

Spelling Buzz: Level Fifteen Words

address	addressed	addresses	
difficult	difficulty		
famous	famously	infamous	
January			
February			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
hurt	hurts	hurting	hurtful
picture			
heart	hearty		
through	throughout		
listen	listener	listened	listening
school			
minute			
eye	eyebrow	eyed	eyeing

A few ideas that may help:

- 1) Use the spelling strategies tips explained in the “Guidance for Parents” pages.
- 2) Play games as explained in the “Games Ideas” page.
- 3) Try the following

famous: This spelling comes from the word **fame** + the suffix **-ous**. When adding a suffix which begins with a vowel, the **e** of the root word is usually dropped. It is very, very useful to know how to spell all the common suffixes, such as **-ous**.

February: Most people say February incorrectly. They fail to pronounce the first **r**. If you say it correctly, you are much more likely to spell it right. Remember it is

Feb-ru-ary

It helps some people to remember that it is cold in **Feb**ruary, so we say **brrr**.

August: The hard part of this is the **au**. In English, **au** almost always sounds like ‘or’, as in **sauce** or the name **Paul**.

September, October, November and **December:** These need to be learned and spelt syllable by syllable. Remember December has a soft **c** for **Christmas!**

Sep-tem-ber

Oct-o-ber

No-ven-ber

Dec-em-ber

picture: Say this in its syllables,

pic-ture

but also it is very useful to know that the sound ‘cher’ is usually spelt **-ture**, as in adventure, rapture, mature, feature. If you say it with a posh accent, it sounds as it spells, **-ture**.