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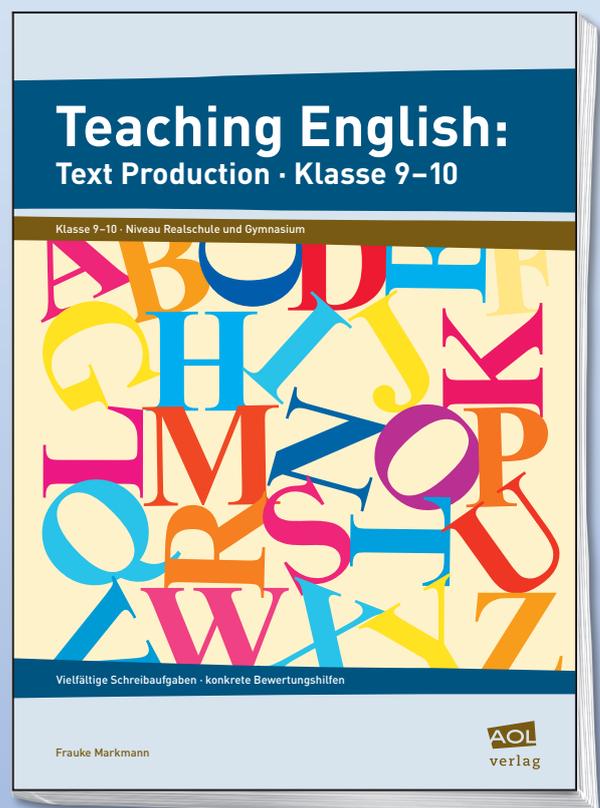
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## Spelling difficult words

Underline the right version of the word. Then fill it into the crossword to see if you were right.



### across

2. belief / believe / beleive (glauben)
3. buisness / business / busines
5. therefore / therefor / theirfor
8. reilly / really / realy
9. looser / loser / louser (der Verlierer)
11. forty / fourte / fourty
12. successful / successfull / sucessful

### down

1. necessary / neccessary / necessary
4. untill / until / unntil
5. tomorrow / tomorrow / tomorrow
6. enviromente / environment / enviroment
7. definitely / definetly / definetely
9. live / life / leaf (leben)
10. beutiful / beautiful / beautifull

# Looking for mistakes – practice 1

1. Read the text.
2. Read the text again. In the right table you can find correction marks. Underline the corresponding mistakes in the text. Then write the corrections next to the correction marks.

Dear diary,	
I still can't beleive what happened yesterday. I found HIM and than I lost HIM again. It was love at first sight – I know I used to say that this whole love-at-first-sight-stuff is just a Hollywood invention, but that was befor I saw HIM.	R R R
I was queuing in the line at Starbuck's and the girl behind the counter asks for my name – you know they always wants to know your name to write it onto the paper cups and then they call you as soon as your coffee is ready. Anyway I never give my real name, i mean, why shoul't I? So this time I have come up with "Gertrude-Octavia" and enjoyed the look on her face when she was writing that onto the cup.	T Gr R R T
I found a place at the window, and sit down to check my text messages when I saw HIM. He was sitting at the tabel next to me and he looked awesome. The brightest blue eyes you can imagine ☺☺☺. He was talking to a very pretty girl and didn't noticed me. They didn't look like a couple though, because she had exactly the same eyes and hair and was about tree years older, so I thought she meight be his sister. Well, I knew I must talk to him or I would regrett it for the rest of my live.	T R Gr R R R T R R
Then i saw that the girl he was talking to had ecsactly the bag I had been looking for for ages and I go over and ask her: "Hi, sorry to interrupt but may I ask you who you bought this great bag?" Well, she was quite nice and told me that it was a birthday present and that her boyfreind got it for her. So I turned to HIM and smiled and sayed: "Wow you have a great taste – that's something spezial." And then he of course told me that she was his sister (no surprise here) but that I was right anyway, he had a grate taste and then he looked deep into my eyes and smiled. He flirting with me!!!	R R T T W R R R R Gr
And then I heard someone crying behind me: "Gertrude-Octavia? A Caramel Macchiato for Gertrude-Octavia?" What was I supposed to do? I didn't want him to think my name was Gertrude-Octavia! So I tryed to ignore the voice and kept smiling at HIM. And then he said me that he knew where the back was from and that he can show me the shop and that it was right around the corner. And all the time I heard this girl shouting "Gertrude-Octavia?" and people started to laugh.	W R W R T
And than she showed up behind me and tapped me on my shoulder. "Gertrude-Octavia? Your coffee, you're welcome." "Thats not me", I repleid. "But I know that you ordered this Caramel Macchiato." I tried to ignore her and kept smiling at HIM. "That's right" his stupit sister said. "I saw you taking the order."	R R R R
And then I lost it. I yelled at the girl: "I am not Gertrude-Octavia!" and I yelled to his sister: "And this is none of your business!" and when I turned to HIM again I saw in his face that I had not made the best impression on him. So I have turned to the Starbucks girl again and have grabbed my coffee and said: "Thank you anyway," and tried to smile at her but it was to late ... He and his sister take their jackets and got up. "Well, uhm ..., it was uhm ... nice to have met you, Gertrude-Octavia," he said and then he was gone.	W T T W T T
I don't know what to do. I mean, how am I supposed to find him again? I don't already know his name. When he was gone I looked at his cup but I am pretty sure that his real name is not Sherlock!	W

## Looking for mistakes – practice 2

### 1. Read the jokes on this worksheet. There are a lot of mistakes. Can you find them all?

A man walks into a shop and sees a cute little dog. he asks the shopkeeper: "Dos your dog bite?" The shopkeeper says: "No, my dog does not bite." The man tries to pet<sup>1</sup> the dog and the dog bite him. "Ouch!" He says: "I tought you said your dog does not bite!"  
The shopkeeper replies: "That is not my dog!"

(5 mistakes)

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"Wrong number," replied the girl.

(5 mistakes)

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It reads: "*panda*: black and white animal; lives in central China; eats shoots<sup>2</sup> and leaves."

(6 mistakes)

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A young men raise his hand and suggests:

"A football coach?"

(5 mistakes)

### 2. In this joke tenses are mixed up. Read the joke and underline all verbs. Rewrite the joke using the right tenses.

A young boy entered a barber<sup>5</sup> shop and the barber whispers to his customer: "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you." The barber put a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters<sup>6</sup> in the other, then called the boy over and asks: "Which did you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid has never learned!" Later, when the customer leaves, he saw the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" The boy licks his cone and replied, "Because the day I took the dollar the game is over!"

<sup>1</sup> to pet – streicheln

<sup>2</sup> to shoot – schießen; shoots – Sprossen

<sup>3</sup> back and forth – hin und her

<sup>4</sup> to weep – schluchzen

<sup>5</sup> barber – Herrenfrisör

<sup>6</sup> quarter – das 25-Cent-Stück



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believe, then, before, asked, want, I, should, came, sat, table, notice, didn't, three, might, had to, regret, life, I, exactly, went, asked, where, boyfriend, said, special, great, was flirting, calling, tried, told, bag, could, then, That's, replied, stupid, at, turned, grabbed, too, took, meet, even

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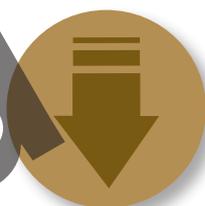
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