

steak

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	5

FACT or FICTION?

The /ea/ in **break** is actually a long /a/ sound.

move

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	7

FACT or FICTION?

Move is both a tricky word and a song by Little Mix.

prove

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	7

FACT or FICTION?

You have to be a /pro/ speller to spell **prove**.

improve

Letters	7
Syllables	2
Trickiness	8

FACT or FICTION?

Many adults need to **improve** their spelling as loads of them spell this with a /n/ (in**prove**!).

fast

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	1

FACT or FICTION?

The world's **fastest** speller is an 8-year-old called Vienna (YouTube).

last

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	1

FACT or FICTION?

There are over 120 words that rhyme with **last**.

past

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	1

FACT or FICTION?

Past is a homophone as the word 'passed' sounds the same but doesn't look alike.

Mr

Letters	2
Syllables	2
Trickiness	6

FACT or FICTION?

Mr was invented as a short way of saying Master. So all your male teachers are Jedi Masters!

any

Letters	3
Syllables	2
Trickiness	9

FACT or FICTION?

99% of kids spell **any** with an /e/ at the start!

many

Letters	4
Syllables	2
Trickiness	9

FACT or FICTION?

Many – in Spanish – is way easier to spell: Muchos!

class

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	3

FACT or FICTION?

Class belongs to the donkey (or ass!) gang.

grass

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	3

FACT or FICTION?

Grass belongs to the donkey (or ass!) gang.

pass

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	2

FACT or FICTION?

Pass belongs to the donkey (or ass!) gang.

hour

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	10

FACT or FICTION?

Hour and /our/ sound the same but look different. We call these words homophones.

great

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	5

FACT or FICTION?

The /ea/ in **great** is actually a long /a/ sound.

break

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	5

FACT or FICTION?

The /ea/ in **break** is actually a long /a/ sound.

old

Letters	3
Syllables	1
Trickiness	4

FACT or FICTION?

Saying this silly (o-l-d) might help ignore that tricky /w/ sound.

cold

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	4

FACT or FICTION?

Saying this silly (c-o-l-d) might help ignore that tricky /w/ sound.

Mrs

Letters	3
Syllables	2
Trickiness	8

FACT or FICTION?

The French word for Mrs is Madame and easier to spell.

Christmas

Letters	9
Syllables	2
Trickiness	7

FACT or FICTION?

Saying it silly by sounding the /Ch/ sound helps 80% of kids spell Christmas.

hold

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	4

FACT or FICTION?

Saying this silly (h-o-l-d) might help ignore that tricky /w/ sound.

told

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	4

FACT or FICTION?

Saying this silly (t-o-l-d) might help ignore that tricky /w/ sound.

gold

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	5

FACT or FICTION?

What colour is on this card? Most kids will say gold.

sure

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	10

FACT or FICTION?

Yuk – what a tricky word! It's that pesky /sh/ sound; so be sure to ignore it!

sugar

Letters	5
Syllables	2
Trickiness	10

FACT or FICTION?

Sugar has no /sh/ in its spelling. Say this Maroon 5 song name silly to help get it right.

even

Letters	4
Syllables	2
Trickiness	2

FACT or FICTION?

The word **even** has an even number of letters and syllables.

bath

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	5

FACT or FICTION?

Spelling **bath** with a capital /b/ (Bath) spells the name of a place in England. So you can have a bath in Bath.

path

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	5

FACT or FICTION?

The trickiness of **path** depends where you're from. In some places, it's spoken using the /ar/ sound.

clothes

Letters	7
Syllables	1
Trickiness	4

FACT or FICTION?

You take **clothes** out of a wardrobe; so take the /w/ sound out of its spelling.

busy

Letters	4
Syllables	2
Trickiness	9

FACT or FICTION?

Busy has the word /bus/ in it. The most **busy** bus in the UK, is London's number 25.

water

Letters	5
Syllables	2
Trickiness	6

FACT or FICTION?

Most kids stick a /r/ in the middle of water. Say it silly to get in right (w-a-t-e-r).

people

Letters	6
Syllables	2
Trickiness	10

FACT or FICTION?

I once had a PE teacher (/pe/) who had an operation (/op/) to remove the last letter of his name. His name was Len (/le/). Pe-op-le.

again

Letters	5
Syllables	2
Trickiness	3

FACT or FICTION?

The song 'Agadoo' was going to be called 'Aga-in' because the band wanted to help kids spell the word again (aga-in).

every

Letters	5
Syllables	2
Trickiness	5

FACT or FICTION?

Two farmers once went to war about whether **every** had 2 or 3 syllables. Farmer 2-Syllables won.

who

Letters	3
Syllables	1
Trickiness	10

FACT or FICTION?

The President of the USA spells the word **who** like this: hoo. An easy mistake to make I guess!?

everybody

Letters	9
Syllables	4
Trickiness	6

FACT or FICTION?

Not a single word in the world rhymes with **everybody**!

whole

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	9

FACT or FICTION?

Weirdly, the you can find the word /who/ in **whole**. So its trickiness is actually 19 (10 + 9).

would

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	8

FACT or FICTION?

Would is part of the 'Oh U Lucky Duck' family: o-u-l-d. Every time a kid spells these words, a duck quacks somewhere!

should

Letters	6
Syllables	1
Trickiness	8

FACT or FICTION?

Should is part of the 'Oh U Lucky Duck' family: o-u-l-d. Every time a kid spells these words, a duck quacks somewhere!

could

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	8

FACT or FICTION?

Could is part of the 'Oh U Lucky Duck' family: o-u-l-d. Every time a kid spells these words, a duck quacks somewhere!

money

Letters	5
Syllables	2
Trickiness	7

FACT or FICTION?

The inventor the word **money** was offered one million dollars to change the /o/ with a/u/ to match the sound. But he was evil.

plant

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	1

FACT or FICTION?

Plant contains the word ant (pl-ant) because you sometimes see ants crawling on them.

half

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	9

FACT or FICTION?

Exactly **half** of the people in the world spell half correctly by saying it silly (h-a-l-f).

beautiful

Letters	9
Syllables	3
Trickiness	10

FACT or FICTION?

Only one out of every one hundred adults can spell the word **beautiful** correctly.

father

Letters	6
Syllables	2
Trickiness	7

FACT or FICTION?

To spell **father** correctly, most kids think of a fat Dad because **father** has the word /fat/ in it (fat-her).

pretty

Letters	6
Syllables	2
Trickiness	6

FACT or FICTION?

You hear a /i/ sound when you say **pretty**. It isn't in the spelling because the letter /e/ is much prettier!!

after

Letters	5
Syllables	2
Trickiness	3

FACT or FICTION?

The word **after** appears at the end of more stories than any other word in the world.

climb

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	9

FACT or FICTION?

The /b/ on the end of **climb** was a prank that went wrong. The person who came up with it is very sorry.

both

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	5

FACT or FICTION?

Every teacher in a school was sacked when every kid in school learnt the word **both** with a /w/ in it!

only

Letters	4
Syllables	2
Trickiness	6

FACT or FICTION?

Only those kids who are 'on it' can spell this word. So get on it (on-ly).

most

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	5

FACT or FICTION?

A ghost scared the willies out of this word. That's why you hear a /w/ when you say most; but the /w/ legged it and hasn't been seen since.

because

Letters	7
Syllables	2
Trickiness	3

FACT or FICTION?

Big elephants can always understand small elephants. They can also spell **because**.

child

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	2

FACT or FICTION?

Only the inventor of the word **child** knows why it is said differently when used in children (child-ren). Sadly, he or she is dead; so we will never know.

children

Letters	8
Syllables	2
Trickiness	2

FACT or FICTION?

Only the inventor of the word **child** knows why it is said differently when used in children (child-ren). Sadly, he or she is dead; so we will never know.

door

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	6

FACT or FICTION?

The word **door** was invented just five minutes before the word **floor**. Or was it the other way around?

floor

Letters	5
Syllables	1
Trickiness	6

FACT or FICTION?

The word **floor** was invented just five minutes after the word **door**. Or was it the other way around?

poor

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	6

FACT or FICTION?

The word **poor** has a giant poo in the middle of it (poo-r)!

eye

Letters	3
Syllables	1
Trickiness	10

FACT or FICTION?

Last year, the word **eye** came 6th in the '100 Hardest Words In The World to Spell!'...

wild

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	6

FACT or FICTION?

The letter /y/ wasn't crazy enough to get into the team of letters that spell **wild**. Nobody knows why. It just wasn't.

behind

Letters	6
Syllables	2
Trickiness	7

FACT or FICTION?

In Japanese, the word **behind** looks like this: 後ろ

mind

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	4

FACT or FICTION?

The word /in/ is stuck in the middle of **mind**!

find

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	4

FACT or FICTION?

The word /in/ is stuck in the middle of **find**!

kind

Letters	4
Syllables	1
Trickiness	4

FACT or FICTION?

The word /in/ is stuck in the middle of **kind**!

RULES

- Share out the cards
- Battle
- Spell words correctly to win them
- Be creative
- Play fair
- Have fun
- Invent your own rules as a group; a family; or as a class
- Who will be victorious?

Why not send us your rules or instructions for playing 'War of the Words'!? Now... let battle commence...

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War Of The Words!

