

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

Some words follow a special spelling pattern.

Compound words join two words; contractions join two words with an apostrophe.

Study the pattern so you can spell the word from memory.

THE SPELLING RULE

Compound words and contractions

meanwhile shouldn't everything couldn't
playground wouldn't sometimes doesn't
basketball haven't

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WHERE THEY APPEAR: “Meanwhile, we couldn't find the basketball.”

This deck teaches **Compound words and contractions** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE** → **CHOOSE** → **SHOW** → **OWN** → **DEFEND**.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the pattern."

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Notice the pattern.

Notice the spelling pattern in the word.

meanwhile = mean + while

I CAN I can notice the pattern in a word.

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CHOOSE

"I can choose the correct spelling."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling is correct?

shouldn't • shouldnt • should'nt

I CAN I can choose the correctly spelled word.

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SHOW

"I can show the rule with a word."

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Show the rule.

Build or spell the word.

could + not = _____

I CAN I can build the word correctly.

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OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Build a new word on your own.

basket + ball = _____

I CAN I can spell a new word on my own.

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DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain the pattern, then spell one word of your own.

"Meanwhile, we shouldn't forget the playground," she said.

I CAN I can explain the pattern and use a word in my own writing.

Your turn to spell.

Build each word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

mean + while → _____ should + not → _____ play + ground → _____ could +
not → _____ basket + ball → _____

I CAN I can spell these words on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

meanwhile = mean + while.

CHOOSE

shouldn't is correct.

SHOW

could + not = couldn't.

OWN

basket + ball = basketball.

DEFEND

Answers vary; a correct student word might be shouldn't, everything, or couldn't.

YOUR TURN

meanwhile, shouldn't, playground, couldn't, basketball

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Each choice is one way to spell the same word.

Which contraction is spelled correctly?

A shouldn't

B shouldnt

C should'nt

D shoudn't

The answer is **A**.

A shouldn't · Correct. The apostrophe replaces the o in not.

B shouldnt · Leaves out the apostrophe.

C should'nt · Puts the apostrophe in the wrong place.

D shoudn't · Leaves out the l.