This is our second spelling quiz. Like its predecessor, it is so difficult that even a university professor of English couldn't possibly get a perfect score on it. For the benefit of new readers, we are repeating the instructions for working on it.

We have selected 25 English words, names, or terms. For each one, we have given you the pronunciation (respelling the word or name rather grotesquely for that purpose) and the meaning. All you need to do is to write down the correct spelling. Score yourself as follows: 15 or more correct, very good; 20 or more correct, superior; 25 correct, utterly impossible! You will find the correct answers on page 125 of this issue.

To pass the test, you must, naturally, know the letters with which the words are spelled, but that is not enough. There are four other factors for you to weigh in each case:

1. This quiz does not arbitrarily limit itself to ordinary words. Included are some of the proper names that surround us on all sides. Proper names are generally capitalized. Therefore, consider whether or not the word facing you is supposed to be capitalized. If you slip up, in either direction, score yourself wrong.

2. Most spelling quizzes restrict themselves to words written in solid form ("touchstone," for instance). They carefully avoid hyphenated words such as "hubble-bubble" and compound terms such as "clock watcher." There are no such exclusions here. For each term, you must decide whether it should be written solidly, or with a hyphen, or in the form of separate words. Any error of judgment on your part, and you are wrong!

3. Some words must be adorned with apostrophes, accent marks, circumflexes, umlauts, cedillas, and other diacritical marks, to be written correctly. You will encounter such words in this quiz. You cannot take credit for spelling a word correctly if you get any needed adornments just right. For example, if a word needs an acute accent (') and you provide it with a grave accent ("), that counts as a mistake. Nothing short of absolute correctness will do.

4. Some words may be spelled in more than one way. In the case of such words, we have consulted three leading American dictionary authorities of the 1960's:

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Where all the only spellings are justified. Where all the spellings included in the quiz were justified for the alternative forms of the term you have decided on.

The three spellings of all other terms were examinted and the quiz was constructed as follows:

1. MIRRE
2. RRAY-EE
3. BRAW-ISS
4. COCK-SE
5. OHH-BHO
6. DEEH-VA
7. UH-KAY
8. NOOH-SE
9. HOE-HO
10. AUH
11. LESS-EIG
12. SPIIGHT
13. AKK-UK
14. SOHN-FI
15. ROU-MA
16. BURRDE
17. KEH-DH
18. BHOAR
19. SEKK-RE
20. NAHLL
21. KOE-ZEE
22. FEE-BEE
23. KEE
24. TSHLW
25. KOE-HO
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I. IRRE
A bitter gum resin used for incense and perfumes.

2. RRAY-ZOHN-DEH-TR
Reason or justification for being.

3. BBH-SSAH-KNOW-VVAA
A popular dance of Brazilian origin.

4. COCK-SENN
The steersman of a racing shell.

5. OH-BHOI
An oboe.

6. DEEH-VAILL-KY-REHH
A music drama by Richard Wagner.

7. UH-KAY-ZHUN-ULL
A soft, white, French cheese.

8. NOOH-SHEH-TELLH
A borough in northeastern New Jersey.

9. HOE-HOH-CUSS
Being one of 8 equal parts.

10. AYTH
A comic opera by Mozart.

11. LESS-EIGH-PHARE
Governmental noninterference in economic affairs.

12. SPIGHT-N-DIE-VVULL
A channel in New York City connecting the Hudson

13. AKKK-UHM-MOWED-EYT
A music drama by Richard Wagner.

14. SOHN-FRWAH
A country in southeastern Europe.

15. BURRDH-ZICHH
Borscht.

16. KEH-DHOAR SSEH
The French Foreign Office.

17. BHORASHTT
A Russian beet soup.

18. SEKK-REH-LIDGE-USS
Guilt of violating something holy.

19. NAHLL-PRAHSS
To discontinue a legal action.

20. KOE-ZEE-PHAHN-TOO-TEH
A comic opera by Mozart.

21. FEE-BEE
A wharf or landing place.

22. KEE
A surname of the British gentry and nobility.

23. TSHI-WAH-OUA

24. KOE-HOONN

25. KOE-HOONN

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