

# SPELLINGS

## **DEFINITION:**

A set of conventions that regulates the way of using **grapheme** to separate a language in its written form. Spellings in one of the element of orthography and a high standard spelling is a prescriptive element.

## **GRAPHEME:**

It is the smallest meaningful unit of a writing system of any given language. In other words, a **grapheme** is a letter or a number of letters that represents a **sound** in a word.

## **PHONEME.**

A **phoneme** is unit of sound that distinguished one word from another word. Phoneme are placed between slashes in transcription.

## **ORTHOGRAPHY:**

It is the set of conventions for writing a language. It includes names of spellings, capitalization, word breaks etc. It is derived from the **French** word **orthographia** which is derived from **Greek** word **Orthos** which means "**To Write**".

## **REASONS WHY SPELLINGS ARE IMPORTANT:**

Following are the reasons that describes that why spellings are important.

- ❖ **Communication:**  
Good Spellings facilitates communications. By follow the correct rules we can easily understand the text written or spoken.
- ❖ **Comprehension:**  
Good spellings avoid confusion if you write the correct spellings, the receiver of those spellings will easily understand.
- ❖ **Future:**  
Good spellings will make bright future for you. Wrong spelling causes the future bad.
- ❖ **Computer Error:**  
We can't rely on computers to solve our problems. They get it wrong too.
- ❖ **Distraction:**  
Poor spellings distract the reader and lose focus.