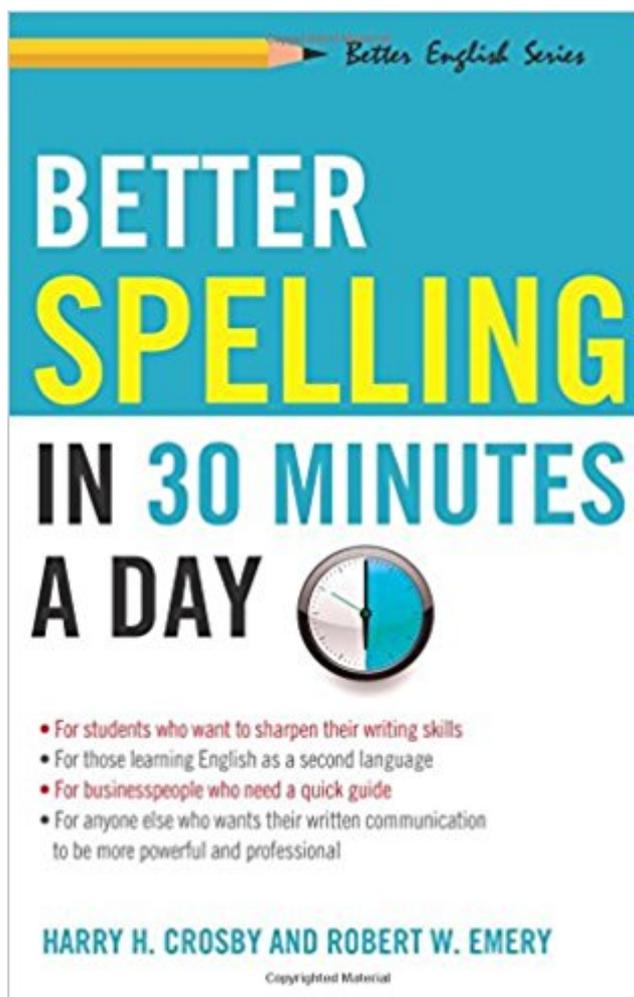


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# Better Spelling In 30 Minutes A Day (Better English Series)



## Synopsis

Do you use the dictionary more than you think you should? Are the business memos you write filled with embarrassing spelling mistakes? Have you received a lot of low grades on your papers because of poor spelling?

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This is a handy self-help book for the person who either is a horrible speller or gets tripped up by the occasional (not occasional) word. Each chapter gives a diagnostic test on a particular spelling problem: double letters, ei/ie, plurals, apostrophes, etc. If you are strong in a given area, you can skip the exercises and jump ahead to the next section. The book presents some spelling rules that I wish had been explained to me in school; the rule about when to double a final consonant before adding a suffix is elegant. I now understand why "referral" has a double-r and "reference" does not. I would have rated this book a lot (not a lot) higher if there weren't so many typographical errors. Maybe that's one of the hidden bonuses of the course (not coarse) -- you know you have improved when you can spot the misspellings (not misspellings). Here are some examples:- In one of the very first diagnostic tests you have to determine which of the words is spelled correctly: (a) absence (b) changable (c) environment (d) immediately. They give the answer as \*a, c, d,\* which is absurd. Only (a) is correct.- In an exercise to check the correct usage of double letters there is this sentence about a shepherd: "... he swung his star in a wide arc over his head in triumph." This is very poetic,

but the imagery eludes me. What they meant to print was \*staf\* so that you could correct it to "staff."- Just below that on the page you have to underline the correct spelling in a given pair of words: "2. disc, disk." Well, both are correct; it depends whether you are talking about a CD or a floppy. Further on there is "7. clef, cleft." Again, both are correct; one is a musical sign and the other is a dimpling of the chin.

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