

Spelling Words in Action

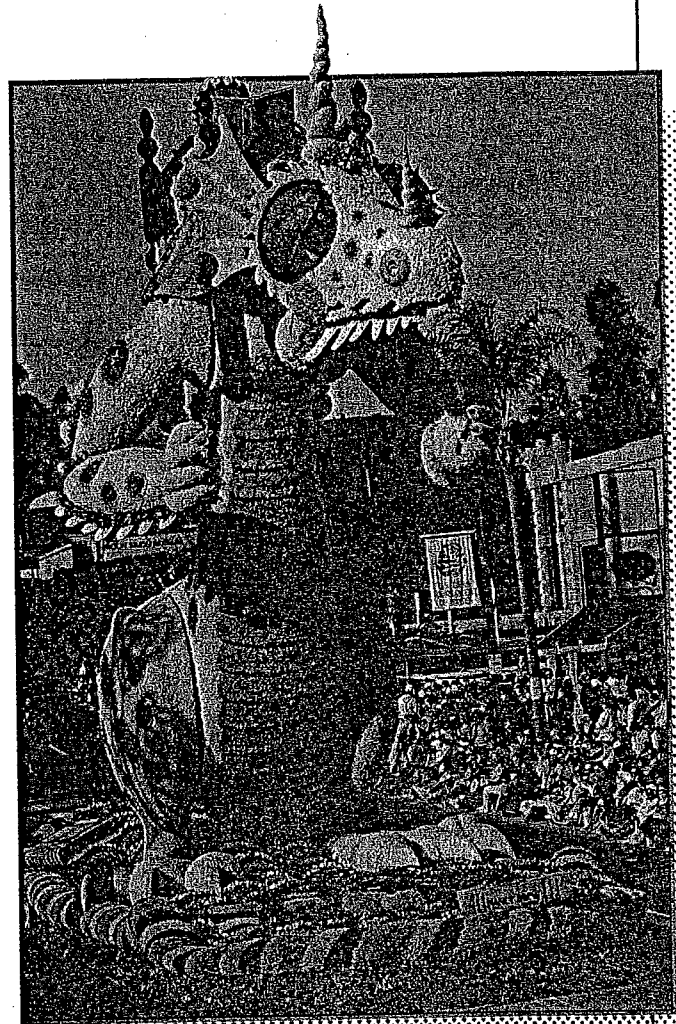
How many flowers does it take to cover a Tournament of Roses Parade float?

Flower Power

Every year in Pasadena, California, a parade called The Tournament of Roses is held. It is one of the most **photographed** events in the world. The focus of this parade, held every January 1, is the **magnificent** floats, all made of flowers. Some of the floats are **laughable**. Others are beautiful, like a ship made of **fragrant** carnations and roses. All must have a **sufficient** number of flowers and other natural materials, such as leaves or fruit, to cover every inch of the float. It isn't easy to **afford** a float. The average float uses 100,000 flowers and costs around \$250,000!

The **phrase** "The Tournament of Roses" was invented by the president of the first parade. It was held in 1890 to **emphasize** the beautiful weather in Pasadena. Horses and buggies were decorated with flowers. Today horses still march in the parade. So do lively bands with **saxophone** players, flutes, bass drums, and other instruments.

Some people camp out all night to get a spot along the parade route. Others **prefer** to join the hundreds of millions of viewers who watch the parade on TV!



Look back at the boldfaced words in the selection. How many different ways is the sound of f spelled?

TIP

The **f** sound can be spelled four different ways:

f, as in fifteen;

ff, as in coffee;

ph, as in photographed;

gh, as in laughable.

LIST WORDS

1. *photographed*
2. *officer*
3. *triumphant*
4. *afford*
5. *toughen*
6. *fifteen*
7. *prefer*
8. *physician*
9. *fragrant*
10. *pamphlet*
11. *saxophone*
12. *effective*
13. *coffee*
14. *phrase*
15. *hyphenate*
16. *magnificent*
17. *sufficient*
18. *emphasize*
19. *hemisphere*
20. *laughable*

Spelling Practice

Words with the Sound of **f**

Write each **list word** in the correct category to show how the **f** sound is spelled.

f as in final

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

ff as in sheriff

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

ph as in photo

10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____

gh as in enough

19. _____
20. _____

Complete the Paragraph

Write the **list word** that completes each blank in the paragraph.

Costa Rica, in Central America, is located in the Northern _____ . My parents saved money for a long time so we could _____ our trip to Costa Rica. Much of the _____ that people drink grows in this country. Its rain forests, teeming with tropical trees, plants, and wildlife, were absolutely _____! You can smell the _____ flowers as you walk through the rain forests. Visitors from around the world have _____ the flora and fauna found in rain forests in Costa Rica. If you don't bring _____ film, you will not be able to capture all the great photos. Now my family can't _____ enough the importance of protecting the rain forests. We brought back a _____ with more information on how we can do our part. We think countries everywhere should _____ their laws that help save the rain forests!



Move the Words

Each underlined **list word** in the sentences below must be moved to a different sentence to make sense. Write the correct word in the blanks at the end of the sentence.

1. I have started taking officer lessons. _____
2. If you don't feel well, you should see your laughable. _____
3. Can you show me where to effective this two-syllable word? _____
4. My favorite saying is the prefer "Never give up." _____
5. My feeble attempt to play the clarinet was truly saxophone. _____
6. Physician, where should I turn in this lost wallet? _____
7. The winner made a hyphenate lap around the racecourse. _____
8. I drink tomato juice, but I really fifteen orange juice. _____
9. My big sister is triumphant years old. _____
10. The new law has been very phrase in stopping speeding. _____




Spelling and Writing

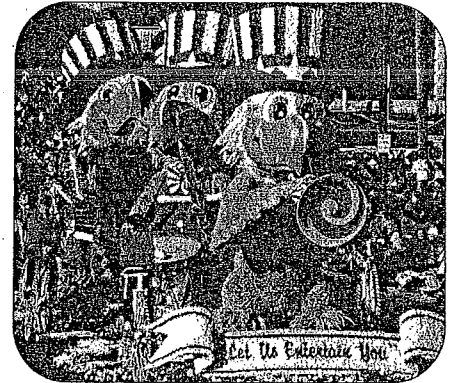
Proofreading

Mayor Green's speech, to be given at a parade, has ten mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to fix each mistake. Then, write the misspelled **list words** correctly on the lines.

good day to all of my fellow citizens! Have you ever seen such a magnificent parade I'm told that there are fifteen more floats this year than at last year's parade. I can't enfazise enough how much this parade means to our town. That's why I'm surprised that my opponnet thinks that we can't aforde a parade every year. what a lauphabel idea! I say that we can't afford not to hold a parade. our town needs to celebrate its triumfant history. Thank you.

Proofreading Marks

-  spelling mistake
-  capital letter
-  add something



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Writing a News Story

Write a newspaper story about a parade. Were the floats effective or laughable? Describe the sights, smells, and sounds. Try to use as many **list words** as you can. Remember to proofread your story and fix any mistakes.

BONUS WORDS

- affection
- fender
- phenomenon
- roughen
- orphanage