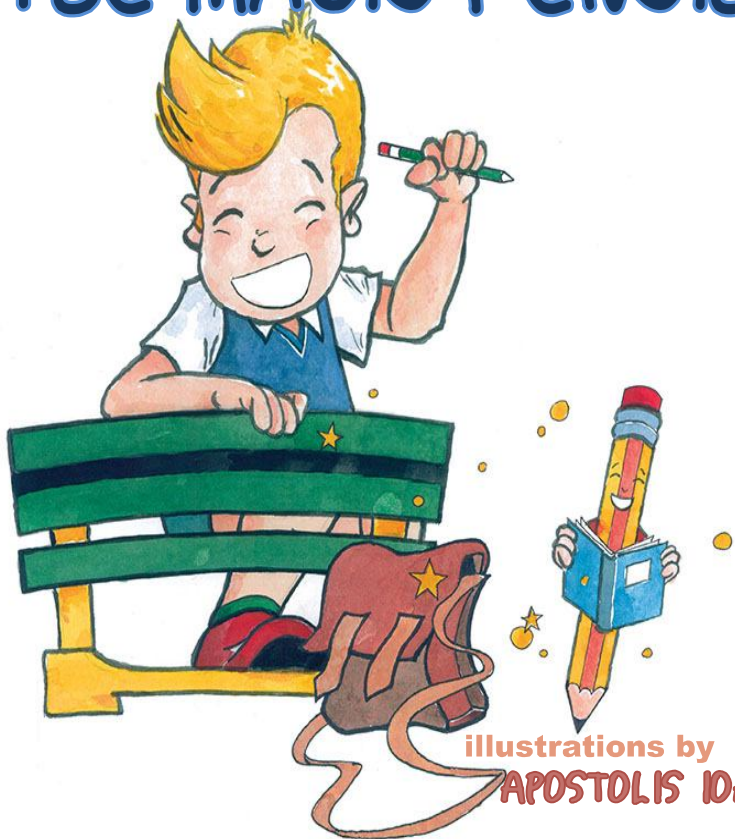
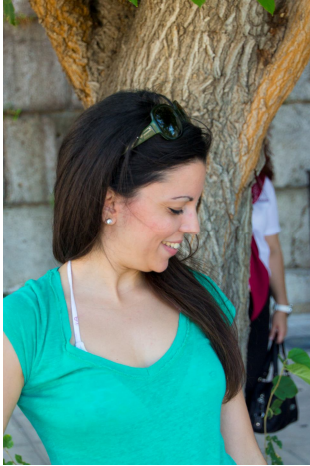


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Jordan is a ten-year-old boy. He is raised by his parents in a neighbourhood where children love reading, spelling and grammar. Their houses look like the alphabet letters and there are reading rooms and libraries full of children's books on every corner.



He doesn't have many friends because he feels ashamed of his difficulty in reading and writing properly. So, he prefers sitting alone, even during breaks. One day, while he was returning from school and being disappointed because he didn't do well at spelling once again, he lost his way home.



After walking for a long time, he found himself in front of a colourful house.

- It must be one of the reading rooms, he thought.

All of a sudden the windows opened and sucked Jordan inside. He was surprised to find, that there was only a single desk in the room. He sat down and got his books ready without hesitation.

Then something magical happened! The desk opened and a huge LITTLE PENCIL came out!



- Hello Jordan! You are the luckiest kid of this neighbourhood! You have just sat on the magic desk which will make you love spelling and English.
- But... I'm not good at this course at all... said Jordan sadly. Every day I study the spelling we have for homework, but when I go to school, I misspell all the difficult words.
- Be patient, my little friend! I can make it all be easy! Are you ready?
- Yeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeees! he yelled happily.
- Then, listen to the song!

All of a sudden huge notes appeared in front of Jordan and his desk, and there was a song:



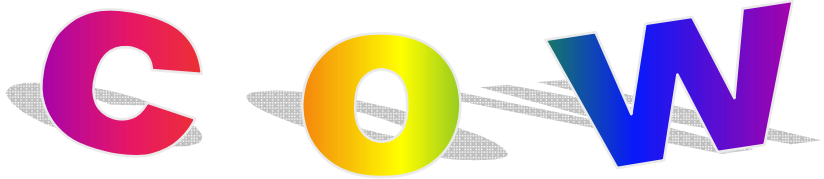
“Easy or hard?
Easy or hard?
For me it’s always easy!”

- Pay attention Jordan, said the little magic pencil. I'm going to reveal our first trick.

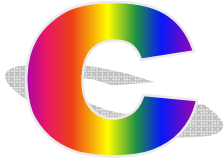
It's called:

"I jump from the easy to the hard"

Colourful letters from a flying book appeared and created the word



The o and w lowered



O W

EASY → HARD

There was the song again:



“Easy or hard?
Easy or hard?
For me it's always easy!”

- That is, my dear Jordan, we went from the easy **o** to the hard **w**.
- The same happens to other words too? asked Jordan tensely.
- Of course! Take a look at other words and see for yourself that it goes from easy to hard.

The little pencil began to write words...

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