

Scoring Guidelines for TX-KEA Written Spelling Subtest

Students are scored as follows:

1. **LOG:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **LOG**. Mark all that apply.
 - a. **1 point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable L/l or reversal.
 - b. **1 point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable O/o.
 - c. **1 point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable G/g or reversal.
 - d. **0 points** – No acceptable letters written in correct order.
2. **FIN:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **LOG**. Mark all that apply.
 - a. **1 point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable F/f or reversal.
 - b. **1 point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable I/i.
 - c. **1 point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable N/n or reversal.
 - d. **0 points** – No acceptable letters written in correct order.
3. **DISH:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **DISH**. Mark all that apply.
 - a. **1 point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable D/d.
 - b. **1 point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable I/i.
 - c. **1 point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable S/s 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.
4. **FLAG:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **FLAG**. Mark all that apply.
 - a. **1 point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable F/f or reversal.
 - b. **1 point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable L/l or reversal.
 - c. **1 point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable A/a or reversal.
 - d. **1 point** – The fourth letter of the word is a recognizable G/g or reversal.
 - e. **0 points** – No acceptable letters written in correct order.
5. **TAPE:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **TAPE**. Mark all that apply.
 - a. **1 point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable T/t or reversal.
 - b. **1 point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable A/a or reversal.
 - c. **1 point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable P/p or reversal.
 - d. **1 point** – The fourth letter of the word is a recognizable E/e or reversal.
 - e. **0 points** – No acceptable letters written in correct order.
6. **FROG:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **FROG**. Mark all that apply.
 - a. **1 point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable F/f or reversal.
 - b. **1 point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable R/r or reversal.
 - c. **1 point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable O/o.
 - d. **1 point** – The fourth letter of the word is a recognizable G/g or reversal.
 - e. **0 points** – No acceptable letters written in correct order.

7. **CLOCK:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **CLOCK**. Mark all that apply.
- 1 point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable C/c or reversal.
 - 1 point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable L/l or reversal.
 - 1 point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable O/o.
 - 1 point** – The fourth letter of the word is a recognizable C/c or reversal.
 - 1 point** – The fifth letter of the word is a recognizable K/k or reversal.
 - 0 points** – No acceptable letters written in correct order.
8. **SLEEP:** Mark all of the letters which were written for the word **SLEEP**. Mark all that apply.
- 1 point** – The first letter of the word is a recognizable S/s or reversal.
 - 1 point** – The second letter of the word is a recognizable L/l or reversal.
 - 1 point** – The third letter of the word is a recognizable E/e or reversal.
 - 1 point** – The fourth letter of the word is a recognizable E/e or reversal.
 - 1 point** – The fifth letter of the word is a recognizable P/p or reversal.
 - 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.