

# Spelling Hints

## ALLEGED:

- Picture a hairy tattooed **leg** belonging to **Al** → **Al's leg**

## ASSAULT

- **Assault**: Hey you little toad → **A U Little T**oad

## COMPLIMENT/COMPLEMENT

- Use the **i** in the middle of **compliment** to link to **I** like those.

## CRITICISM

- Write **critic** first then add -ism

## FRIEND

- A friend is a **friend** to the **end**.

## HEAR/ HERE

- You **hear** with your ears
- Put it **where**? **Here** and **there**
- The 'opposite' of **there** is **here**.

## LOOSE/LOSE

- Loose has two o's as in **loose tooth**.
- Lose has lost an o

## PIECE/PEACE

- I ate a **piece** of **pie**.
- **Peace** will be **ace**.

## PRINCIPAL/ PRINCIPLE

- Was your school **principal** a **pal**?
- The **principal** idea is the **main** one.
- But the **principle** is a guiding rule for **life**.

## SEPARATE

- **Separate** has a **rat** in it.

## SERGEANT

- The sergeant has an **ant** in his **serge**(=heavy cotton) trousers.

## STATIONARY/STATIONERY

- The **train** is **stationary** at the station
- **Exercise** books are a **stationery** item.

## SUBPOENA

- Say the word in your head as it sounds: **sub po ena**  
Under (**sub**) the bed they kept a **po'**(potty) **for their elderly** Aunt **Ena**.

## SURVEILLANCE

- Sure like to see a veil on Lance

## THEIR/ THERE/ THEY'RE

- For 'their', meaning something belongs to them, write **the** first then **the 'ir'**. Others remember the correct **their** because the 'i' can be associated with the 'i' in **mine** which suggests ownership.
- They're always means they are.
- There means place. Put it here, there and everywhere.  
The other time to spell there is for sentences that start with

**There** are...

**There** were...

**There** is...

**There** was.....

or questions like these

Are **there**...?

Were **there**...?

Is **there**...?

Was **there**...?

## TWO/ TOO/ TO

- 2 = two
- Too = also; too = as well
- Too may mean *more than is wanted* → too much, too little, too ghastly, too simple, too complex, too yellow; too tough, too good
- To + a verb → to read, to shine, to understand, to pass...
- To + a phrase → to the university, to the pub, to the left, to the next traffic light...

## TRULY

- Remember there is no 'e' in truly. Think **July** is **truly** cold.

## WEATHER/WHETHER/WETHER

- Associate the a in weather with the a in rain
- Sound the breathy h in **wh**ether, and think of it as a posh word.  
**Whether the weather be good,  
or whether the weather be not  
Whether the weather be cold  
or whether the weather be hot  
Whatever the weather,  
we'll weather the weather  
Whether we like it or not.**
- A wether, on the other hand, is a castrated male sheep and is best avoided as it's not usually seen in policing documents!

## WRITE

- You use your **wrist** to **write**.