

## Scoring Guidelines for TX-KEA Written Spelling Subtest

Students are scored as follows:

1. **JAM:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **JAM**. Mark all that apply.
  - a. **1point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable J/j or reversal.
  - b. **1point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable A/a or reversal.
  - c. **1point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable M/m or reversal.
  - d. **0 points** – No acceptable letters written in correct order.
  
2. **GRIN:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **GRIN**. Mark all that apply.
  - a. **1point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable G/g or reversal.
  - b. **1point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable R/r or reversal.
  - c. **1point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable I/i.
  - d. **1 point** – The fourth letter of the word is a recognizable N/n or reversal.
  - e. **0 points** – No acceptable letters written in correct order.
  
3. **SHIP:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **SHIP**. Mark all that apply.
  - a. **1point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable S/s or reversal.
  - b. **1point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable H/h or reversal.
  - c. **1point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable I/i.
  - d. **1 point** – The fourth letter of the word is a recognizable P/p or reversal.
  - e. **0 points** – No acceptable letters written in correct order.
  
4. **STOP:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **STOP**. Mark all that apply.
  - a. **1point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable S/s or reversal.
  - b. **1point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable T/t or reversal.
  - c. **1point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable O/o.
  - d. **1 point** – The fourth letter of the word is a recognizable P/p or reversal.
  - e. **0 points** – No acceptable letters written in correct order.
  
5. **BATH:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **BATH**. Mark all that apply.
  - a. **1point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable B/b or reversal.
  - b. **1point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable A/a or reversal.
  - c. **1point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable T/t or reversal.
  - d. **1 point** – The fourth letter of the word is a recognizable H/h or reversal.
  - e. **0 points** – No acceptable letters written in correct order.

### General Scoring Guidelines

Students earn one point for each correct, recognizable letter that is written in the correct position within a spelling word. This is a test of orthographic knowledge, so childlike handwriting is acceptable.

- If letters are not represented in the **correct order** you only award points for letters in the appropriate positions.
  - For example, if a child produces HAAT for the word “HAT” you only award two points for the correct first and second letter.
  - Or if a child produces a mirror image TAH for the word “HAT” you would award only one point for the correct second letter.
- If a letter is **substituted**, you cannot award a point for that letter.
  - For example, if a child produces HET for the “HAT” you only award two points for the correct first and last letter.
- If a letter is **omitted**, you can only give a point for any letters that are in the correct position.
  - For example if a child produces HT for the word “HAT” you only award one point for the H in the correct first letter.
- If a letter is **inserted** at the end of the word, no points are taken away for this extra letter.
  - For example, if a child produces HATT for the word “HAT” you award all three points for the correct first, second and third letter.

Note: See the **Recognizable Letter Appendix** for samples of accepted letters and reversals for each word.