# **Breaking News English.com**

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"

breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

Thousands more free lessons from Sean's other websites

www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean banville lessons.html

#### Level 2 - 9th October 2025

## **UK opposition party spells 'Britain' incorrectly**

FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:

https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html

#### **Contents**

The Reading	2
Phrase Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Survey	6
Writing and Speaking	7
Writing	8

Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

X (Twitter)



X.com/SeanBanville

**Facebook** 



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

#### THE READING

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html</a>

Everyone makes spelling mistakes, even with easy words. This week, a political party in the UK misspelled a word. The Conservative Party misspelled the name of its own country. The error was on the wrapper of a chocolate bar. The word "Britain" was spelt "Britian" on the bar. The Conservatives were holding their annual conference. Everyone who attended the event got the bar of chocolate. The conference organisers blamed the mistake on a "printing error". After they found the mistake, they immediately stopped giving out the chocolate.

People on social media made fun of the mistake. A journalist wrote on X that the Conservative Party wants to run Britain, but "can't spell it". The UK's ruling Labour Party also commented on the mistake. It said the Conservatives "can't proofread five words on a bar of chocolate". This is not the first time for political parties in the UK to make a spelling mistake. Earlier this year, a 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 written as "Andersin".

Sources: https://www.**theguardian.com**/politics/2025/oct/06/conservative-party-misspell-britain-

conference-chocolate-bar

https://www. liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/embarrassing-chocolate-bar-handed-out-news/embarrassing-news/embarr

32623227

https://metro.co.uk/2025/10/06/kemi-badenoch-makes-wonky-spelling-error-tory-chocolate-bar-

24356118/

#### PHRASE MATCHING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html

#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

- 1. Everyone makes spelling
- 2. even with easy
- 3. a political
- 4. misspelled the name
- 5. The error was on the wrapper
- 6. holding their annual
- 7. organisers blamed the mistake on
- 8. they immediately stopped giving

- a. party
- b. a "printing error"
- c. of its own country
- d. out the chocolate
- e. conference
- f. mistakes
- a. words
- h. of a chocolate bar

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

- 1. People on social media made
- 2. A journalist
- 3. proofread
- 4. a bar
- 5. This is not
- 6. election
- 7. missing a
- 8. Anderson's surname was

- a. "t"
- b. of chocolate
- c. wrote on X
- d. incorrectly written
- e. leaflets
- f. fun of the mistake
- g. the first time
- h. five words

## LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html</a>

Everyone makes spelling mistakes, (1)
words. This week, a (2) the UK
misspelled a word. The Conservative Party misspelled the name of
its own country. The error was on (3)a
chocolate bar. The word "Britain" was spelt "Britian" on the bar. The
Conservatives were (4) conference.
Everyone who attended the event got the bar of chocolate. The
conference organisers (5) on a
"printing error". After they found the mistake, they immediately
(6)the chocolate.
People on social media (7)the mistake.
A journalist wrote on X that the Conservative Party
(8)Britain, but "can't spell it". The UK's
ruling Labour Party also (9)mistake. It
said the Conservatives "can't proofread five words on a bar of
chocolate". This is (10)time for political
parties in the UK to make a spelling mistake. Earlier this year, a
party misspelt the word "Scottish" on
(11) The handout said "Your Scotish
Labour candidate," missing a "t". In 2024, the politician Lee
Anderson's (12) written as "Andersin"

## PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html</a>

Everyonemakesspellingmistakes, even with easywords. This week, ap oliticalpartyintheUKmisspelledaword.TheConservativePartymisspel ledthenameofitsowncountry. The error was on the wrapper of a chocolat ebar. Theword "Britain" was spelt "Britian" on the bar. The Conservative swereholdingtheirannualconference. Everyonewhoattendedtheeven tgotthebarofchocolate. The conference organisers blamed the mistake ona"printingerror". Afterthey found the mistake, they immediately sto ppedgivingoutthechocolate. Peopleons ocial mediam a defunof the mist ake.AjournalistwroteonXthattheConservativePartywantstorunBritai n,but"can'tspellit".TheUK'srulingLabourPartyalsocommentedonthe mistake. Itsaid the Conservatives "can't proof read five words on a bar of c hocolate". This is not the first time for political parties in the UK to make as pellingmistake. Earlierthisyear, apartymisspelttheword "Scottish" on i tselectionleaflets. The handoutsaid "Your Scotish Labour candidate," m issinga"t".In2024,thepoliticianLeeAnderson'ssurnamewasincorrect lywrittenas"Andersin".

#### **SPELLING MISTAKES SURVEY**

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html</a>

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).

-	
	UK opposition party spells 'Britain' incorrectly – 9th October 2025 More free lessons at breakingnewsenglish.com
	TE QUESTIONS & ASV VOUD DADTNE
	<b>FE QUESTIONS &amp; ASK YOUR PARTNE</b> B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).
_	
_ _ _	

## **WRITING**

From <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2510/251009-spelling-mistake-2.html</a>

Write about <b>spelling mistakes</b> for 10 paper.	minutes. Read	l and talk about you	ur partner's