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1. [spel] *n*

## 1. заклинание, заговор

magic spell - магическая формула

to bind a person by a spell - колдовством подчинить себе человека

## 2. чары, очарование, обаяние; пленительная чарующая сила

under a spell - зачарованный, находящийся под обаянием, околдованный

to cast a spell on /over/ smb. - очаровать /околдовать/ кого-л.

to come under a spell - подпасть под чары /под обаяние/, быть очарованным

to break /to remove/ a spell - нарушить очарование, рассеять чары

his spell over the public - его умение владеть аудиторией

he laid his powerful spell on the younger generation - он был властителем дум молодого поколения

2. [spel] *v*

## 1. околдовывать; заговаривать

to spell from death in battle - заговорить от смерти в бою

to spell smth. away - прогнать /уничтожить/ колдовством что-л.

## 2. наделять магическими, волшебными свойствами

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## 1. срок, время

a spell of service - срок /время/ службы

a six-hour spell of duty - шестичасовое дежурство

a spell at cardplaying - время, проведённое за картами /за игрой в карты/

for a brief spell - на короткое время

it's your turn to take a spell at the sculls - теперь ваша очередь сесть за вёсла /грести/

to do a spell in prison - отбыть /отсидеть/ срок в тюрьме

## 2. промежуток времени, период

a good spell - порядочный /значительный/ промежуток времени

a cold [a dry, a warm] spell - холодная [сухая, тёплая] пора

a spell of eighteen months on board - восемнадцать месяцев, проведённые на борту корабля

a spell of ill luck - период невезенья

a spell of fine weather - период хорошей погоды

for a spell - (на) некоторое время

at a spell - подряд, сразу; без отдыха, без перерыва

by spells - с перерывами

to take a pretty long spell in town - провести в городе много времени

3. 1) приступ (*болезни и т. п.*)

coughing spell - приступ кашля

to have a fainting spell - упасть в обморок

she had a bad spell - у неё был сильный приступ

girls sometimes have crying spells - девушки иногда плачут без причины

2) *амер. разг.* период раздражительности, истерии, мрачного настроения

## 4. 1) смена

to give smb. a spell - сменить кого-л.

2) *проф.* сменщик, напарник5. *преим. австрал.* отдых, передышка

give the horses a spell and have a pot of tea - дайте лошадям отдохнуть и выпейте чаю

2. [spel] *v*1. 1) сменять (*кого-л в работе*)

the teams spell each other every fifteen minutes - команды меняются каждые пятнадцать минут

he and other assistants spelled each other - он и другие сотрудники подменяли друг друга

## 2) сменяться, работать по очереди

to spell at the oars - грести по очереди

## 2. 1) дать отдых, роздых, передышку

to spell the camels - дать верблюдам отдохнуть

## 2) передохнуть, отдохнуть

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[spel] *v* (*spelled* [-{spel}d], *spelt*)1. 1) произносить *или* писать (*слово*) по буквам (*мж.* spell out)

to spell correctly [wrongly] - писать (орфографически) правильно [неправильно]

to spell backward - а) читать *или* писать в обратном порядке (*буквы слова*); б) *разг.* читать *или* писать шиворот-навыворот

в) извращать смысл, толковать неправильно

how do you spell your name? - как пишется ваша фамилия?

we do not pronounce as we spell - мы произносим не так, как пишем

take care to spell every word right - внимательно проверяй написание каждого слова, смотри не наделай орфографических ошибок

you have spelt this word wrong - это слово пишется не так

2) составлять (*слово из букв*)

c-a-t spells cat - буквы c-a-t дают /составляют/ слово cat, слово cat состоит из c-a-t what do these letters spell? - как читается слово, составленное из этих букв?; какое слово образуют эти буквы?

2. читать по слогам, с трудом разбирать написанное (мж. spell out)

3. разбирать, расшифровывать, толковать (мж. spell out)

I found it hard to spell out his meaning - я никак не мог понять, что он хочет сказать

4. означать, влечь за собой, сулить

to spell disaster - сулить беду

such an error spells the ruin of our hopes - подобная ошибка означает крушение наших надежд

5. редк. просить, выражать желание намёком

to spell for an invitation - напрашиваться на приглашение

◇ to spell able - амер. сл. годиться

to spell short - сказать без обиняков

to spell baker - выполнять трудную работу, сложное задание

## spell

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**spell** [spell spells spelt spelled spelling] verb, noun BrE [spel] <sup>ˈ</sup> NAmE [spel]

verb (spelt, spelt BrE [spelt] <sup>ˈ</sup> ; NAmE [spelt] <sup>ˈ</sup> or spelled, spelled)

1. transitive ~ sth to say or write the letters of a word in the correct order

• How do you spell your surname?

• I thought her name was Catherine, but it's Kathryn spelt with a 'K'.

2. intransitive, transitive to form words correctly from individual letters

• I've never been able to spell.

• ~ sth + adj. You've spelt my name wrong.

see also ↑ misspell

3. transitive ~ sth (of letters of a word) to form words when they are put together in a particular order

• C— A— T spells 'cat'.

4. transitive ~ sth (for sb/sth) to have sth, usually sth bad, as a result; to mean sth, usually sth bad

• The crop failure spelt disaster for many farmers.

• This defeat spelt the end of his hopes of winning the title again.

5. transitive ~ sb (NAmE, informal) to replace for a short time sb who is doing a particular activity so that they can rest

• Carter will be here in an hour to spell you.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spell
	BrE /speɪ/
	NAmE /spɛl/
he / she / it	spells
	BrE /spɛlz/
	NAmE /spɛlz/
past simple, past participle	spelt
	BrE /speɪt/
	NAmE /spɛɪt/spɛld/
	BrE /speɪt/
	NAmE /spɛɪt/
-ing form	spelling
	BrE /'spɛlɪŋ/
	NAmE /'spɛlɪŋ/

Word Origin:

v. Middle English Old French **espeller** Germanic ↑ **spell**

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n. senses 1 to 2 late 16th cent. spele 'take the place of' 'shift of relief workers'

Example Bank:

• 'Nevaeh' is 'heaven' spelled backwards/backward.

• Do I really have to spell it out for you?

• His speech spelled out a clear message to the car industry.

• Is 'necessary' spelled with one 's', or two?

• She spelled out precisely what she wanted.

• The article spelled 'survey' as 'servay'.

Derived ↑ **spell something out**

## noun

1. countable a short period of time during which sth lasts

• a spell of warm weather

• a cold/hot/wet/bright, etc. **spell**

• There will be rain at first, with **sunny spells** later.

• She went to the doctor complaining of **dizzy spells**.

2. countable a period of time doing sth or working somewhere

• She had a spell as a singer before becoming an actress.

• I spent a **brief spell** on the Washington Post.

3. countable words that are thought to have magic power or to make a piece of magic work; a piece of magic that happens when sb

says these magic words

- a **magic spell**
- a book of spells
- The wizard recited a spell.
- to **cast/put a spell on sb**
- to be **under a spell** (= affected by magic)

4. **singular** a quality that a person or thing has that makes them so attractive or interesting that they have a strong influence on you

**Syn:** ↑charm

- I completely **fell under her spell**.
- It was a magic night until the spell was broken.
- Since last century the spell of the pyramids has drawn tourists to Egypt.

**see** weave a spell (over sb) **at** ↑weave <sub>v.</sub>

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Example Bank:

- He's going through a bit of a bad spell at the moment.
- She managed to write a letter during a quiet spell at work.
- She uttered the magic word, and the spell was broken.
- Sleeping Beauty was under a spell when the prince found her.
- The audience was completely under his spell.
- The children began having dizzy spells from hunger.
- The witch cast a spell on them.
- This place had woven its spell over them.
- Viera ended his barren spell with a goal against Parma.
- a spell of sunny weather
- the hypnotic spell of the cicadas singing in the trees
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- We had a spell of warm weather in April.
- a cold/hot/wet/bright spell

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **spell**<sup>1</sup> **S2** /spel/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> **verb** (past tense and past participle **spelt** /spelt/ especially British English or **spelled** especially American English)

[Word Family: **noun:** ↑spelling, speller., ↑misspelling; **verb:** ↑spell, ↑misspell]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: espeller]

1. [**intransitive and transitive**] to form a word by writing or naming the letters in order:

How do you spell 'juice'?

Pupils should know how to spell commonly used words.

**spell something wrong/wrongly**

You've spelled my name wrong.

2. [**transitive not in passive**] if letters spell a word, they form it:

B-O-O-K spells 'book'.

3. **spell trouble/disaster/danger etc** if a situation or action spells trouble etc, it makes you expect trouble etc:

The lack of rain could spell disaster for farmers.

4. [**transitive**] *American English* to do someone else's work for them for a short period so that they can rest:

I can spell you if you get tired.

**spell something ↔ out** *phrasal verb*

1. to explain something clearly and in detail

**spell out how/what etc**

The report spelled out in detail what the implications were for teacher training.

2. to show how a word is spelled by writing or saying the letters separately in order:

'W-E-I-R,' she said, spelling it out.

3. to write a word in its complete form instead of using an ↑**abbreviation**

II. **spell**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun** [countable]

[Sense 1,3-4: Language: Old English; Origin: 'talk, story']

[Sense 2: Date: 1600-1700; Origin: spell 'to take the place of another' (11-21 centuries), from Old English spelian]

1. a piece of magic that someone does, or the special words or ceremonies used in doing it:

a magic spell

**put/cast a spell on somebody** (=do a piece of magic to change someone)

The kiss of the prince **broke** the **spell** (=stopped the magic from working).

**be under a spell**

The whole town seemed to be under a spell.

2. a period of a particular kind of activity, weather, illness etc, usually a short period

**brief/short spell**

" After a brief spell in the army, I returned to teaching.

**spell of**

" a spell of bad luck

**cold/wet/dry spell**

" Water the young plants carefully during dry spells.

" a day of sunny spells and scattered showers

" He began to suffer from dizzy spells.

3. a power that attracts, interests, and influences you very strongly

**fall/come/be under a spell**

" I fell under the spell of her charm.

" an ancient city that still casts its spell over travellers

4. **break the spell** to make someone stop paying all their attention to something, or to make a time stop feeling special:

" He lay still, not wanting to break the spell.

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)**

■ **adjectives**

▪ **a magic spell** She found an ancient book of magic spells.

▪ **an evil spell** The people still believe in evil spells.

■ **verbs**

▪ **cast a spell (on somebody)** (=do some magic) Suddenly everyone froze, as if a wizard had cast a spell on them.

▪ **weave a spell** (=do some magic) She wove a spell, so that he slept forever and never grew old.

▪ **put a spell on somebody** (=make magic affect someone) The fairy put a terrible spell on the princess.

▪ **break a spell** (=end the effect of some magic) No one knew how to break the spell.

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**COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)**

■ **adjectives**

▪ **a brief/short spell** After a brief spell in a florist's shop, she became a hairdresser.

▪ **a long/prolonged spell** We have just had a long spell of unusually dry weather.

▪ **a dry/wet spell** Keep fuchsias well watered during prolonged dry spells in summer.

▪ **a cold/warm/hot spell** There was a very cold spell in late November.

▪ **sunny spells** Tuesday will be dry with sunny spells.

▪ **a dizzy/fainting spell** (=one when you feel unable to stand steadily and your head feels unclear) She must have had a dizzy spell and fallen.

▪ **a good/bad spell** The team had some good spells during the match.

▪ **a quiet spell** (=when not much is happening) We've had quite a quiet spell at work recently.

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**THESAURUS**

▪ **magic** *noun* [uncountable] the power to make impossible things happen, by saying special words or doing special actions: In the story, she uses magic to turn him into a frog. | Local people believe that he can heal wounds and illnesses using magic.

▪ **witchcraft** *noun* [uncountable] the use of magic, usually to do bad things: Hundreds of women were accused of witchcraft in the 1600s.

▪ **spell** *noun* [countable] a special set of words or actions that are used to make something happen by magic: a magic spell | An evil witch cast a spell on him (=said a special set of words or did a special series of actions, in order to make something happen to someone by magic), turning him into a beast.

▪ **curse** (also **hex** *American English*) *noun* [countable] something that makes someone or something have bad luck: The house seemed to have a curse on it. | People believed the pharaoh would put a curse on (=use magic to make them have bad luck) anyone who broke into the tomb. | She believed her former husband had put a hex on her.

▪ **the occult** mysterious powers and events that involve magic and spirits: He was very interested in the occult.

▪ **voodoo** *noun* [uncountable] magical beliefs and practices used as a form of religion: a voodoo curse | In Haiti, the people still practice voodoo.

**spell**

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