



The SPELLOPEDIA: *The Definitive Guide to English Spelling Rules*

I'd come up with the title for this reworked book by author, teacher and world traveler John Fulford. John wanted to revamp the original version of the book, which was flatly titled, *The Complete Guide to English Spelling Rules*.

He asked me to craft the back-cover copy for the new book as well. In reviewing the highlights of the original book, I discovered a host of interesting tidbits about English and its spelling rules that would add some color and richness to cover copy—and, in the process, enliven a subject routinely perceived as less than exciting.

I also did the title and subtitle for this book, so check out that sample (including several title options that weren't chosen) under the "Book Titles/Subtitles" link on this site.

Here's how it turned out...

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Spellopedia:

The Definitive Guide to English Spelling Rules

Master the spelling rules of English, and you're halfway to understanding its grammar and pronunciation, along with word origins, meanings and usage.



English, with more words than any other European language, is a “polyglot” tongue, having gathered, over the centuries, words from almost every language on the planet.

On the surface, English spelling rules appear to be nothing less than consistently inconsistent. Yet, in fact, there are logical rules governing the spelling of most words, and surprisingly few exceptions to those rules. The best part? Once you grasp those rules, many other aspects of the language reveal themselves.

Enter **Spellopedia**, the most complete and detailed guide on English spelling rules ever written.

While, to the untrained eye, English spelling seems to offer abundant opportunities for confusion, **Spellopedia** defuses these linguistic minefields one by one, covering such areas as:

- Vowels, the Apostrophe, Contractions, Plurals and Past Tense
- Comparatives/Superlatives, Prefixes/Suffixes, and the Silent Consonants
- The Silent e, the Soft/Hard c & g, the Single/Double l, the i before e Rule, etc.
- The “sound-alike” diphthongs: oy/oi, ay/ai, au/aw, ou/ow, and countless others, including the dreaded “shuns”: tion, sion, cion, tian, cian (+ four others!)
- And much, much more...

Written for the layperson (not university professors), **Spellopedia** represents a culmination of the author’s thirty years teaching English to non-English-speaking students, both in North America and overseas, as well as explaining English spelling to English speakers.

Non-English speakers (and natives as well!) can use this definitive guide as the ultimate “decoder” to the often-vexing vagaries of English spelling. Writers, teachers, editors, and anyone else (spelling-bee competitors, too!) both charmed and challenged by this marvelous language will find **Spellopedia** a treasure trove of surprisingly fascinating information that only begins with spelling, while serving as a gateway to a far richer understanding of the language as a whole.

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