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Level 1 – 9th October 2025

UK opposition party spells 'Britain' incorrectly

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Everyone makes spelling mistakes, even with easy words. In the UK, a political party misspelled a word. It misspelled the name of its own country. The error was on the wrapper of a chocolate bar. The word "Britain" was spelt "Britian". The political party was holding its yearly conference. Everyone who went to the event got the bar of chocolate. The party said the mistake was because of a "printing error". It immediately stopped giving out the chocolate.

Social media laughed at the mistake. A journalist wrote that the party wants to lead Britain, but "can't spell it". A different party commented on the mistake. It said the political party "can't proofread five words". Earlier this year, another party misspelt the word "Scottish" on its election leaflets. The handout said, "Your Scotish Labour candidate," missing a "t". In 2024, the politician Lee Anderson's surname was incorrectly spelt as "Andersin".

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2025/oct/06/conservative-party-misspell-britain-conference-chocolate-bar>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Everyone makes | a. out the chocolate |
| 2. even with easy | b. to the event |
| 3. The error was on the | c. "printing error" |
| 4. The political party was holding its | d. wrapper |
| 5. Everyone who went | e. words |
| 6. the bar | f. spelling mistakes |
| 7. the mistake was because of a | g. of chocolate |
| 8. It immediately stopped giving | h. yearly conference |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Social media laughed | a. on the mistake |
| 2. A journalist wrote | b. incorrectly spelt |
| 3. the party wants to | c. that |
| 4. A different party commented | d. "t" |
| 5. the political party can't proofread | e. lead Britain |
| 6. election | f. at the mistake |
| 7. missing a | g. leaflets |
| 8. Anderson's surname was | h. five words |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Everyone makes spelling mistakes, (1) _____ words. In the UK, (2) _____ misspelled a word. It misspelled the name (3) _____ country. The error was on the wrapper of a chocolate bar. The word "Britain" was spelt "Britian". The political party was (4) _____ conference. Everyone who went to the event (5) _____ of chocolate. The party said the mistake was because of a "printing error". It immediately stopped (6) _____ chocolate.

Social media (7) _____ mistake. A journalist wrote that the party (8) _____ Britain, but "can't spell it". A different party (9) _____ mistake. It said the political party "can't proofread five words". Earlier this year, another party (10) _____ "Scottish" (11) _____ leaflets. The handout said, "Your Scotish Labour candidate," missing a "t". In 2024, the politician Lee Anderson's (12) _____ spelt as "Andersin".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPELLING MISTAKES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about spelling mistakes in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **spelling mistakes** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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