

Brief Summary

Traditional Spelling Revised ('TSR') is a minimum respell system, which seeks to identify the underlying rules of traditional spelling (TS) and to apply them consistently. It does not achieve invariable prediction of spelling from pronunciation, but it does generally permit prediction of pronunciation from spelling. It therefore makes English spelling altogether much more predictable and greatly reduces the number of irregularities that have to be learned.

Underlying Principles:

- A letter or letter combination can usually only represent one sound. Where exceptionally it can represent more than one phoneme, rules indicate which pronunciation is to be followed.
- Certain ambiguities in TS are removed; in particular, the manner in which more than one sounds can be represented by one letter combination is rationalised.
- The 'magic E' and 'doubling' rules are defined and applied much more consistently. ·
- Sub-groups of letter combinations that do not follow the ordinary rules, but are fairly reliable, are retained to reduce the amount of respelling required. ·
- For ease of memorisation, only a few irregular TS ('sign') words are retained and are confined largely to certain categories (e.g. numbers, days of the week etc.) ·
- Other words which cannot be brought within the rules of TSR are respelled.

In the transcriptions below, total words: 109; **changed**: 10; SIGN WORDS: 15; *loan words (from other languages written in original spelling and italicised)*: 1; **sub-group examples**: 1.

In a cavern, in a canyon, excavating for a mine, lived a miner, forty-niner, and his daughter Clementine.	In a cavern in a canyon, excavating for a mine, lived a miner, forty-niner and HIS daughter Clementine.
A North Country maid down to London had strayed, although with her nature it did not agree.	A north cuntry maid down TO London had strayed, altho with her nature it did not agree.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North strong and free!	WITH gloing harts WE see thee rise, THE Troo North strong and free!
Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong under the shade of a coolibah tree.	ONCE a jolly swagman camped by a billabong under THE shade OF a <i>coolibah</i> tree.
There is not in this wide world a valley so sweet, as that vale in whose bosom the bright waters meet.	THERE is not in THIS wide <u>world</u> a valley so sweet, as THAT vale in WHOSE buusom the bright wauters meet.
I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member.	I refuse TO join any club that <u>would</u> HAVE me as a member.
No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.	No man has a guud enuf memmory TO BE a successful lyar .