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Spelling tips and tricks making words plural

We haven't had any spelling tips here for a while, so let's change that with an [infographic about plurals](#).

3 Reasons for syllabically ambiguous words

One of the reasons why English spelling is difficult is because of the variations in pronunciation. This post explains some of the background to [one aspect](#) of this issue.

Keep an eye out for these difficult words

In these days of auto correct, we can sometimes be hood winked into a false sense of security. Sometimes, the more usual spelling isn't correct. Because sometimes you need a different word.

This post has some [words that might trip you up](#). Some of them don't come up very often, which means it is more useful to have that knowledge lurking at the back of your mind.

Is it grey or gray?

Well, both are fine, but in the UK, we tend to prefer grey while across the Atlantic they tend to go for gray. Apparently, some people use both spellings to distinguish different shades of the colour, which seems to be overcomplicating the whole thing. You can [see more about it here](#).

I'm not sure why the success of *Fifty Shades of Grey* can be said to increase the uncertainty. Doesn't that merely reinforce the validity of the "e" option?



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Why do Australians tend to like UK spelling?

I think the most interesting part of this post about the [preference for UK spelling in Australia](#) is in the comments section. There are some very sensible points in that section.

While I agree that spelling is complicated, I'm against the attempts to simplify, because, as I've written on this blog before, [trying to match spelling to pronunciation](#) assumes we all pronounce words the same way. Which we don't.