

Brief Summary

Readsript is a logical and phonetic spelling system that can be learned in a fraction of the time it takes to learn traditional spelling. If desired, it can faithfully represent the many accents and dialects of English. It is intended as a grassroots effort to solve the myriad problems of traditional spelling and its learning, while still retaining the best aspects of it. Here are the basics of how it works:

- You spell words as they are commonly pronounced.
- The letter *r* is, however, always spelled regardless of accent in words such as *girl*.
- Each letter has only one sound of English.
- The only exceptions are: *x* which replaces the sounds *ks* used in words such as *extreme* and *ʃ* which replaces the *gz* sounds in words such as *exam*.
- The letter *ú* is used in words such as *universe* and replaces the three letter word *you*.
- There are no capital letters needed. When names need special indication, a preceding name-dot can be used.
- There are only 26 basic letter forms to learn, but 40+ letters can be made by adding 1 or 2 dots to these.
- There are no silent letters, redundant consonants, confusing vowel patterns or archaic spellings.

Traditional Spelling	Scheme Transcription
In a cavern, in a canyon, excavating for a mine, dwelt a miner, forty-niner, and his daughter Clementine.	IN ə kəvərn, IN ə kanyən, xkəvətɪn jər ə mɪn, dvelt ə mɪnər, jɔrtɛ-nɪnər, nɪ hɪz dətər 'kleməntɪn.
A north country maid down to London had strayed, although with her nature it did not agree.	ə nɔrθ kʌntɹɛ məd dʌɪn t' lʌndən həd strɛd, əlθoʊ wɪθ hɛr nətʃər ɪt dɪd nɔt əgrɛ.
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise, the true north strong and free!	wɪθ gləʊɪŋ hɑ:ts, we sɛ θi: rɪz, θɪ tɹu nɔrθ stɹɒn nɪ frɛ!
Once a jolly swagman camped by a billabong under the shade of a coolibah tree.	wʌŋs ə gɒlə swəʒmən kɑmpd bi ə bɪləbɒŋ ʌndər θɪ ʃeɪ ə kʊlɪbɑ tɹɛ.
There is not in this wide world a valley so sweet, as that vale in whose bosom the bright waters meet.	θer ɪz nɔt ɪn θɪs wɪd wɜ:ld ə vɛlə sɔ swɛt, əz θæt vɛl ɪn hʊz bɔzəm θɪ brɪt wɔ:təz mɛt.
I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member.	ɪ rɪfuz t' gəɪn enɛ klʌb θæt wʌd həv mɛ əz ə membər.
No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.	nɔ mæn həz ə gʊd ɪnu: məməri t' bɛ ə sʌtsɛsɹəl lɪər.

Notes

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Source of texts:

1. From 'My Darling Clementine' (Trad. US)
2. From 'The Oak and the Ash' (Trad. UK)
3. From 'O Canada' (Can)
4. From 'Waltzing Matilda.' (Aus)
5. From 'the Meeting of the Waters' – Thomas Moore (Irish)
6. Groucho Marks
7. Abraham Lincoln

From 'Hamlet' Act 3 Scene 1 (W. Shakespeare)

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To be, or not to be, that is the question:	t bɛ, ɔr nɔt t bɛ, θat ɪz ði kwɛʒtʃən:
whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer	wɛθər 'tɪz nɔblər ɪn ði maɪnd t sʊfər
the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,	ði slɪŋz ɒd ɑrəʊz ɔf ɑʊtrəʒəs ʃɔrtʃən,
or to take arms against a sea of troubles	ɔr t tɔk ɑrms əʒənst ə siː ɔf tɹʊbəlz
and by opposing end them.	ɒd bi əpəʊzɪŋ ɛnd ðem.