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UK opposition party spells 'Britain' incorrectly

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THE ARTICLE

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

Everyone makes spelling mistakes, even with "easier" words. Earlier this week, the opposition political party in the UK misspelled a word. The Conservative Party made a mistake with the name of its own country. The error was on the slogan on the wrapper of a chocolate bar. The word "Britain" was spelt "Britian" on the bar. The message was signed by the party's leader. The Conservatives were holding their annual conference. Each person who attended the event received the bar of chocolate. Organisers of the conference blamed the mistake on a "printing error". After they spotted the mistake, they immediately stopped handing out the chocolate.

Many people on social media made fun of the mistake. Journalist Natasha Clarke wrote on X (formerly Twitter) that the Conservative Party wants to run Britain, but "can't spell it". A member of the UK's ruling Labour Party also commented on the spelling mistake. She said the Conservatives "can't proofread five words on a bar of chocolate". However, it is not the first time that political parties in the UK have had a spelling mishap. Earlier this year, Scottish Labour 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" on his election leaflets.

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WARM-UPS

1. SPELLING MISTAKES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about spelling mistakes. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

spelling mistakes / political party / country / slogan / chocolate bar / conference /
social media / make fun of / journalist / spell / proofread / election / leaflet / surname

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. NOT SO IMPORTANT: Students A **strongly** believe spelling isn't so important; Students B **strongly** believe it is. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ENGLISH: How important are these things? What's the best way to learn them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Important	How to Learn
Spelling		
Vocabulary		
Punctuation		
Pronunciation		
Slang		
Handwriting		

5. WORD: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "word". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MISTAKES: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Spelling
- Grammar
- Punctuation
- Pronunciation
- Subject-verb agreement
- Plurals
- Missing articles
- Wrong tense

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. opposition | a. A group of people with the same ideas about how to run a country. |
| 2. political party | b. A short, easy-to-remember phrase used by a group or company. |
| 3. error | c. People or groups who do not agree with something or someone. |
| 4. slogan | d. Happening every year. |
| 5. wrapper | e. Paper or plastic that covers or protects things like food and other goods. |
| 6. annual | f. Said that someone was responsible for something bad. |
| 7. blamed | g. A mistake. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. made fun of | h. A small piece of paper that gives information. |
| 9. run (verb) | i. Check writing for mistakes before it is finished. |
| 10. ruling | j. A small accident or problem. |
| 11. proofread | k. Laughed at someone (to be unkind). |
| 12. mishap | l. Be in charge of something or control it. |
| 13. election | m. When people vote to choose a new leader or government. |
| 14. leaflet | n. Being the person or group that has power. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says everyone makes even easy spelling mistakes. **T / F**
2. The Conservative Party made a spelling mistake with its name. **T / F**
3. The spelling mistake was on a bar of chocolate. **T / F**
4. The conference organisers blamed the party's leader for the mistake. **T / F**
5. No one on social media thought the mistake was funny. **T / F**
6. The Labour Party said it wanted to proofread the slogan. **T / F**
7. Earlier this year, a party made a mistake with the word 'Scotland'. **T / F**
8. In 2024, a politician's surname was misspelt. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. mistakes | a. previously |
| 2. wrapper | b. saw |
| 3. attended | c. be in charge of |
| 4. spotted | d. went to |
| 5. handing out | e. flyers |
| 6. formerly | f. errors |
| 7. run | g. check |
| 8. proofread | h. packaging |
| 9. leaflets | i. wrongly |
| 10. incorrectly | j. giving out |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Everyone makes | a. made fun of the mistake |
| 2. the slogan on the wrapper | b. on a printing error |
| 3. Each person who attended | c. its election leaflets |
| 4. blamed the mistake | d. five words |
| 5. After they spotted | e. the event |
| 6. people on social media | f. to run Britain |
| 7. the Conservative Party wants | g. spelling mistakes |
| 8. the Conservatives can't proofread | h. the mistake |
| 9. misspelt the word "Scottish" on | i. written |
| 10. Anderson's surname was incorrectly | j. of a chocolate bar |

GAP FILL

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

Everyone makes spelling mistakes, (1) _____ with "easier" words. Earlier this week, the opposition political party in the UK (2) _____ a word. The Conservative Party made a mistake with the name of its own country. The (3) _____ was on the slogan on the (4) _____ of a chocolate bar. The word "Britain" was spelt "Britian" on the bar. The message was (5) _____ by the party's leader. The Conservatives were holding their annual conference. Each person who attended the event received the (6) _____ of chocolate. Organisers of the conference blamed the mistake on a "(7) _____ error". After they spotted the mistake, they (8) _____ stopped handing out the chocolate.

error
bar
wrapper
even
immediately
misspelled
printing
signed

Many people on social media made (9) _____ of the mistake. Journalist Natasha Clarke wrote on X ((10) _____ Twitter) that the Conservative Party wants to run Britain, but "can't spell it". A member of the UK's (11) _____ Labour Party also commented on the spelling mistake. She said the Conservatives "can't (12) _____ five words on a bar of chocolate". However, it is not the (13) _____ time that political parties in the UK have had a spelling mishap. Earlier this year, Scottish Labour misspelt the word "Scottish" on its election leaflets. The (14) _____ said "Your Scottish Labour candidate," (15) _____ a "t". In 2024, the politician Lee Anderson's (16) _____ was incorrectly written as "Andersin" on his election leaflets.

formerly
missing
proofread
surname
fun
handout
ruling
first

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Everyone makes spelling mistakes, even _____
 - a. with "easier" word
 - b. with "easiest" words
 - c. with "easier" words
 - d. without "easier" words
- 2) The Conservative Party made a mistake with the name of _____
 - a. its own country
 - b. its owns country
 - c. its owner country
 - d. its owned country
- 3) The Conservatives were holding _____
 - a. their annually conference
 - b. their annual conference
 - c. there annual conference
 - d. their annual conferenced
- 4) Organisers of the conference blamed the mistake on _____
 - a. a printing terror
 - b. a print tin error
 - c. a printing error
 - d. a print tin terror
- 5) After they spotted the mistake, they immediately stopped handing _____
 - a. up the chocolate
 - b. down the chocolate
 - c. in the chocolate
 - d. out the chocolate
- 6) Many people on social media made fun _____
 - a. of the mistake
 - b. of the mistaken
 - c. of the mistook
 - d. of the miss take
- 7) wrote on X (formerly Twitter) that the Conservative Party wants _____
 - a. to ruin Britain
 - b. to run Britain
 - c. to rune Britain
 - d. to runs Britain
- 8) She said the Conservatives can't _____
 - a. prove read five words
 - b. proof freed five words
 - c. proof lead five words
 - d. proofread five words
- 9) it is not the first time that political parties in the UK have had _____
 - a. a spelling mishap
 - b. a spelling misshape
 - c. a spelling misshapes
 - d. a spelling mishaps
- 10) The handout said "Your Scottish Labour candidate," _____
 - a. miss inner "t"
 - b. miss in a "t"
 - c. missing a "t"
 - d. miss sin a "t"

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Everyone makes spelling mistakes, (1) _____ words. Earlier this week, the opposition political party in the UK misspelled a word. The Conservative Party made a mistake with (2) _____ its own country. The error was on the slogan on the wrapper of a chocolate bar. The word "Britain" was spelt "Britian" on the bar. The message (3) _____ the party's leader. The Conservatives (4) _____ annual conference. Each person who attended the event received the bar of chocolate. Organisers of the conference blamed the mistake on (5) _____. After they spotted the mistake, they immediately stopped (6) _____ chocolate.

Many people on social media (7) _____ the mistake. Journalist Natasha Clarke wrote on X (formerly Twitter) that the Conservative Party (8) _____ Britain, but "can't spell it". A member of the UK's ruling Labour Party also commented on the spelling mistake. She said the Conservatives "can't (9) _____ on a bar of chocolate". However, it is not the first time that political parties in the UK have had (10) _____. Earlier this year, Scottish Labour misspelt the word "Scottish" on its election leaflets. The handout said "Your Scottish Labour candidate," (11) _____. In 2024, the politician Lee Anderson's (12) _____ written as "Andersin" on his election leaflets.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Who does the article say makes mistakes, even with easy words?
2. Where was the mistake written?
3. How was the word "Britain" misspelt?
4. What kind of event did the mistake take place at?
5. What did organisers blame the mistake on?
6. Who is Natasha Clark?
7. What did Natasha Clark say the Conservatives wanted to run?
8. What did the Labour Party say the Conservatives could not do?
9. What letter was missing on a Scottish Labour election leaflet?
10. What was incorrectly spelt on the election leaflet of a politician?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Who does the article say makes mistakes, even with easy words?
 - a) politicians
 - b) children
 - c) students
 - d) everyone
- 2) Where was the mistake written?
 - a) on a poster
 - b) on a chocolate bar
 - c) on the Internet
 - d) on t-shirts
- 3) How was the word "Britain" misspelt?
 - a) "Brittan"
 - b) "Britien"
 - c) "Britian"
 - d) "Britten"
- 4) What kind of event did the mistake take place at?
 - a) an annual conference
 - b) a birthday party
 - c) an election
 - d) a spelling contest
- 5) What did organisers blame the mistake on?
 - a) a computer bug
 - b) AI
 - c) a printing error
 - d) the leader
- 6) Who is Natasha Clark?
 - a) a Conservative politician
 - b) a journalist
 - c) a spelling expert
 - d) an English teacher
- 7) What did Natasha Clark say the Conservatives wanted to run?
 - a) a new party
 - b) everything
 - c) a different government
 - d) Britain
- 8) What did the Labour Party say the Conservatives could not do?
 - a) proofread five words
 - b) write good slogans
 - c) lead the country
 - d) make good chocolate
- 9) What letter was missing on a Scottish Labour election leaflet?
 - a) the letter "x"
 - b) the letter "s"
 - c) the letter "t"
 - d) the letter "c"
- 10) What was incorrectly spelt on the election leaflet of a politician?
 - a) the party name
 - b) the politician's surname
 - c) the politician's given name
 - d) the name of the politician's city

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Spelling Mistakes

You think spelling mistakes are worst. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their mistakes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): punctuation mistakes, grammar mistakes or vocabulary mistakes.

Role B – Punctuation Mistakes

You think punctuation mistakes are worst. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their mistakes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): spelling mistakes, grammar mistakes or vocabulary mistakes.

Role C – Grammar Mistakes

You think grammar mistakes are worst. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their mistakes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): punctuation mistakes, spelling mistakes or vocabulary mistakes.

Role D – Vocabulary Mistakes

You think vocabulary mistakes are worst. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their mistakes aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): punctuation mistakes, grammar mistakes or spelling mistakes.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'spelling' and 'mistake'.

spelling	mistake

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• everyone• own• slogan• annual• blamed• after	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fun• run• five• first• handout• surname
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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.

SPELLING MISTAKES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'spelling'?
3. What's your spelling in English like?
4. Are you good at spelling the words in your own language?
5. Why is English spelling so difficult?
6. What English words do you make mistakes with?
7. Why do you think the word 'Britain' was spelt incorrectly?
8. What can we do to get better at spelling?
9. How important is spelling?
10. Should all words be made easier to spell?

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SPELLING MISTAKES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'mistake'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How good are you at proofreading?
15. Do you always use a spellchecker when you use a computer?
16. How is social media changing people's spelling ability?
17. Is it OK for words to be misspelt if we can understand them?
18. Which is more important, correct spelling or pronunciation?
19. How do you feel if people cannot spell your name?
20. What questions would you like to ask the party leaders?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

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

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Many people on social media made (7) _____ of the mistake. Journalist Natasha Clarke wrote on X (formerly Twitter) that the Conservative Party wants to (8) _____ Britain, but "can't spell it". A member of the UK's ruling Labour Party also commented (9) _____ the spelling mistake. She said the Conservatives "can't proofread five words on a bar of chocolate". However, it is not the first time that political parties in the UK have (10) _____ a spelling mishap. Earlier this year, Scottish Labour misspelt the word "Scottish" on its election leaflets. The handout said "Your Scotish Labour candidate," (11) _____ a "t". In 2024, the politician Lee Anderson's surname was incorrectly written (12) _____ "Andersin" on his election leaflets.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) takes | (b) makes | (c) fakes | (d) bakes |
| 2. | (a) politician | (b) political | (c) politics | (d) politically |
| 3. | (a) owns | (b) owned | (c) owner | (d) own |
| 4. | (a) singed | (b) signed | (c) singled | (d) signal |
| 5. | (a) what | (b) who | (c) whoever | (d) whom |
| 6. | (a) up | (b) of | (c) out | (d) at |
| 7. | (a) funny | (b) funnier | (c) fun | (d) funniest |
| 8. | (a) reign | (b) ring | (c) run | (d) ruin |
| 9. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) in | (d) on |
| 10. | (a) have | (b) having | (c) has | (d) had |
| 11. | (a) missing | (b) miss | (c) missed | (d) mrs |
| 12. | (a) was | (b) has | (c) as | (d) ask |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the opposition taliclpoi party
2. The error was on the oaslng
3. the rpraepw of a chocolate bar
4. holding their nlwana conference
5. elmbad the mistake on a "printing error"
6. they dietamlmiey stopped

Paragraph 2

7. Clarke wrote on X (lmyorerf Twitter)
8. the UK's gurnil Labour Party
9. the Conservatives can't rfapeodor five words
10. had a spelling mshiap
11. itemssl the word "Scottish"
12. Anderson's eumnras was incorrectly written

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () "Britian" on the bar. The message was signed by the party's leader. The Conservatives were holding their annual
- () "t". In 2024, the politician Lee Anderson's surname was incorrectly written as "Andersin" on his election leaflets.
- () conference. Each person who attended the event received the bar of chocolate. Organisers
- () country. The error was on the slogan on the wrapper of a chocolate bar. The word "Britain" was spelt
- (**1**) Everyone makes spelling mistakes, even with "easier" words. Earlier this week, the opposition political
- () five words on a bar of chocolate". However, it is not the first time that political parties in the UK have
- () had a spelling mishap. Earlier this year, Scottish Labour misspelt the word "Scottish" on its election
- () leaflets. The handout said "Your Scotish Labour candidate," missing a
- () Many people on social media made fun of the mistake. Journalist Natasha Clarke wrote
- () of the conference blamed the mistake on a "printing error". After they spotted
- () of the UK's ruling Labour Party also commented on the spelling mistake. She said the Conservatives "can't proofread
- () on X (formerly Twitter) that the Conservative Party wants to run Britain, but "can't spell it". A member
- () party in the UK misspelled a word. The Conservative Party made a mistake with the name of its own
- () the mistake, they immediately stopped handing out the chocolate.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. makes Everyone mistakes spelling, with even words easier .
2. The political opposition misspelled party word a .
3. A with mistake name the its of country .
4. message The signed was the by leader party's .
5. They stopped immediately out handing chocolate the bar .
6. media Social fun made the of mistake spelling .
7. A of member UK's the Labour ruling Party .
8. five Proofread on words bar a chocolate of .
9. Political have parties a had mishap spelling .
10. It the misspelt Scottish "word" its on leaflets .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Everyone *takes / makes* spelling mistakes, even with "easier" words. Earlier this week, the opposition *politician / political* party in the UK misspelled a word. The Conservative Party made a mistake with the name of its *down / own* country. The error was on the slogan *to / on* the wrapper of a chocolate *bar / ban*. The word "Britain" was spelt "Britian" on the bar. The message was *singed / signed* by the party's leader. The Conservatives were holding *their / them* annual conference. Each person who attended the event received the bar *on / of* chocolate. Organisers of the conference blamed the mistake *at / on* a "printing error". After they spotted the mistake, they immediately stopped handing *out / up* the chocolate.

Many people on social media made *fun / funny* of the mistake. Journalist Natasha Clarke wrote on X (formerly Twitter) *that / what* the Conservative Party wants to *walk / run* Britain, but "can't *spelling / spell* it". A member of the UK's ruling Labour Party also commented *on / in* the spelling mistake. She said the Conservatives "can't proofread five words on a bar of chocolate". However, it is not the *firstly / first* time that political parties in the UK have *had / having* a spelling mishap. Earlier this year, Scottish Labour misspelt the word "Scottish" on its *elect / election* leaflets. The handout said "Your Scotish Labour candidate," missing *all / a* "t". In 2024, the politician Lee Anderson's surname was incorrectly written *to / as* "Andersin" on his election leaflets.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_v_ry_n_ m_k_s sp_ll_ng m_st_k_s, _v_n w_th "__s__r"
w_rds. __rl__r th_s w__k, th_ _pp_s_t__n p_l_t_c_l
p_rty _n th_ _K m_ssp_ll_d _ w_rd. Th_ C_ns_rv_t_v_
P_rty m_d_ _ m_st_k_ w_th th_ n_m_ _f _ts _wn
c__ntry. Th_ _rr_r w_s _n th_ sl_g_n _n th_ wr_pp_r
_f _ ch_c_l_t_ b_r. Th_ w_rd "Br_t__n" w_s sp_lt
"Br_t__n" _n th_ b_r. Th_ m_ss_g_ w_s s_gn_d by th_
p_rty's l__d_r. Th_ C_ns_rv_t_v_s w_r_ h_ld_ng th__r
_nn__l c_nf_r_nc_. __ch p_rs_n wh_ _tt_nd_d th_ _v_nt
r_c__v_d th_ b_r _f ch_c_l_t_. _rg_n_s_rs _f th_
c_nf_r_nc_ bl_m_d th_ m_st_k_ _n _ "pr_nt_ng _rr_r".
_ft_r th_y sp_tt_d th_ m_st_k_, th_y _mm_d__t_ly
st_pp_d h_nd_ng __t th_ ch_c_l_t_.

M_ny p__pl_ _n s_c__l m_d__ m_d_ f_n _f th_
m_st_k_. J__rn_l_st N_t_sh_ Cl_rk_ wr_t_ _n X
(f_rm_rly Tw_tt_r) th_t th_ C_ns_rv_t_v_ P_rty w_nts
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

everyone makes spelling mistakes even with easier words earlier this week the opposition political party in the uk misspelled a word the conservative party made a mistake with the name of its own country the error was on the slogan on the wrapper of a chocolate bar the word britain was spelt britian on the bar the message was signed by the partys leader the conservatives were holding their annual conference each person who attended the event received the bar of chocolate organisers of the conference blamed the mistake on a printing error after they spotted the mistake they immediately stopped handing out the chocolate

many people on social media made fun of the mistake journalist natasha clarke wrote on x formerly twitter that the conservative party wants to run britain but cant spell it a member of the uks ruling labour party also commented on the spelling mistake she said the conservatives cant proofread five words on a bar of chocolate however it is not the first time that political parties in the uk have had a spelling mishap earlier this year scottish labour misspelt the word scottish on its election leaflets the handout said your scotish labour candidate missing a t in 2024 the politician lee andersons surname was incorrectly written as andersin on his election leaflets

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Everyone makes spelling mistakes, even with "easier" words. Earlier this week, the opposition political party in the UK misspelled a word. The Conservative Party made a mistake with the name of its own country. The error was on the slogan on the wrapper of a chocolate bar. The word "Britain" was spelt "Britian" on the bar. The message was signed by the party's leader. The Conservatives were holding their annual conference. Each person who attended the event received the bar of chocolate. Organisers of the conference blamed the mistake on a "printing error". After they spotted the mistake, they immediately stopped handing out the chocolate. Many people on social media made fun of the mistake. Journalist Natasha Clarke wrote on X (formerly Twitter) that the Conservative Party want to run Britain, but "can't spell it". A member of the UK's ruling Labour Party also commented on the spelling mistake. She said the Conservatives "can't proofread five words on a bar of chocolate". However, it is not the first time that political parties in the UK have had a spelling mishap. Earlier this year, Scottish Labour misspelt the word "Scottish" on its selection leaflets. The handout said "Your Scottish Labour candidate, "missing a"t". In 2024, the politician Lee Anderson's surname was incorrectly written as "Andersin" on his selection leaflets.

FREE WRITING

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

Write about **spelling mistakes** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Spelling mistakes are OK if we can understand the word. Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SPELLING MISTAKES: Make a poster about spelling mistakes. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. UNDERSTANDABLE: Write a magazine article about allowing spelling mistakes if the word is understandable. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on spelling mistakes. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how people can improve their spelling. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. h	3. d	4. b	5. j
6. a	7. c	8. g	9. e	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Everyone
- On a chocolate bar
- "Britian"
- An annual conference
- A printing error
- A journalist
- Britain
- Proofread five words
- The letter "t"
- The politician's surname

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Everyone makes spelling mistakes, even with easier words.
- The opposition political party misspelled a word.
- A mistake with the name of its country.
- The message was signed by the party's leader.
- They immediately stopped handing out the chocolate bar.
- Social media made fun of the spelling mistake.
- A member of the UK's ruling Labour Party.
- Proofread five words on a bar of chocolate.
- Political parties have had a spelling mishap.
- It misspelt the word "Scottish" on its leaflets.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)