

Description	Students look at past tense verbs that are similar to <i>dream</i>
Lesson link	Use this activity after exercise 4
Time	5 minutes
Extra material	None

Instructions

a Lesson 5B of *New English File Pre-intermediate Student's Book* looks at verb patterns, including the verb *dream*.

b Write the following on the board.

dream burn light learn spell

c Ask SS to write down the past tense of each of these verbs. When they have finished, do not discuss answers but ask SS to write down *another* past tense for each verb. These are special verbs in English, which have two past simple forms.

d When SS have tried again, elicit answers and write them on the board.

Answers

dream	dreamt, dreamed
burn	burnt, burned
light	lit, lighted
learn	learnt, learned
spell	spelt, spelled

e As a final conclusion, tell SS that there is no difference in meaning or use between these two spellings. They will see both used and both forms are common. In these five cases as well, there is no difference between British and American English: both forms of the verb are used in both cases.