

Talk a Lot

Clear Alphabet Dictionary

Words that Look Confusing in the Clear Alphabet

It's difficult to understand a word in the Clear Alphabet when it looks like a word written in normal spelling. Here are some examples of words in the Clear Alphabet that look like normal English words.

This can happen when a syllable with a single phoneme is represented by one letter, e.g. O f = "offer", but looks like the word "of". It is especially true of items that have embedded schwa sounds – which are not shown in the Clear Alphabet. It also often occurs with diphthongs such as ai and ei and long vowel sounds, e.g. eir and or .

If you are working with the Clear Alphabet, you need to learn to think differently – in sounds and syllables rather than letters and words. Can you find any more examples like the ones below?

<i>Normal Spelling:</i>	<i>CA Spelling:</i>	<i>Other English word that it looks like:</i>
cider	Sai d	said
reader	Ree d	reed
farmer	Far m	farm
summer	Su m	sum
jumper	Jum p	jump
slipper	Sli p	slip
letter	Le t	let
matter	Ma t	mat
porter	Por t	port
figure	Fi g	fig
offer	O f	of
pasta	Pa st	past
winner	Wi n	win
line	Lain	lain
mile	Mail	mail
pint	Paint	paint
ride	Raid	raid
side	Said	said
while	Wail	wail
white	Wait	wait
wine	Wain	wain
nail	Neil	Neil
nothing	Nu tting	nutting
since	Sins	sins
suit	Soot	soot
pence	Pens	pens
tense	Tens	tens
walk	Work	work
ward	Word	word
warm	Worm	worm
wear	Weir	weir

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The following Clear Alphabet spellings of words from the dictionary all look similar to or have elements of other words with normal spellings:

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beside	b Said	said
climb	Klaim	claim
egg	Eg	e.g.
fight	Fait	fate
lake	Leik	like
liver	Li v	live
loud	Laud	laud
main	Mein	mein – German for “my”
mineral water	Min rl wor t	wort
mobile	Meu bail	bail
next to	Ne kst	next
performer	p For m	perform/form
pizza	Pee_ ts	Pete's
singular form	Sing gy l form	gy looks like it should be soft, like the suffix
solicitor	s Li s t	list
spider	Spai d	paid
stretcher	Stre ch	stretch
sunbathing	Sun bei thing	thing
super	Soo p	soup
supporter	s Por t	port/support
teacher	Tee ch	teach
toward	t Word	word
trainer	Trei n	train
turbulence	Ter by lns	by
Twitter	Twi t	twit
voter	Ve u t	vote
waiter	Wei t	wait
walkabout	Wor k baut	work
water	Wor t	wort