

# Spelling Words in Action

What stunt was performed by a woman nearly a century ago?

## Free Fall

Every year, thousands of people brave the **traffic** to travel to Niagara Falls. The famous waterfall lies between New York and Canada and is about 170 feet high, or more than **twelve** stories tall. Most people just watch the falls. On October 24, 1901, one person did more than just look. She was the first person to go over the falls in a wooden **barrel**!

Her name was Anna Taylor. This, her first real adventure, could have been her last. She was sure that if she survived the fall, she would find **fame** and fortune.

Several **hundred** people stood along the banks of the Niagara River. They cheered as the barrel was released in the water. The barrel floated with the **swift** current. Then, it tumbled over and down the falls. For a while, there was no sign of Anna Taylor. The crowd was **silent** until finally the oak barrel bobbed into view.

The barrel was brought ashore. As Anna was released from the barrel, the crowd went **wild** with cheers.

Taylor was famous for a little while. **Later** on, she earned money posing for photographs.



Look back at the **boldfaced** words. Say each word. What consonant sounds do you hear in each word?

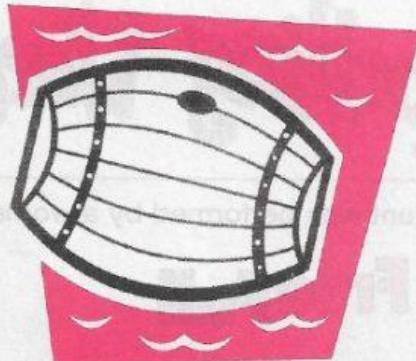
## TIP

Consonants are all the letters of the alphabet except a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes y. In most words, you can hear the sounds of several consonants. Listen for the w, l, and d sounds in wild. Sometimes a consonant in a word is doubled, but you hear it only once, as in banner and dollar.

## LIST WORDS

1. banner
2. hundred
3. fame
4. later
5. seven
6. hammer
7. twelve
8. barrel
9. dollar
10. letters
11. silent
12. wild
13. until
14. swift
15. bottles
16. pineapple
17. film
18. gallon
19. traffic
20. eleven

# Spelling Practice



## Listening for Consonant Sounds

Write one consonant or two different consonants to complete each **list word**.

1. fa ___ e	2. t w e ___ e
3. wi ___ ___	4. e ___ e ___ en
5. la ___ er	6. sw i ___ ___
7. se ___ en	8. hun ___ ___ ed
9. fi ___ m	10. ___ i ___ ent
11. un ___ i ___	

Write a double consonant to complete each of these **list words**.

12. ba ___ ___ el	13. ba ___ ___ er
14. le ___ ___ ers	15. ha ___ ___ er
16. ga ___ ___ on	17. bo ___ ___ les
18. do ___ ___ ar	19. tra ___ ___ ic

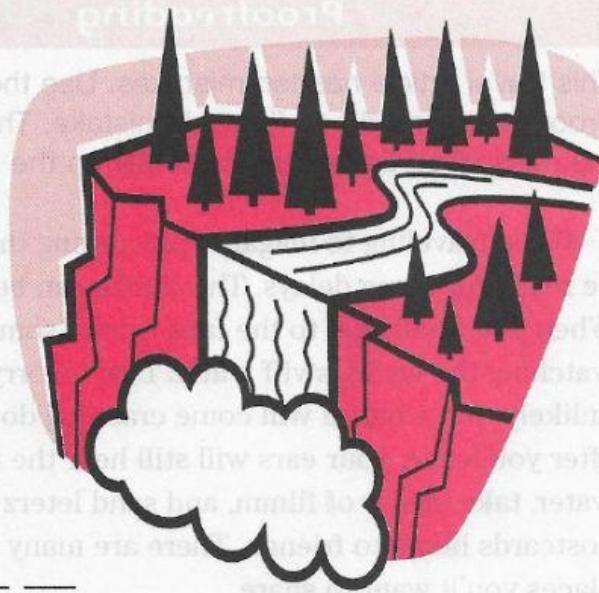
Write four consonants to complete the **list word**.

20. pi \_\_\_ ea \_\_\_ \_\_\_ e

## Definitions

Read each definition clue. Write **list words** in the spaces. Then use the numbered letters to solve the riddle.

1. cars \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_
2.  $12 - 1 =$  \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_
3. a flag \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_
4. quiet \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_
5. not tame \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_
6. fast \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_
7. popularity \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_
8. writing marks \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_
9. a movie \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_



**Riddle:** What runs and falls but never walks?

**Answer:** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

## Vocabulary

Write **list words** under the correct headings. The first one has been done for you.

### numbers

1. **eleven**

### money

6. \_\_\_\_\_

### containers

9. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

### tool

10. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

### time words

4. \_\_\_\_\_

### measurement

11. \_\_\_\_\_

### fruit

8. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_