

English Half Term 1

Year 8 Spellings:

Spelling in Year 8 will be tested on alternative weeks and will be set by their class teacher. Students should use their home learning time to learn the spelling for a test in class at the end of the week.

Spelling Strategies:

Look, say, cover, write, check. This is the most common strategy used to learn spellings. **Look:** first look at the whole word carefully and if there is one part of the word that is more difficult, look at that part in more detail. **Say:** say the word as you look at it, using different ways of pronouncing it if that will make it more memorable. **Cover:** cover the word. **Write:** write the word from memory, saying the word as you do so. **Check:** Have you got it right? If yes, try writing it again and again! If not, start again – look, say, cover, write check.

Trace, copy and replicate. Write the word out on a sheet of paper ensuring that it is spelt correctly, and it is large enough to trace over. Trace over the word and say it at the same time. Move next to the word you have just written and write it out as you say it. Turn over the page and write the word as you say it, and then check you have spelt it correctly.

Spelling List 1	Spelling List 2	Spelling List 3	
Unique	Crypt	Characterisation	Spelling Diagnostic Assessment – see sentences.
Disguise	Sinister	Persuasive	
Intense	Sombre	Narrative	
Malevolent	Ethereal	Foreshadowing	
Miasma	Mysterious	Separate	
Supernatural	Descriptive	Intrepid	
Confine	Symbolism	Hesitate	
Anticipate	Atmosphere	Sorrowful	
Betrayal	Obsession	Gnarled	
Grotesque	Ominous	Accidents	
Macabre	influence	Extremely	

Spelling Diagnostic:

1. The **atmosphere** of the house was **sombre**.
2. As I ventured into the **crypt** I felt a sinister **presence**.
3. I have a **unique disguise**.
4. The **gnarled** oak tree sits in the middle of the green.
5. Her writing was **descriptive** and included excellent **characterisation**.
6. Don't **hesitate** to contact me again.
7. My **obsession** is with the **supernatural**.
8. There was a **miasma** of despair over this place.

