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The way in which letters are arranged in sequence to produce pronunciation of a word is referred to as Spelling or orthography. In some languages, such as Spanish, the correspondence between the letter and the sound is fairly straightforward as each letter or letter combination almost always represents one certain sound.

For example,

compare the Spanish maleta with its English equivalent suitcase. The pronunciation of the vowels a and e in the former remains relatively constant across words whereas that of u, i, a and e in the latter is far from being stable across the

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During the rather complex history of English, the language has been subjected to numerous influences that resulted in it actually becoming a mixture of other languages, benefiting from abundant contributions to its vocabulary, but also blending different spelling systems.

These contribute to the irregular and sometimes incredibly inconsistent and confusing spelling of the written language, which in turn interacts with a varied and sometimes unpredictable pronunciation.

In order to master English spelling, one needs to learn a great many spelling

rules and be aware of the numerous possible letter combinations. Some examples:

"though the tough rough and hicough plough him through".

Though is pronounced as slow, tough as huff, and rough rhymes with off. hicough is pronounced as cuff, plough as how and through rhymes with you.

such spellings inconsistencies were ridiculed by playwright George Bernard Shaw.