu**ent** but consist**ently** decent**ent** throughout last century, he ordered his confid**ent** (confid**ential**) correspond**ent** to prepare a release docum**ent** (docum**entary**) for the respond**ent**.
5. Respond-correspond from com+respond; m changes to r.
6. Interf**ere**, interf**erence** from Latin inter+ferir (to strike). There's no need to interf**ere** here; it would spoil the atmospher**e**.

7. Interior-exterior.

Famous models(modelling) know that their exterior is superior(superiority) but they forget that their interior might be inferior(inferiority).

8. Jovial-jovially from Latin jovialis of the planet Jupiter considered by astrologers to foster good humour.(relate v-b-p).

9. Juvenile from Latin juvenilis; Spanish joven(young), juventud-youngsters. Juvenile delinquent graffiti in the city.

10. **Junction**, function-functional-functionally: Although he is usually **punctual**(on the **dot**), he had a puncture at Bondi **Junction** so his tyre didn't **function**.

11. Kindergarten(German: children+garden); playschool.

12. **Kiosk** from French kiosque, ultimately from Persian.

"I left one **ski** in the **kiosk** at Del Rio," wailed Mario into his 2-way radio.

13. **Double Dutch**: silent **k**.

The **knight** put down his **knapsack** in order to turn the **knurled** doorknob. Since he didn't **know** that there was a special **knack** to it, he got his **knickers** in a **knot**, so much so that they dropped off on the spot. However, when he **kneeled** down on his **knees** to pull them up, he **knocked** his **knuckle** against his

knife. When he heard a woman chuckle, he **knew** it was his wife.

14. **Brilliant-brilliance** from French brilliant, briller (to shine).

15. **Irritate-irritant-irritable**.

The const**able**'s wife is always irrit**able** and therefore rather unst**able**.

16. During a **cruise**, a **builder** spilt his **fruitjuice** with **ice** because he had a **bruised** finger. He didn't linger any longer because he had **ruined** his **suit** so his anger got stronger and stronger.

17. **Bureau** (French-office, desk):

The weather bure**au** is run by a **beautiful** looking female bure**au**crat who likes to chat about the weather and all that.

18. **Bury**, drop the y and put an i: **burial**; **u** for **underground**.

I witnessed the **burial** of the **general** during the **funeral**.

19. **Cabinet** (French with a long a, hence only one b).

The **cab**driver bought a **cabinet** for his **cabin** on the beach.

20. **Calculate-calculator**: compare doct**or**, conduct**or**, instruct**or**, direct**or**,... From Latin calculus-calculi: pebbles (relate chalk). The Romans used calculi on a counting board to

figure out the price of something; it was the forerunner of coins.

21. **Panama Canal**. (Dutch kanaal) relate channel.

Banal-**banality**.

22. Candidate from French candidat.

23. **Carpenter** from French charpentier: Most carpenters have a car because they have plenty of work.

24. **Catalogue** (French; Dutch catalogus): from Greek cata (completely) + legein to collect. I looked in the **catalogue** to find the ultimate **cata**.....pult without any result. After the **cataclysm**, the **cataract** of water caused a **catastrophe**; it was **catastrophic**.

The dead king was put on a **catafalque** before being placed in the **catacombs** or in a tomb. (**b** pronounced in French tombeau & **catacombes**).

25. **Cathedral** from French cathédrale; Spanish catedral.

Cathy always spends some time in a **cathedral** although she's not a **catholic** **catholicism** is subject to **criticism**.

26. **Cauliflower**: (Dutch bloemkool=flower**caul**; relate **coleslaw**).

Australian cauliflowers proliferate in autumn during autumnal showers.

27. Cemetary from French cimetièrè.
“Both **c**ement (**c** for **c**oncrete) and **c**emetary can be found in our contempor**ary** diction**ary**,” said the libr**ari**an at the local libr**ary**.
A dromed**ary** may be seen in a sanctu**ary** from Latin sanctus-holy.(drome=run; Greek.)
28. Cent**ury**- (from French cent=100) cent**uri**al.
29. Cerem**ony**, cerem**oni**al, cerem**oni**ally.
After the harvest of all cere**als**(**real** whe**at**), the farmers celebrated with a special (**e**specially) ceremony.
30. Certific**ate** from French certific**at**.
Are you certain that **Kate** got her certific**ate**?
31. **Challenge**: “I shall **acc**ept the **chall**enge without rev**enge**,” said the old man who lived behind the famous Stone **Henge**.
32. Leg**acy**, leg**ate**-deleg**ate**(relate lex=law).
The deleg**ate** went to the Sunshine **State** to receive **a** leg**acy**. To his astonishment, he found that is was only a book on Numer**acy** and Liter**acy** for a modern democracy.
33. Leg**ible**(adjective: **it can be** read).
It is not poss**ible** to read this illeg**ible**(from in+legible) scribble**le**(scribb**ling**).
34. Scrib**e**-inscrib**e**: Relate scrip**t**-scrip**t**ure (something written). From Latin scrib**ere**,

French **écriv**er, Dutch schrij**v**en; **Note** p, b, v, relationship again(move-m**o**bile).

35. Lett**u**ce from French lait**u**e:

Bruce loves lett**u**ce.

Homophone: lattice is made with slats of thin wood.

Notice: go to the off**ic**e to order your latt**ic**e.

36. Lic**en**ce.

The lic**en**see is lic**en**sed because he is given a lic**en**ce.

Spelling clues 50

1. Life-live-lively-livelihood.

2. Loy**al**,loy**ally**, loy**alty**. Roy**al**-roy**ally**-roy**alty**.

3. Lubricate-lubrication.

4. Lumin**ous** from Latin lumen-light: **illuminate** from in+lumin**ate** French lumière to put in the limelight. Hence lumin**ance** with **a**.

5. Lux**ury**-lux**urious** from Latin lux=light.

6. Magnify-magnificent-magnificence.

7. Orch**ard**=g**arden**.

Miss Leop**ard** has an orch**ard** underneath her porch which is rather awkw**ard** because she can hardly go forw**ard**.

8. Man**age**-manager from Latin manus, French main-hand.

This man is a **manager**; he **manages** a village store with items galore.

9. **Manoeuvre** from man(hand)+**oeuvre**(work); literally hand-made work.
10. **Manufacture** from Latin manus(hand)+**facere**(to make): also made by hand.
11. **Marvel**-**marvellous**.
12. **Massacre**. The **massacre** took place on a five-**acre** property.
13. **Material**.
14. **Meagre**-**meagrely** from French maigre. Compare: **eager**-**eagerly**(hear the difference).
15. **Mercy**-merciful.
16. **Merino**.
17. **Military**, **militate**(against), militia from French militaire; long i, hence one l.
18. **Million**, millionaire from French million.
19. **Miniature**(French; long i, hence one n).
20. A **minute** is a **minute** part of one year.
21. **Mono**-**monotone**-**monotonous**.
22. **Music**-**musician**.
Orchestra-**orchestrate**.
23. A **musician** makes **music**. Although he might play an **electric** guitar, he's not an **electrician**.

24. **Mystery**-**mysterious**; drop the y and put an i:
French **mystère** with **er** well defined.
My **mysterious** friend likes to solve **mysteries**.
25. **Negligent**, **negligence**.
This **gent** was **negligent**, hence he was
booked for **negligence**.
26. **Neutral**-**neutrally**-**neutrality**.
During W.W.II, some European countries were
neutral.
27. **Notice**-**noticeable** (whole word+able): French
notice.
Did you **notice** the **notice** on the **office**
door? Closed owing to **lice** and **mice**.
28. **Nuisance** from French **nuire** (harm), **nuissant**-
annoying; **ennuyer**-to annoy.
29. **Obsolete**: Please **delete** this item from the
catalogue; it's now **obsolete**.
By the time this **concrete** building is
complete, it will be **obsolete**.
30. **Occasion**-**occasional**-**occasionally**. French
occasion; Prefix+stem format; **cc**.
31. **Omit**-**omission**, **transmit**-**transmission**, **admit**-
admission.
32. This is an **opportune** moment to voice your
opinion. The i sounds y as in you; compare
union, onion, million,...
33. **Ordeal**: **dealing** cards is not a big **deal**.

34. Ordinary (from French ordinaire) ordinarily.
Mary is not an ordinary contemporary
voluntary secret secretary because she was
born on the 29th of February.

Spelling clues 51

1. Pageant: **Page** and **Grant** want to dress up as a **bullant** for the **pageant**.
2. **et words**: A **pickpocket**, dressed in a single **singlet** and a **velvet helmet** on a head shaped like a **rocket** and a glass eye that he could pop out of its **socket**, pretended to hand out **pamphlets** announcing the sale of cheap **ticket** for the one-day **cricket** match that could be watched on the balcony of a **minaret** until **sunset**.
When the **triplets** of a **midget** started to **fidget**, the **pickpocket** pinched his **wallet** because he wanted to buy a new **skillet** and some **millet** to fry his **fillet**.
3. **Paralyse**, **paralysis**, **parachute**(something against the fall), **parasol**(something against the sun), **analyse**, **analysis**.
My sister was almost **paralysed** when she **analysed** her mistakes.

4. Orphan-orphanage from Latin orphanus; Greek orphanos.
Tom is **an** orphan in **an** orphanage.
5. Parliament, parliamentary, parliamentarian.
From French parler=to speak. Relate parlour, parley(discussion).
Our neighbour from Sydney organised a parley in our parlour.
6. Participate-participation-participant (action: taking part).
7. Particular-particularity.
8. **Pass-passenger**.
Not every passenger is a messenger.
9. Patient-patience(French). Spanish paciencia in which the en is audible. The l sounds y as in you. Compare onion, union, million. Note: In Dutch, the y is`written as ij, two separate letters. Written hastily without the dots and linked, it becomes y. Therefore the l is the front part of y and functions as y in the middle of a word: happy-happier.
10. Penetrate from French pénétrer. Penetrant, penetrance. Penelope was the wife of Odysseus. Nobody else could penetrate her heart.
11. Penny, penniless. Drop the y and put an i.
12. **Enemy**.
13. Peculiar, peculiarity. A peculiar liar.

14. Severe, **persevere**, **perseverance**.

The weather is rather severe **here** although it is **merely** a fraction of the weather **there**.

15. Picture, picturesque.

An **Arabian Arab** sold an **arabesque** that was very picturesque.

16. **Visual spelling**: pigeon hole.

17. **Pedestal**, **pedestrian** from pedes-foot (French pied).

Brian and Adrian hit a pedestrian, a colossal man standing on a pedestal and singing hymns from a biblical hymnal instead of a historical missal. As a result of the accidental interval of his unusual ritual, the colossal man went to hospital.

Hospital, hospitality.

18. **Pierce**, **fierce**.

19. **Pioneer**: Don't sneer at this pioneer.

20. **Platypus**, **octopus** from Greek flat footed and 8 feet.

21. **Pneumonia** from Greek pneuma-air (relate French pneu-(air filled tyre). Pneumonic (affecting the lungs).

22. **Poetry**, **poet**, **poem** French poème.

23. Portray; drop the y and put an i:
portrait (French).

24. Postpone, opponent, postponement.

25. **Caution-prec**aut**ion**, **caut**ious.
An **Au**stralian mechanic didn't want to dismantle the petrol **gaug**e be**caus**e he had to observe too many **precaut**ions.
26. **Precipice**: French précipice.
The **precipice** was covered with **ice**.
27. **Prefer**, **prefer**ence, **prefer**red, **refer**, **refer**ence, **referee**.
28. **Prejudice**: Literally a judgement made beforehand. Relate **prejudge**. It's not nice to indulge in **prejudice**; I rather throw **dice** once or **twice**.
29. **Prescribe**-**prescription**, **scribe**-**script**-**scriptures**
French **écriv**er=to write.
30. **Primitive**.
31. **Proce**ed-**proce**ssion, **succe**ed-**succe**ssion, **succe**ssive, **exce**ed-**exce**ssive.
32. **Profess**-**professor**(French **prof**esseur)-
profession.
33. **noun**-**pronoun**-**pronounce**-**announce**-
denounce(prefix+stem format) **ad**+**nounce**,
but: **pronunciation**(the o is left out)
34. **alm**: Dutch connection. **Psalm**-**palm**-**calm**-
embalm.
35. **Punctuate**-**puncture**(**punct**=point),
punctual(on the dot), **punctually**.
36. **Qualify**; drop the y and put an i(the front part of the y), **qualification**.

37. **Quarry**: **Harry** lived in an abandoned quarry before he decided to **marry**.
38. Quote, note, wrote, vote, rote, quotation.

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1. Foreign nouns in **us**: **radius**, **circus**, **humus**, **surplus**,...
2. **Ratio**, **rational**, **rationalise**, **irrational** (ir=in=not: Prefix+stem format; rr) **rational**ly.
3. **Real**, **realise**, **realisation**.
4. Prefix+stem: **intercept**, **concept**, **reception** (from **receive**), **contraception** (against receiving), **receptacle**.
5. **Receptacle**: This **receptacle** is able to hold one hundred **spectacles**.
6. **Spectacle** (French)-**inspect**-**inspection**-**respect**, **spectrum** from **spect**=look.
7. **Vessel**, **tinsel**, **shrivel** (**shrivelling**), **swivel** (**swivelling**), **chisel** (**chiselling**).
8. **Recipe** (from **receive**): Latin **recipere**.
9. **Commend**-**recommend**: prefix+stem format, hence **mm**.
10. **Recruit**: In his **pursuit** to slake his thirst, the **recruit** spilt **fruitjuice** on his **suit**.
11. **Pursue** from French **poursuivre**.
12. **Refrigerator**. Note: the short version **fridge** conforms with **bridge**.

13. Register: (French *régitre* (noun),
enregistrer (verb)).
14. Register, registration (rego for short).
15. Relax-relaxation, lax-laxative, tax-taxation,
taxable.
You have to consult a tax **table** to find your
taxable income.
16. **Remember**.
17. Repeat, **petition**, **petitive**.
18. Reprimand.
19. Repute-reputed, reputation.
20. **Reserve-reserved-deserve-serve-**
preserve, serve-service-servant, serviette-
self serve.
21. Reservation, reservoir (French)
One of our **choir** (think **chorus**) boys fell into a
reservoir.
22. **Resign**, **resignation**, **design**, **sign**, **signal-**
signalling, **signature**.
23. Resist-resistant-**resistance** from French
résister (**ant=ing**; action)
24. **Respond-correspond** (prefix+stem format,
hence rr). Responsive, responsible-
irresponsible (ir=in=not)
25. Rom**ance**, rom**antic**.
26. Rural, rur**ally**, rur**ality** from Latin *ruralis*
(country). French rural.

27. Sav**a**ge-salv**a**ge, salvat**i**on, salv**a**ble, El Salvador (The Saviour) Latin salvare-to save. Compare **salve! Salvete!** Roman greetings.
28. Sanctu**ary** from Latin sanctus-holy.
29. **ary**: When **Mary** Dromed**ary**, an honor**ary** secret**ary**(secret) for a ladies auxili**ary**, became the benefici**ary** of a contempor**ary** sanctu**ary** and a non-incendi**ary** planet**ary**, her husband **Ary** Dromed**ary** who was born somewhere between Janu**ary** and Febru**ary**(8 letters) and a volunt**ary** soldier in the milit**ary**, immediately quit in order to write a new diction**ary** with comment**ary** for the libr**ary** of a mission**ary** because this man wanted to improve his vocabular**ary**.
30. Sarcasm, sarcastic. The actor in the cast is rather sarcastic; he suffers from sarcasm spasms.
31. Satell**ite**(French). This bank teller comes to work by satell**ite** but it looks like an ordinary kite.
32. Satisfy-satisfied from Latin satis(enough) + facere(to make). French satisfaire-satisfait (faire=to do, make). Satisfactor**ary**, satisfactor**orily**, fact, factor**ory**, factor**or**.

33. Scarce-scarcely-scarcity.

There is no scarc**city** in this **city**; it's almost scary all these cars.

34. Scheme(French scheme; Dutch schema).

"I like the theme of your **scheme** as well as its **schedule**," said the **scholastic scholar**.

Spelling clues 52

1. Scissor: s for sharp, c for cut, o for the hole, ss; one for each **side**. Visualised spelling.
2. **sc words**: **science**, **scent**, **sciatica**,...
con**science**.
3. Sculpt-sculptor-sculpture.
4. Skele**ton**; Dutch skelet, French squelette: **Tony** and Anton(**Antonius**) found an aband**oned** skele**ton** complete with the skull of a missing **person**; they reck**on** that it is of the Mason's **son** who escaped from **prison** one year ago. He either was killed by a **bison** or by **poisoned melon**, **lemon** or **bacon**.
5. Solicit**or**, solicit: This solid(French solide, hence one l) looking solicitor likes solitude from French seul, Latin solus=alone.

6. **Homophones:** sauce & source; both end in ce.
 Frankfur**t**ers and hamb**u**rgers with tomato **sau**ce.
 Our neighbour turned **sou**r when he couldn't find the **so**urce (French: spring) of the water **co**urse. (s and c interchange): relate c for current, cour**ie**r.
7. **Sor**cer**or** (French sorcier) The sorceror lived near the source of the water course where he changed tomato sauce into apple sauce which he used as fuel for his flying saucer.
8. **Spectacle**-**spectacular**, **spectacularity**, **Spectrum**: relate **inspect**, **retrospect** (look back), **prospect** (look ahead) **circumspect** (cautious; look from all angles (circle), **suspect**-suspicious (look underneath to find the truth (Latin specere-to look.))
9. Squab**le**-squab**bl**ing, wab**le**-wab**bl**y.
10. **Deal**, **heal** (**heal**thy), **meal**, **peal**, **seal**, **teal**, **veal**, **weal** (**weal**thy), **zeal** (**zeal**ous), **steal** (**steal**thy), **squeal**.

When the **teal** wanted to **steal** the **seal's meal** with **real veal**, the **seal** started to **squeal** so hard that the local churchbell started to **peal** which didn't **appeal** a **great deal** to the local priest because it caused such an **ordeal**.

11. Subst**ance**, subst**ant**ial, subst**ant**iate, subst**ant**ially, subst**ant**ive.
12. Suburb from Latin sub(under, around)+urb(city).
Suburb**an**, urb**an**, urb**ane**, urb**an**ise.
There is a **ban** on urb**an** truck traffic.
13. Suffice, sufficient-insufficient. (adjective, hence-usually-ent)
14. Suit-suit**able** (whole word+able).
The recr**uit** spilt fr**uit**juice with ice on his wedding **suit** so it was not **suitable** to be worn during the cr**uise** any longer.
15. Summit, summ**ary**.
They'll hold a summit meeting this summer.
16. Sub**mit**-sub**mission**, trans**mit**-trans**mission**, inter**mit**-inter**mission**.
ad**mit**-re**mit**-re**mittance**(action).
17. **ei**: **seize**, **seizure**.
When the **weirdly** conce**ited** fellow **seized** my rece**ipt**, I almost had a **seizure**.
Con**ceive**-con**ception**, rece**ive**-rece**ption**.
18. Select-selection, elect-election.
19. Supervisor from Latin super+visor from vision-to see: overseer. Relate: surveyor-literally someone who casts an eye over(French sur: compare surplus, surrender,...)
20. Surgical, surge**on**, surgically, surgery.
The stur**dy**, cur**ly** surge**on** told me not to eat

ba**con** on toast, le**mon** or mel**on** before the operation**on**.

21. Mr Pige**on** is a famous **surgeon** so there is quite an ups**urge** in the number of patients.
22. **sur**-French over: **surcharge**, **surrender**, **surprise**, **survey**, **surveyor**.
23. **sus=sub**: suspend from Latin sus=sub+ pendere (to hang).
Susp**end**-susp**ension**-susp**ense**.
suspect (to look under)-suspicion-suspicious.
24. Swell-swelled-swelling-swollen.
25. Symp**athy**-symp**athetic**-**pathetic** from Greek sym (same, together)+**pathos**(feel).
26. System**e**m from French syst**è**me, hence the **e**.
Systematic, automatic, pneumatic (compare French pneu-air filled tyre).
27. Technical**al**, technical**ally**, technician, electrician, magic, magician, technique (French), technics.
28. Tend, tend**ency**, tend**encious**.
These ten dentists have a tendency to pull out good teeth.
29. Terr**ify**, terr**ific**, terr**ible**.
30. Territ**ory**-territ**orial** from French territoire from la terre-the earth.
Compare: terra cotta-baked earth.
Medit**err**anean sea between two **lands**.

Terrain, terrarium, terrestrial. (Spanish **terremoto**-earthquake).

31. **Tortoise, porpoise.**

The **porpoise poised** for a moment to look at the **tortoise** and then disappeared without making the slightest **noise**.

32. **us words:** **surplus, circus, humus, omnibus, rhombus, rompus, impetus, octopus, platypus, sarcophagus, oesophagus, hippopotamus, isthmus, discus, citrus, syllabus, narcissus, Aquarius, asparagus,...**

The **discus** shaped **circus** on the **isthmus**-famous for its **citrus, asparagus** and a special type of **narcissus**- has a **surplus** of items for sale: an ancient Egyptian **sarcophagus**, a **hippopotamus** with the world's largest **oesophagus**, a **rompus** room for a **platypus** and an **octopus**, as well as the latest **syllabus** with instructions how to draw a **rhombus**.

33. **Traitor** from French trahir-to betray.

Portrait of a **traitor**.

Spelling clues 54

1. **Triumph, triumphant.**

Eleven **triumphantly** trumpeting **elephants**.

2. **Type-typical-typically.**

3. **Would there be uranium on Uranus?**

4. **ute**-short for utility from French utile-handy.
5. **Villain** from Latin villanus-worker on a country estate(Rome).
I'm almost **certain** that **captain**(from Latin caput-head) **Curtain** was a **villain**. At present, he lives in the Blue **Mountains** where he sells **fountains**.
6. Volunteer from French volonté-wil, volontiers-willingly.
My uncle is a voluntary volunteer in the Bush Fire Brigade.
7. Warata**h**, galah, veranda**h**.
Ah! There you are, on the **verandah**, between the **galah** and your gala **waratah**.
8. **Drew**, with**drew**, with**drawal**, with**drawing**.
New, re**new**, re**newal**, re**newing**.
9. **Wrestle**, wrest**ling**, wrest**ler** from wrist(hence one t).
To **remember** the **w**, think **wristwatch**.
10. Abatto**ir**(compare reservoir) French from abattre-to fell.
11. Ab**domen**, ab**dominal**, ab**dominally**.
Many men suffer from an enlarged abdomen which causes abdominal and spinal problems.
12. **Buffalo**(Dutch buffel).
I've never seen a **halo** around the head of a buff**alo** so it must not be holy.

13. A **bungalow** is usually too low to accommodate a **buffalo**.
14. Consume-consumer from French consumer-to consume, consumption.
15. Domesticate from Latin domus-house domestic.
16. Herb**iv**ore-herb**iv**orous from herb(grass)+vore(eat); relate voracious.
Carn**iv**ore-carn**iv**orous from carne(meat in Spanish) relate carn**iv**al(last day of eating meat before Lent).
Omn**iv**ore-omn**iv**orous from omni-everything.
17. Bus is short for **omnibus**: transport for everyone.
Compare: **omnipotent-almighty**.
Pot**ent**(strong), pot**ential**, pot**entially**.
18. Suffocate from Latin sub+fauces(throat).
Faucet-US name for tap.
The doctor wanted to focus his attention on how his patient suffocated.
19. Ventilate-ventilation from French le vent-the wind.
20. Commonwealth: weal-wealth-wealthy.
21. Compet**ent**-compet**ence**.
22. Com**pos**ite, com**pos**ition, com**pos**e from French composer, Latin con=com+ponere(to put in place).
23. Compost.

24. Combust, combustion from Latin con=com(intensifier)+burere(to burn).
25. Somnolent-insomnia from Somnus, the Roman god of sleep(Greek Hypnos).
Indolent from Latin dolere-to grieve; Spanish doler-to hurt, dolor-pain, hence **panadol**, to cure all pain.
26. Comple**t**e, comple**m**ent.
But: compli**m**ent(French to praise).
27. Comica**l**, comica**l**ly from French comique, hence one m.
28. Com**e**d**y**-com**e**d**i**an. This man is a real comedian.
29. **Homograph** from homo(same)+graph(to write; Greek).
Homonym: same name relate: **synonym**.
Homophone: same sound.