AN EVALUATION OF A NON-DICTATION METHOD OF SPELLING WITH JUNIOR-HIGH-SCHOOL PUPILS

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CHAPTER I

I. INTRODUCTION

A. The Problem

In many schools formal instruction in spelling ceases at the end of the sixth year. Beginning with the seventh grade or the first year of the junior-high school, spelling is frequently taught incidently with other subjects. Most teachers mark the misspelled words which they find in the pupils' written work, but when these pupils get into senior-high school or accept a position which requires accurate spelling, they are found wanting. One reason for not giving formal instruction in spelling is that the curriculum is already overcrowded. This investigation is an attempt to find out whether there is not some method of spelling aside from the usual dictation method which would consume less of the teacher's time and be as effective as the dictation method.

This new method, called the non-dictation method, is largely self-administering, and thus requires less of the teacher's time. The author has attempted to arrive at some conclusions on "An Evaluation of a Non-Dictation Method of Spelling with Junior-High-School Pupils."

B. Scope of Study and Schools Included in Study

One pre-test1 of one hundred words, sixteen weekly units of spelling of twenty-five words each, and a final examination of one hundred words were given to two-hundred forty-nine pupils in the seventh grades of Deming School. (Sections A and B), Otter Creek, Glen. Sugar Grove. and Rankin Schools. One group, consisting of Deming (Section B). Otter Creek, and Rankin Schools, used the dictation method and are designated as Group A. The other group. consisting of Deming (Sec. A), Glenn, and Sugar Grove. used the non-dictation method and are designated as Group B. These schools are located in Terre Haute, or within a radius of six miles of Terre Haute. Of the two hundred forty-nine pupils who participated in part or all of this experiment one hundred thirty-one belonged to Group A and one hundred eighteen to Group B. For various reasons which will be mentioned later not all of these cases will be considered in the final averages. Comparisons of Groups A and B were made on the following bases:

- (1) The averages of the scores on the pre-tests of both groups as a whole.
- (2) The averages of the scores on the weekly units of both groups as a whole.

¹F. L. Wells and F. B. Knight, Basic Spelling Units.

- (3) The averages of the scores on the final examinations of both groups as a whole.
- (4) The averages of the scores on the pre-tests of the girls of both groups.
- (5) The averages of the scores on the weekly units of the girls of both groups.
- (6) The averages of the scores on the final examinations of the girls of both groups.
- (7) The same comparisons for the boys as for the girls in (4), (5), and (6).
- (8) The average of the scores on pre-tests of the upper one-fourth of each group.
- (9) The average of the scores on the weekly units of the upper one-fourth of each group.
- (10) The averages of the scores on the final examination of the upper one fourth of each group.
- (11) The same comparisons for the lower one-fourth as given in (8), (9), and (10).
- (12) The averages of the scores on the units of the matched groups, that is, of those in one group whose scores in the pre-test were the same as the pre-test of those in the other group.
- (13) The averages of the scores on the final examination of the matched group.

- C. Reasons for Carrying on Experiment in the Limited Area of Terre Haute and Vicinity
- 1. The success of the experiment depends largely on keeping all factors, such as the time, assignment, words, etc., uniform except the manner of giving out the words. Having the schools near together made it possible for the writer to exercise close personal supervision which would not have been done by correspondence.
- 2. The human mind is subject to certain psychological laws which function the same regardless of geographical locations.
- D. Reasons for Having One Teacher Use only One Method
 Instead of both Methods
- 1. If one teacher had used both the dictation and non-dictation method, there would have been danger of teachers getting the two methods confused, and the success of the experiment depended on teachers' carrying out of the instructions very carefully.
- 2. There is a possibility that some teachers might have had a strong preference for one method and a strong dislike for the other method. This would likely have affected the reliability of the results. In this experiment teachers were permitted to select the method they wished to use.

E. Why No Intelligence Tests Were Given to the Pupils

Prior to the Spelling Experiment

In this experiment no intelligence tests were given to the pupils prior to the experiment because eminent authorities in the field of spelling, such as Horn, Hollingsworth, and Guiler, are agreed that there is only a slight correlation between general intelligence and ability to spell. To quote Hollingsworth:

"The data her under consideration serves to show, at all events, that children of the same mental age, the same intelligence quotient, and the same school training, may and do differ from each other very greatly in ability to spell; that a child of good intellectual quality may fall far below a child of poor intellectual quality in spelling ability; and that it is unsafe to make "a priori" inferences about a child's general ability to spell, or about his ability to spell on the basis of his general ability."

Horn says: "Students of less than average (but not subnormal) intelligence as measured by Terman's Scales may show no inferiority in ability in learning to spell."2

Guiler says: "Intelligence seems to bear no significant relation to ability to spell."

¹L. S. Hollingsworth, Psychology of Special Disability in Spelling. p. 15

²Ernest Horn, <u>Eighteenth Year Book</u>, <u>N.E.A.</u>, Part II, p. 64

³W. S. Guiler, "Improving Ability in Spelling," Elementary School Journal, Vol. XXX, April, 1930, pp. 594-603

CHAPTER II

I. METHODS AND MATERIALS USED IN GIVING TESTS AND COLLECTING DATA

A. Directions to Teachers

The purpose of this investigation is to make a comparison of a dictation and of a non-dictation method of spelling and to determine, if possible, which of the two methods is the better. The group using the dictation method will be Group A; those using the non-dictation method will be Group B.

No comparison of schools will be made.

A preliminary test of 100 words will be given to determine the spelling ability of the pupils before studying the words. The investigation will cover a period of sixteen weeks. One unit of twenty-five words will be given weekly. A final test of 100 words will be given at the end of the experiment to measure improvement made by pupils. These words will be of equal difficulty of the words used in the preliminary test. The units for Group A will consist of the same words as the units for Group B, but the dictation method will be used for Group A, and the non-dictation method for Group B.

Teachers of Group A will dectate words to the pupils, after which teachers will spell each word correctly and have each pupil correct his own misspelled words. The pupil then copies the correct form of all his misspelled words in his individual spelling notebook.

Teachers of Group B should furnish pupils with lists of words spelled in three different ways and have them write the correct spelling of each word after its corresponding number in the column at the left. After all words have been spelled, the teacher should spell all the words correctly and have each pupil correct his own misspelled words. Each pupil should then copy the correct form of all the words he has misspelled in his individual spelling notebook. Then pupils should hand in their papers to the teacher, together with spelling instructions, after the final spelling of the words.

Teachers should check pupils' work to see that the correct forms of all misspelled words are written in the spelling notebooks. Teachers should instruct pupils in regard to procedure and see that instructions are carried out. Remember that any word which has been changed, erased, or corrected is to be considered as a misspelled word.

Teachers should discuss the instructions and suggestions for spelling with the pupils at the outset of
the experiment, as they would any other lesson. After
that the teacher gives no more attention to the rules
and instructions, but she may answer questions raised by
pupils concerning the instructions and suggestions.
Each pupil will be supplied with a copy of instructions
and suggestions for studying spelling which he should
keep and refer to frequently.

After the second spelling the teacher merely collects the papers and notebooks. Investigator will score the papers.

Teachers should not tell pupils this is an experiment, because if pupils know this, some might put in more effort than they would under normal conditions.

B. Pupils' Spelling Instructions Group A

Your teacher will dictate twenty-five words which you are to write on the paper furnished you. After you have finished writing the words your teacher will spell all the words correctly for you, and you will check your errors. Place an \underline{X} before the number of each misspelled word. Also check with an \underline{X} (1) any words you have changed, erased, or corrected; (2) any words of which you guessed the correct spelling. Next copy the correct form of all misspelled words in your individual spelling notebooks. Then hand to your teacher both your spelling paper and these instructions. You should now master the words in your spelling notebooks.

C. Pupils' Spelling Instructions Group B

The words in the units are spelled in three ways.

Only one spelling of each word is correct. The others

are ways in which junior-high school pupils frequently

misspell that word. Select the correct spelling and copy it after its corresponding number in the column at the left. You will be given five minutes in which to write the twenty-five words. Then your teacher will spell each word for you correctly. Place an \underline{X} before the number of each misspelled word. Also check with an \underline{X} (1) any words you have changed, erased, or corrected; (2) any words of which you guessed the correct spelling. Next copy the correct form of all misspelled words in your individual spelling notebooks. The hand both your spelling paper and these instructions to your teacher. You should now master the words in your spelling notebooks.

D. Pre-test and Final Test

Before the weekly spelling units were used a pretest of one hundred words was given to the pupils to determine their spelling ability before they had studied the words. The same words were given to both Group A and Group B. The dictation method was used for both groups in the pre-test. The words in the pre-test were selected from the four hundred words in the spelling units.

After the sixteen units were given to the pupils, a final examination of one hundred words was given to both groups. The same words were given to both groups and the dictation method was used. The words of the

final examination were of equal difficulty as the words of the pre-test. The words in both the pre-test and final examination were selected from the four hundred words in the units. The difficulty of the words was determined by consulting the Iowa Spelling Scales⁴ (Grade VII) by Ernest J. Ashbaugh of Ohio State University. These scales definitely determine the word difficulty for pupils of the seventh grade and the words used in this experiment range in difficulty from 25% to 99%. The Iowa Spelling Scales show that out of a large number of seventh-grade pupils who attempted to spell the word "rheumatism," only 25% spelled it correctly. Of a large number of seventh-grade pupils who attempted to spell the word "answer, 99% spelled it correctly.

The final examination consisted of one hundred words of equal difficulty as the words in the pre-test. For example, the words "schedule" and "recommendation" each have a spelling difficulty of 25%. "Schedule" was used in the pre-test and "recommendation" in the final examination. The teachers dictated the words at the rate of one every ten seconds or six per minute on both the pre-test and final examination.

⁴E. J. Ashbaugh, "Iowa Spelling Scales." Grade VII

1. THE WORD DIFFICULTY OF EACH WORD IN PRE-TEST AND

FINAL TEST

•	Pre-test	Spelling	Difficulty	Z	Final Test
1	schedule		25	1	recommendation
2	essential		27	2	chautauqua
3	unnecessary		32	3	characteristic
4	correspondence		33	4	committee
5	fundamental		3 7	5	analysis
6	thesis		39	6	scientific
7	recommend		39	7	courteous
8	convenient		39	8	canvass
9	immense		40	9	acquaintance
10	privilege		41	10	enthusiasm
	notary		43	11	judgment
12	especially		43	12	epidemic
	circuit		43	13	anticipate
	leisure		44	14	assessment
	immediately		46	15	disappointed
	·professional		48	16	merely
17	responsibility		19	17	materially
	license		49	18	enormous
19	sincerely		50	19	regretting
	communication		50		bureau
	permanent		51		financial
22	campaign		51	22	arrangement
	superintendent		52	23	associate
	geometry		53 '		extension
	agricultural		53		advertisement
26	straightened		54	26	quantities
27	preliminary		54	27	personally
28	occasion		54	28	athletics
29	official		55	29	installment
<i>3</i> U	catalogue		55 5 2	50	acceptance
3T	opportunity		56		meter
27	specification		57 - ~		remittance
20 74	legislation carnival		57		grateful
24	carnival		57 ·	34	
	maturity		58 50	35	
20	consultation talent		58	36	consequently
	inducement		59 50		secretary
20	Inducement		59 60	38	acquire
40	supervisor exhibit		60 60	39	inferior
	decision		60 60	40	demonstration
	attorney		60	44	allotment
43	assigned		60	42	beginning
44	organize		61	40	assume
45	heretofore		61		losing certificate
	possession		62		interfere
47	readily		63		civics
48	basis		63		auditor
49	generally		6 4		executed
50	electricity		64	50	
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Pre-test	Spelling Difficulty	Final Test
51 capacity	64	51 attitude
52 surplus	65	52 succeeded
53 prefer	65	53 illustrated
54 experience	65	54 exclusively
55 sympathy	66	55 succeed
56 subscription	66	56 preparation
57 mechanical	66	57 assignment
58 welfare	67	58 constitution
59 engineering	67 68	59 substitute
60 successful 61 niece	68	60 label
62 various	69	61 separate
63 similar	69	62 stomach
64 equipment	69	63 invoice
65 choir	69	64 equally 65 candidate
66 benefit	6 9	
67 splendid	70	66 accordingly
68 practice	70	67 premium 68 literature
69 furniture	70	69 evidently
70 disgusted	70	70 contrary
71 usually	71	71 strictly
72 senior	71	72 reservation
73 principal (chief		73 personality
74 democrat	71	74 control
75 confirming	71	75 business
76 barely	71	76 assurance
77 respectfully	72	77 reference
78 really	72	78 qualities
79 illustration	72	79 glorious
80 fortunate	72	80 extreme
81 examine	72	81 eksewhere
82 disagreeable	72	82 believing
83 based	72	83 applicant
84 announce	72	84 accordance
85 vicinity	73	85 type
86 prosperous	73	86 profitable
87 previous	73	87 ninth
88 issued	73	88 government
89 fashionable	73	89 enrollment
90 coupon	73	90 commercial
91 worrying	74	91 valuable
92 territory 93 illustrating	74	92 remedy
94 frequently	74	93 honorable
95 envelope	74 74	94 expensive
96 transit	74 75	95 employer
97 series	75 75	96 signature 97 relieve
98 journal	75 75	
99 expense	75	98 explanation 99 duplicate
100 discontinued	75	100 confidence
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- E. The Spelling Schedule
- 1. Glenn School Schedule

Use exactly fifty minutes per week on Monday and Wednesday.

Monday

- 5 minutes for spelling new words.1
- 5 minutes for correcting errors.2
- 5 minutes for writing correct form of misspelled words in notebook.
 - 10 minutes for studying words missed on Monday.3

Wednesday

20 minutes for studying words missed on Monday. 5 minutes for writing words.

Note:

After the second unit was given the following changes in the spelling schedule of all schools were Made:

- The five-minute period for spelling the new words was changed to eight minutes.
- 2The five-minute period for correcting errors was changed to seven minutes.
- The ten-minute period for studying the words missed on the first spelling was changed to five minutes. These changes were made because the time for spelling new words and correcting errors was not sufficient.

2. Deming School, Groups A and B Schedule

Use exactly fifty minutes per week on Monday and Tuesday.

Monday

- 5 minutes for spelling new words.
- 5 minutes for correcting errors.
- 5 minutes for writing correct form of misspelled words in notebooks.
 - 10 minutes for studying words missed.

Tuesday

- 20 minutes for studying words missed on Monday.
- 5 minutes for writing words.

3. Sugar Grove School Schedule

Use exactly fifty minutes per week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Monday

Five minutes for spelling new words.

Five minutes for correcting errors.

Five minutes for writing in notebooks the correct form of misspelled words.

Five minutes for studying words missed.

Tuesday

Ten minutes for studying words missed on Monday.

Ten minutes to be used by teacher in any work she
pleases, independent of this experiment.

Wednesday

Fifteen minutes for studying words missed on Monday. Five minutes for writing words.

4. Rankin School Schedule

Use exactly fifty minutes per week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Monday.

Five minutes to pronounce words and have pupils write the words.

Five minutes for teacher to spell and pubils check errors.

Five minutes for pupils to write in their notebooks correct forms of misspelled words.

Five minutes to study words missed.

Tuesday

Ten minutes to study words missed on first day. The remaining ten minutes of the period teacher may do what- ever work she pleases wholly apart from the experiment.

Wednesday

Fifteen minutes for studying words missed on Monday. Five minutes for pronouncing words.

5. Otter Creek Schedule

Use exactly fifty minutes per week on Monday, Tues-day and Wednesday.

Monday.

Five minutes to pronounce words and have pupils write them.

Five minutes for teacher to spell and pupils check errors.

Five minutes for pupils to write in their notebooks correct forms of words they misspelled.

Five minutes to study words missed.

Tuesday

Ten minutes to study words missed on first day. The remaining ten minutes teacher may do whatever work she pleases, wholly apart from spelling experiment.

Wednesday

Fifteen minutes for study.

Five minutes for pronouncing words.

F. Distribution of Time in the Spelling Experiment

1. Otter Creek and Rankin

Fifty minutes per week were devoted to this spelling experiment by each school, but the distribution of time was not the same for all schools. Otter Creek and Rankin used twenty minutes on Monday, ten minutes on Tuesday and twenty minutes on Wednesday. These schools had spelling daily for a period of twenty minutes. The teachers were free to devote the remaining fifty minutes per week to spelling as long as it was wholly apart from the experiment.

2. Deming School, Sections A and B

The schedule at Deming called for two periods per week of twenty-five minutes each. The spelling days were Monday and Tuesday. The entire spelling time at Deming was taken up by this experiment.

3. Glenn School

The program at Glenn School called for fifty minutes per week, twenty-five minutes on Monday and twenty-five minutes on Wednesday.

4. Sugar Grove

Sugar Grove School had a twenty-minute spelling period daily. The time devoted to this experiment was twenty

minutes on Monday, ten minutes on Tuesday, and twenty minutes on Wednesday.

Otter Creek, Rankin, and Sugar Grove Schools had daily spelling periods, but it was probably less confusing to the teacher if the three spelling days were consecutive. To have used ten minutes daily would not have been satisfactory, because the periods would have been too short.

At Deming School and Glenn School the schedule for spelling was already determined, namely Monday and Tuesday for Deming and Monday and Wednesday for Glenn.

G. Cases not Considered in Final Tabulation of Results

In the tabulation of the final results the following cases were not considered:

- 1. Those who missed six or more units and either the pretest or final examination. or both.
- 2. Those who made less than 10% on pre-test and less than 10% on the final examination, and not over 30% on any of the units.
- 3. Those who made above 90% in the pretest, and made very high scores on the units.

The reasons for throwing out those cases where scores were very low or very high is because this experiment is a test in method and not in achievement. These cases were exceptional and not typical of the group. The extremely dull pupils would not have learned by any method, and the very bright pupils would have made a good record with either method, as they were able to spell more than 90% of the words in the pretest without any preparation.

CHAPTER III

I. FINDINGS OF THE INVESTIGATION

This chapter is divided into two parts. The first part deals with the scores made on the pre-test, units, and final examination of pupils of the six schools concerned in this study. The data are presented in Tables I to VI inclusive (pp 21-26). Table I should be read as follows:

Pupil No. 1 in school No. 1 made the following scores:

4 on the pre-test, 11 on the final examination, 84 on the first unit, 72 on the second unit, 68 on the third unit, 88 on the fourth unit, 80 on the fifty unit, 52 on the sixth unit, 28 on the seventh unit, 52 on the eighth unit, no score on the ninth unit as pupil was absent, 80 on the tenth unit, 56 on the eleventh unit, 56 on the twelfth unit, no score on the thirteenth unit as pupil was absent, 68 on the fourteenth unit, 64 on the fifteenth unit, 48 on the sixteenth unit, and an average of 64 on the fourteen units.

The remainder of Table I and the following five tables should be read in a similar manner.

The second part deals with the significant ratios between Groups A and B, on the pre-test, units, and final examination.

Tables VII to XII inclusive (pp 27-32) show the comparison of the scores made by the different groups.

H.E. Garrett, "Statistics in Psychology and Education." pp. 128-136

Tables

TABLE I THE PRE-TEST, UNITS, AND FINAL EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL NO. 1, GROUP A

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2	6	33	68	52	36	80	40	40	36	40	52	64	48	48	60	28	60	48	50.00
3 4	65	79	96	96	100	100	96		84	100	96	88	100	1.00	100	96	100	96	95.66
	75	93.	92	96	100	100	100	7 0	100	100 92	100	92 96	96	100	88	100	100	100 88	98.28
5	41	58	96	72	88	92	88	72 88	84	80	80	•	96 88	80		88	92 88		86.25
6	26	62.	96	84	88	n/						92		84	72	- 88	88	80 68	85.06
7	25	58	60	84	72	76	80	76	72	72	84	96	96	04	92				80.50
8	75	90	96	100	3.00		100		•	100	•	100	96		100	92	96	96	97.71
9	90	99	100	100		92	100	TOO	96		100		100	100	100	,	192		198.66
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17 18	7	16	60 84	72	64 88	88	40		20	84		04	00	80	88	80	80	80	81.45
	•	59 26	52		36	48	20	52	24	28	92		20	20	44	36	56	36	36.61
19 20	9		100	100	_	96	32 96	32 84	36 96	96	0.4	100	96	92		100	100	92	95.50
21	33	8	60	68	68	88	80	60	40	64	52	72	52	92	80	72	64	64	67.25
22	5 46	75	92	92	100	92	92	84	80	96	88	14	84	96	ნ 8	-	100	96	91.46
23	51	59	74	80	76	72	68 68	04	84	64	72	88	92	88	92	92	80	70	81.33
24	28	67	92	88	96	96	88	92	84	84	84	100	92	- 88	88	92	. 88	88	90.00
25	39	57	88	96	96	100	92	52	56	80	64	84	72	76	80	80	64	84	79.46
26	11	71	80	24	28	40	52	40	28	48	32	72	44	10	36	56	40	04	44.28
27	14	31	84	84	60	76	76	60	16	76	52	68	68	5 2	5 2	52	40	56	62.13
28	28	57	84	04	72	76	10	60	20	68 68	68	88	92	60	64	92	72	44	68.57
29	61		100	96	92	92	76	64	100	96	92	92	100	•	100	-	100	96	92.53
30	3	19	96	60	64	12	80	68	40	80	76	72	80	. 88	96.	88	84	88	77.33
31	4	17	92	76	40	in.	48	60	40	88	72	76	76		92	84	64	68	69.71
32	17	29	68	10	28	44	40	44	44	44	40	52	56	44	64	40	48	48	46.93
<u>۵</u>	-1	-,	. 50		20	77	+∪	77	77	77		76		77		70			+0.75
-														 -	A	vers	ge		75.98

^{75.98}

^{*} No te: In the following tables:

PN - Pupil Number

PT = Pre-test FT = Final Test

TABLE II

THE PRE-TEST, UNITS, AND FINAL EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL NO. 2, GROUP A

PN	PT	FT	I	II	III	ΙV	V	VI	VII	VII	IIX	Х	XI	XII	XII	XI	v XV	XVI	Av of
<u></u>																			Units
ı	76	84	100	88		100	100		100	92	100		100	96	84	96	100		96.33
2	19	70	92	96	88	96		96	92	88	92	96	96		100	, ,	92		93.06
3	88	96	96		100	100	,	•	100						100	100	-	-	99.71
4	17	• .	100	92	80	92	92	100	92	96		100		100		88	96		94.50
5	•	49	100		100	96	92			100	96	100	100	96	96		96	88	96.40
6	5 9	87	100	100	100	96	96	100	100	92		100	96	96	100	100	100	100	98.25
7	12	38	64	72	64		76	60	44	32	48	72	76	56	60		76		60.00
8	49	87	100	100	100			96	96	92					100	100	•	100	98.75
9	25	70	96	96	84			-	92	76	. 96	-	100	•	100	96	96		92.25
10	37	•	100	96	84	100		92	92	100	•		100	•	100	88	96		96.00
11	13	49	,	88		96		92		92	96	-	100	•	100	72	88		92.61
12	6	33	. 72	52	44		68	56	32	48		76		56		72		-	61.86
13	15	76	100	88	88	100	92	92		80	96		100			96			93.86
14	33	70	96	88	100	100	•	100		92	92	96			-		100	-	96.50
15		80	100			100			100	88			100					100	98.66
16	_	66	96	76	•			100		96	-				100		96		96.26
17	40	78	100	100	96		100		100		96		100	92			100		96.00
18	27	74			•		100		-	100	•				100		96	-	98.66
19	60	89	•	100		•	100		100	3.00	100				100		96		98.40
20	66	83	96			100	100			100		88	•		100		100	92	97.00
21	48	78	• • •	100		200	96	92	88	84	92	96	92	92	96	88	100	92	93.42
22	10		100		100		00	72	80	88	96	96		88	84	88	0.6	84	88.00 98.00
23	69	92	100	100		100	88	96	100	92	•		100	100	100			100 56	66.93
24	8	31	76	56	52	80	64 88	76	48	48	84	76	88	92	72 88	56 84	72	84	81.33
25	20 (F	51 88	84	68	80	72	00	72 100	84 96	64 96	76	9.4	92		100		•	D 00	99.07
26	65 13	37	100 76	76	48	76	88	68	48	72	80	80	80	80		54	84	200	73.06
.27 28	40	21	100		100		100								100			100	99.25
29	61	86	100	100	100	•	96			100			100		100				99.46
30	2	18	100	96	64	•	100		84	88		100	76	•	100	92	88	84	89.25
31	25			100		100	96	96		100	96	92	96	92	88	84		100	94.25
32	-		100		100	96		100	•	96	-	-		96		100		100	97.50
33	32	65	88	76	88		100		, •		100	92	96		100		96		93.06
34	.,-	78						100	100		100		96	92	88	_			9.4-33
35	12	46	96		88	96			64	96	80	88	84	88	96	76	76	76	84.75
36	21	58	88	88	84	80	96	88	72	92	92	84	92	80	100	84	80	84	86.50
37	35		100	100	100	96	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	96		100		99.25
38	19	60	76	88	84	72	84	72	96	80	84	84	92	76	88	76	8 6	80	82.50
39	20	47	100	92		96		100	92		100	100	96	96	100	100	100	100	97.33
40	72	92	84	92	92	100		100	96	92	88	92	100	96	96	92	100	100	94.66

TABLE III

THE PRE-TEST, UNITS, AND FINAL EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL NO. 3, GROUP A

PN	PT	FT	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Х	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	/ XV	XVI	
																			Units
	70	0 E	92	100	100	100	100	88	96	100	96	100	96	100	88	96	92	100	96.50
1	70 15	95 70	96	88	92	60	76	84	76	88	-80	92	84	96	68	88	92	92	84.50
2	47	76	100	92	88	88	10	100	92	•	88	96	•	96	96	80	100	92	92.92
3 4	61	95	100	100	100	100	88	100	96	100	92	100	100	,	96	100	100	92	97.60
5	30	57	96	84	88	88	96		92	92	88	92	96	88	96	64	92	96	89.86
6	32	71	96	88	92	88	92	84	,-	92	84	88	96	80	88	88	88	96	84.33
7	39		100	100	100	92	100	92	100	96	100	96	100	100	100	100	96	96	98.00
8	71	87	96	96	100	96	92	96	100	100	100	96	100	96	96	88	100	92	96.50
9	23	45	84	100	92	84	76	84	96	92	76	88	68	84	88	388	92	92	86.50
10	39	61	100	88	96	96	96	92	92	96	76	96	96	92	96	100	92	88	93.25
11	56	79			100	96	96	96	96	100	100	96	92	100	100	92	100	96	97.14
12	68	8í	100	96	96	96	92	96	96	92	92	92	88	92	84	96	88	96	93.25
13	52	72	80			92	100	88	92	92	96	100	96	96		100	96		93.84
14	52	74	100	96	100	92	100	96	96	96	88	96	96	96		100	100	92	96.50
15	46	79	96	92	96	92	100	96	92	96	92	100	96	100	92	100	96	100	96.00
16	22	53	96	84	88	100	9 6	96	100	96	96	92	96		96	96	96		95.20
17		33	100	80	80	88	96	96	96	96	88	92	96	92	84	92	92	92	91.25
18	66	78			96	-88	96	96	100	96	88	96	88	80	92		96	92	92.61
19	13	34	76		44	60	48	68	60	40	40	72	48	68		52	48	48	55.14
20	70	86	100	92		84	96	96	100	96	96	88		96	100		100	100	95.19
21	29	60	84	88	88	84	84	80	80	92	92	92	96	84	72	92	100	84	87.00
22	6	14	36	84	48	40	, 48	36	24	32		52		32	44	40	44	28	42.00
23	19	53	96	96	100	100	96	96		96			96	96	84		88	92	84.66
24	61	88	96	68	100	92	96	96	88	92	96	92		96	92	100	100	96	93.33
25	9	16	•	8 8	44	48		24		20	40	56		32	52	52	52	32	47 - 27
26	6	29	60	84	84	80	· 68	52	68	60	44	76	64		56	6 8	64	60	65.86
27	30	54	96	80	60	72	68	36	64	52	52	76	92		100	100	100	96	76.75
28	B 3		76	96	80		72	. 48	56		64	52	72	52	72	88	0.0	- (69.00
29	66	75	92	92	92	84	96	100	92	96	100	,	96	88	100	96	88	96	93.86
30	10	34	96	80	60	72	60	44	88	68	80	96	68	84	76	80	84	72	75.50
31	51	83	100	96	100	88	1 00	92	96	100	96	92	96	88	96	100	/ .	100	96.00
32	30	44	52	· 76	76	64	72	68	56	44	56	80	68	68	64	64	64	64	64.75
33		90				100	100	92	.92	100	92		100	100	100		_	96	97.66
															AV	gere	е		85.91

TABLE IV

THE PRE-TEST, UNITS, AND FINAL EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL NO. 4, GROUP B

PN	PT	FT	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VII	I IX	Х	XI	XII	XI	II X	IA X	V XVI	Av of Units
1	26	37	84	92	88	80	88	60	92	68	72			76	68	96		. 60	79.25
2	41	61	100	84	88	76	88	92	92	88	76	80	84	76		100	96	96	88.50
3	42	71	100	96	92	84	88	72	68	. 92	88	96	92	96	100	96	92		90.13
4	28	55	88	88	92	88	92	88	ზ8	92	76	92	88	88	92	100	88	92	89.50
5	7	12	84	60	9 2	72	68	88		80	. 60	80	96	96	80	68	80	44	70.13
6	11	27	76	84	92	64	80	80	56	64	60	72		32	64		76	48	67.71
7	11	23	52	76	80	88	92	88	68	92	80	80	88	64		96	ο 8	84	81.75
8	16	39	64	80	80	92	92	80	76	72	68	88	84	64	96	92	80	80	80.50
9	65	78	100	100	100	100	96	100	96	96	96	100	100	96	100	92	96	84	97.00
10		72		92	92	76	96	92	96	96	92	100	96	96	96	100	100	92	94.13
11	48	79	100	100	92	92	100	92	92	88	88	96		96	88	76	80	96	91.73
12	10	33	96	84	96	84	100	88	76	96	72	88		76	80	96	76	88	86.40
13	13	36	92	96	92	92	100	96	96	100	96	88	100	100	100	92		100	96.25
14	57	74	76	72	80		96	72	88	76	92	88	92	52	84	92	76	84	81.33
15	11	3 3	52	84	84.	64	80	88	68	92	80	84	60	72	72	80	64	64	74.25
16	23	44	8 8 °	88	80	76	72	76	72	76	72	84	72	72	76	76	76	74	76.25
17	24		84	_	88	96	96	92	92	88	88	92	92	92	92	96		72	90.00
18	22	55	80	76	88	80	68	80	84	80	೮೦	76	84	64	88	76	88.	76	79 • 25
19	21	40	80	72	Δ-	84	88	64	64	84	0.0	76	80	54	68 77	68	80 80	58	74.28
20	22	62	96	84	80	80	76	68	52	88	80	84	84	76	76	84		80	79.25
21	24	45	96	76	88	80	84	80	84	88	84	92	84	88	88	88	84	84 84	85.50
22	10	29	76	50	72	84	76	88	76	76	56	84	84	76	80	64	92		76.50 97.50
23	56	79	96	96	100	96	96	92	100	100	100	100	96	100	100	96	100 84	92	87.25
24	20	41	80	84	92	84	92	88	84	92	84	92	88	9 6 88	36 88	92 100		76 88	91.00
25	15	36	100	92	88	92	96	· 8 o	92	84	96	88	88	84		100	96	- 88	88.57
26	72	84	88	84	96	96	68	84	88	84	88	10 0 -88	92 84	96	92 100	92	92	80	93.25
27	55	63	100	96	96	96	96		92 88	10 0 8 0	92 84	80		92	92	92	88	100	90.25
28	57	76	96	96	76	92	96	92 34		.00 1:00	22	92	100	88	્ 8 ઈ.	100	84	84	87.00
29	. 2 0	54	76	80 40	64	.88 2.3	∋9₅6 84	76	€ 3 4	84	68	76	68	68	88	92	80	80	78.66
30	37	66	. 00	60	96	92	.04	84	76	84	76	88	72		84	88	76	60	77.50
31	4	24	80	64	72	72	100	96	100	100	96	100	96	100	100	92	96	100	98.00
32	60	84	96	100 88	100 100	96	96	92		88	80	84	96.	88	84	92	96	92	89.75
33	74	82	76 88	00 44	4.4	96 .64	88	68	80	76	52	76	88 88	76	92	80	56	60	72.25
34	14	29		44 96	84	80	92	68	76	76	92	80	72	68	88	80	84	64	80.75
35	11 44	31 78	92		96	96	96	100	96	96	96	100	96	100		100	100	96	97.33
36	66	10	100	92	. 70	70	70	100	70	7,0	, , ,	100	, 5						

PN	PΤ	FT	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Х	XI	XII	XIII	/IX	7 , XV	XVI	AV of Units
1	32	62	92	88	96	96	92		92	100	96	96	100	9 6	100	96	88	92	94.66
2	51	81	100	96	92	92	88	76	96	88	88	100	92	92	92	96	100	92	92.50
3	16	35	100	84	100	100	100	100	96	92	δ0	96	100	96	96	96	100	88	95.25
4	25	-	92	92	92	96	96	100	88	88	84	100	92	96	96	100	92	96	93.75
5	ĺ	16	76	84	92	88	96	96	92	80	72	88	88	100	96	100	100	92	90.00
6	35	53	76	68	84	72	68	6 0	72	84	64	72		64	68		72	60	70.23
7	75	83	96	92	100	100	100	100	100	. 88	100	100		92	100	100	96	100	97.60
8	70	79	96	92	92	1.00	96	88	96	72	92	92	92	88	92	100	00	96	91.50
9	36	59	92	60	80	80	80	76	68		64	56	60	• •			60	72	70.66
1ó	15	43	92	88	84	92	84		84	88	76	100	96	84	84	84	92	84	87.46
11	4		72	60	76	92	56	84	64	68	76	72		52	88		84	48	70.85
12	i	21	52	64	52	80	88	88	76	72	68	76		52	ÖΟ		68	60	69 • 71
13	21	65	100	92	96	100	100	92	100	96	96	96	100	100	96	96	100	100	97.50
14	30	58	92	92	- 8 8	88	100	100	100	100	100	96	92	100	96	92	96	88	95.00
15	26	39	96	84	92	96	80	76	80	76	68	80		96	88	96		92	85.71
16	22	3/	96	84	84	96	88	96	80	88	92	92	88	84	96	96	88	88	89.75
17	19	34	64	72	80	68	72	96	80	84	92	84	80	84	88	84		76	81.60
18	6	15	84	48	60	76	68	64	56	68	64	88	- 64	60	ზ0	, 60	68	36	65 • 25
19	39	64	88	72	80	88	80	68	96	84	88	84		84	96	88	76	84	83.73
20	١,	24	100	84	68	92	72	64	80	88	76	84	84	76	76	80	68	76	79.25
21	54	70	84	96	96	88	96		92	96	80	88	100	80	96	88	76	84	89.33
22	47	71	100	88	100	96	100	100	100	96	96	100	92		96	100	88	96	96.53
23	11	32	88	56	72	84	64	44	60	•	56	84	72		80	92	76	6.4	70.85
24	6	25	76	68	84	76	64	80	60	68	84	76	76	72	96	84	68	56	74.25
25	24	-)	80	J	83	92	76		76	88	64	80	76			68	84	60	77.66
26.	51	74		96	100	100	96	96	96	96	88	96	92	100	96	96	96	88	95.76
27	29	55	100	96		100	100	96	96	100	96	100	100	96	96	100	80	96	96.75
	•	75	96	96	100	96	100	100	96	88	96	100	96	100	100	88	92	88	95.75
28 29	30 41	81	100	96		100		-96	•	92	96	96	92	80	96	84	92	92	93.00
								-								Ave	rage		85.93

TABLE VI

THE PRE-TEST, UNITS, AND FINAL EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL NO. 6, GROUP B

= PN	PΤ	FI	,	I II	77	711		117						-					
I. 1/	r I	rı	•	1 11	L 11.	I IV	V	Ϋ́	. AT1	r AT	(I I	Х	XI	XI.	[XI]	IX	VX VI	VXV.	I Av of
			 -		·			-									-		Units
1	80		100	100	96	96	100	100	88	100	100	96	100	92	100	1			00 53
2	3	8			•	-	88	80						•			. 76	56	97 •53 76 •80
3	21	39	84	•	100		88	96							•				91.00
4	40	60	100	92		84	84	100				, , -		,-	96				92.72
5	<i>5</i> 3	82	100	96	100	96	100	100	•	•		100	96	100	100		•	-	98.75
6	33	39	96			9 6	96	100	100	96	96	96	-			,	100		96.80
7	68	80		, -	92	92	100	96	96	100	80	96	-	•		100		, -	95.25
8	21	42	84				88	76				. 88	- 88	88			ზ <mark>8</mark>	, –	84.80
9	22	38	92				92	76			92	88	92	88	84		68	80	82.26
10	26	53	96		, -		96	88	80				88	92	96	92	96	84	91.25
11	27	68	96		96	, -	84	96			100	•	-	96	92	96	100	88	92.80
12	44	57	- 88	, –			76	84	96					96	•			92	91.42
13	43	82	96	•	100		92	92										,	98.00
14	<i>2</i> 7	18	80	. –	76	•	76	36	56		-		52	76		, -		-	69.00
15 16	7	25	88 84	-	84		88	88	76					84		, -		-	80.00
17	37	58 28	80	, -	72		72	80	64			•	72	72	88			. 84	78.00
18	9 57	80	92		64 96	76 96	88 84	88	92	96		96	80	100	- /	84	, –	84	86.28
19	17	44	92	•	64	•	84	92 60	96	92	84	, –			96	92	96	96	93.00
2Ô	7	14	84		64	60	60	68	7 6 68	72 64	96 52	00	96	92	84		96	84	81.25
21	40	49	100	84	84	84	92	96	80	88	88	92	52 80	60 80	56 მ 0	52 88	40	68	61.06
22	33	• • •	88	76	100	88	96	88	98	76	88	96	88	100	74	96	92 84	92 80	87.50
23	35	49	92	88	88	96	92	92	96	80	96	92	96	76	92	. 96	96	00	88.37 91.20
24	10	24	68	64	92	64	96	88	48		72	72	64	84	72	52	76		72.28
25	<i>5</i> 3	67	100	96	92	88	88	92	96	92	92	88	100	100	100	100	88	92	94.00
26	37	47	96	80	96	100		100	88	92	, –	92	92	92	92	84	92	92	91.73
27	2	13	72	72	-	88	80	72	72	96	92	80	68	96	84	88	88	92	82.66
28	32	50	84	92	76	96		•	92	•	84	88		100		100	92	96	93.07
29	37	68	96	96	92	96	100	96	-	100	96	100		100	, -	100	•	100	97.06
30	22	35	80	76	88	88	84	84	92	80	ž.	100	72	84	88	72		84	83.46
31	54	•	100		100	96				100	100	•	96	96		100	100	96	98.28
32	47		100	96	96	100	92	88	96	•		100			100		100	96	97.06
33	6	10	80	60	68	84	72	96	84	72	64	84	72	80	84	68	72	72	75.75
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35	70	61	08	84	80	80	76	88	80	92	60	72	86	80	6 8	84	8 0	80	79.50
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TABLE VII

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MEANS OF GROUPS A AND B ON THE PRE-TEST, UNITS, AND FINAL EXAMINATION

A = Dictation Group

B = Non-dictation Group

Scores Máde on	M _A ±PE _M	$ extbf{M}_{ ext{B} extbf{ extit{z}}} ext{PE}_{ ext{id}}$	Diff ±PE Diff	In Favor of	Ratio of Diff to PE of Diff	Chances in 100 that True Diff Is Greater Than Zero
1	2	3	4 ,	5	1 6	7
Pre-test	36.74±1.63	31.24 <u>±</u> 1.38	5.50±2.13	A	2.58	95
Units	84.55± .99	86.31 <u>±</u> 62	1.76±1.17	В	1.50	84
Final Exam	61.69±1.65	51.04±1.52	10.65±2.25	A	4.72	100

The data of Table VII seem to justify the following statements:

- (1) The difference on the pre-test between Groups A and B is not significant, and the slight difference in favor of Group A is probably due to sampling, or the number of cases involved.
- (2) The difference between the units of Groups A and B was not significant, the difference probably being due to sampling.
- (3) On the final examination there was a significant difference in favor of Group A, a difference not due to sampling. This seems to indicate that the dictation method is superior to the non-dictation method.

TABLE VIII

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MEANS OF THE GIRLS
OF GROUPS A AND B IN THE PRE-TEST. UNITS.

AND FINAL EXAMINATION

A = Dictation Group

B = Non-dictation Group

Scores Made on	M _A ≛PE _M	М $_{\mathbf{B}}$ Р $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{M}}$	Diff±PE _{Diff}	In Favor Of	Ratio of Diff to PE of Diff	Chances in 100 that True Diff Is Greater Than Zero
1	2	3	4	ı 5	. 6	7
Pre-test	38.06±2.07	35.93 <u>+</u> 1.87	2.13 <u>+</u> 2.79	A	.763	69
Units	87.67±1.40	90.08± .62	2.41 <u>+</u> 1.53	В	1.57	86
Final Exam	67.18 <u>+</u> 2.03	53.84±2.01	13.44 <u>+</u> 2.86	A	4.63	100

The data of Table VIII seem to justify the following statements:

- (1) The difference between the dictation and non-dictation group on the pre-test for girls is not a significant difference, but is probably due to sampling.
- (2) The difference between the dictation and non-dictation groups on the units for the girls is not a significant difference, but a difference probably due to sampling.
- (3) The difference between the dictation and the non-dictation groups on the final examination for the girls is a significant difference in favor of the dictation group. This difference is not due to sampling and seems to indicate that the dictation method is superior to the non-dictation method.

TABLE IX

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MEANS OF THE BOYS
OF GROUPS A AND B IN THE PRE-TEST. UNITS.

AND FINAL EXAMINATION

A = Dictation Group

B = Non-dictation Group

Scores Made on	$M_{A \pm PE_{M}}$	м _{В±} Рн _М	Diff±PE _{Diff}	In Favor Of	Ratio of Diff to PE of Diff	Chances in 100 that True Diff is Greater Than Zero
1	, 2	3	4	. 5	. 6	, 7
Pre-test	38.90±1.40	27.21 <u>±</u> 1.11	6.69 <u>+</u> 1.78	A	3.74	99
Units	79.22±1.48	82.04± .97	2.82 <u>+</u> 1.77	В	1.59	86
Final Exam	54.95±2.55	48.15 <u>+</u> 2.12	6.80 <u>±</u> 3.31	A	2.05	91

The data of Table IX seem to justify the following statements:

- (1) The difference between the dictation and the non-dictation on the pre-test for boys is not a significant difference, but the chances for variation are small. The chances are 99 out of 100 that the difference in favor of the dictation group is not due to sampling.
- (2) On the units the difference between the two groups is not significant, and the difference in favor of the non-dictation group is probably due to sampling.
- (3) In the final examination the difference between the two groups is not a significant difference and is probably due to sampling. There is no significant superiority of one group of boys over the other.

TABLE X

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MEANS OF THE UPPER QUARTER OF GROUPS A AND B ON THE PRE-TEST.

UNITS, AND FINAL EXAMINATION

A = Dictation Group

B = Non-dictation Group

Scores Made on	$M_{A} \pm PE_{M}$	M _B ±PE _M	Diff <u>*</u> PE _{Diff}	In Favor Of	Ratio of Diff to PE of Diff	Chances in 100 that True Diff Is Greater Than Zero
1	2	ı <u>3</u>	4	5 1	6	7
Pre-test	70.42±1.59	60.08±1.30	10.34±2.05	A	5.03	100
Units	96.25± .82	94.14 <u>+</u> .24	2.11 <u>+</u> 1.11	· A	1.90	90
Final Exam	87.92 <u>+</u> 1.88	77.43± .84	10.49±2.06	A	5.09	100

The data of Table X seem to justify the following statements:

- (1) The difference between the dictation and the non-dictation groups on the pre-test for the upper quarters is a significant difference in favor of the dictation group, and not a difference due to sampling. The dictation group was significantly superior to the non-dictation group to begin with.
- (2) On the units the difference between the two groups is not significant, but is probably due to sampling, and in favor of the dictation group.
- (3) On the final examination the difference between the two groups is a significant difference, not due to sampling and in favor of the dictation group.

TABLE XI
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MEANS OF THE LOWER
QUARTER OF GROUPS A AND B ON THE PRE-TEST,
UNITS, AND FINAL EXAMINATION

Scores Made on	M _A ±PE _M	$ exttt{M}_{ exttt{B$^{\pm}}} exttt{PE}_{ exttt{M}}$	Diff <u>*</u> PE _{Diff}	In Favor Of	Ratio of Diff to PE of Diff	Chances in 100 that True Diff Is Greater Than Zero
1	2	3	4 ,	5	, 6 ,	7
Pre-test	8:68± .52	7.58± .50	1.10± .72	A	1.52	84
Units	64.42 <u>+</u> 2.21	76.18 <u>±</u> 1.11	11.76±2.47	В	4.76	100
Final Exam	30.08±2.23	22.87 <u>+</u> 1.23	72 21 ±2.55	A	2.83	97

The data of Table XI seem to justify the following statements:

- (1) The difference between the dictation and the nondictation group on the pre-test for the lower quarters is not a significant difference, and is probably due to sampling.
- (2) The difference between the two groups on the units is a significant difference in favor of Group B and not a difference due to sampling. This seems to indicate that the non-dictation method is superior to the dictation method.
 - (3) On the final examination the difference between the two groups is not a significant difference and is probably due to sampling.

TABLE XII

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MEANS OF THE MATCHED CASES IN GROUPS A AND B ON THE UNITS

AND FINAL EXAMINATION

A = Dictation Group

B - Non-dictation Group

Scores Made on	M _A ‡PE	M _B ±PE	^D iff±PE _{Diff}	In Favor Of	Ratio of Diff to PE of Diff	Chances in 100 that True Diff Is Greater Than Zero
1	2	1 3	. 4	15 1	6 ,	7
Units	89.09± .98	90.40± .73	1.31±1.22	В	1.07	76
Final Exam	66.82 <u>±</u> 1.77	59.94±1184	6.88±2.55	A	2.69	97

No data for pre-test are given since the two groups were equal on the pre-test.

The data of Table XII seem to justify the following statements:

- (1) In the units of the matched cases the difference between the two groups is not a significant difference, but a difference in favor of Group B probably due to sampling.
- (2) In the final examination of the matched cases the difference is not a significant difference, but one due to sampling, and in favor of Group A.

B. Conclusions

The data as shown in this study seem to justify the following conclusions:

- (1) The dictation method is slightly superior to the non-dictation method.
- (2) The dictation group showed significantly higher scores than the non-dictation group in the final examinations for the groups as wholes, in the final examination for the girls, and in the final examination for the upper quarter. It should be noted, however, that in both the pre-test and the final examination the dictation method was used.
- (3) The non-dictation group scored significantly higher in the units for the lower quarter than the dictation group. However, in the final examination for these groups the difference was in favor of the dictation group, but the difference was not a significant one. The superiority of the non-dictation group in the units is probably due to the fact that the non-dictation method provides for better opportunity for guessing than the dictation method.
- (4) In the final examination the dictation group showed superiority over the non-dictation group in every instance, but the difference favoring the dictation group was not always a significant difference.

- (5) In the matched cases the differences between the two groups was not significant, the scores on the units being slightly in favor of the non-dictation group, while the scores on the final examination were slightly in favor of the dictation group.
- (6) While the data show that the dictation group was superior to the non-dictation group in the final examination, it should be noted that the dictation group was also superior to begin with, as shown in the pretest. The superiority of the dictation group in the pre-test was practically the same as in the final examination.
- (7) The evidence as shown in the data does not seem to justify the statement that the dictation method has any decided superiority over the non-dictation method. Further study in this field will have to be made before it can be said that either method has definite superiority over the other.

APPENDIX A. SPELLING UNITS

SPELLING UNIT I

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8	tryangle triangle triangel
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10	tipe type typ
11	acquere acquire aquire
12	pamphlit pamflet pamphlet
13	expens expense expence
14	buoycott boycot
15	hostility hostelity hostillity
16	civicks civiks civics
17	experiment experment expirament
18	annually annually
19	government guvernment
20	desision decision decishun
21	purpose purpuse perpose
22	auditor auditer audator
23,	sophomore sophmore sophamore
24	pleasant pleasent
25	analisis analysis analyasis

SPELLING UNIT II

Name	School
City	Date
1	control controle
2	oppesite oppisite opposite
3	premeum premium premyum
4	simpathy simpthy sympathy
5	immediately immediatly
6	judgument judgment jugment
7	exhibit exhibit
8	antisipate antiscipate anticipate
9	graduateing graduatting graduating
10	ordinery ordinary ordinary
11	introduction interduction interduc-
12	shunsigniture signature signacher
13	anounce announce
14	insurance insurence insurrance
15	locle local locel
16	too two to (meaning also)
17	substetute substitut substitute
18	demonstration demunstration demon-
19	stratonfundamental fundamental fundamental
20	circut sircut circuit
21	autommatic automatic autamatic
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24	probably probabley probly
25	explaination explanation explana-
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1	paralel paralell parallel
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3	endevor endeavor endeaver
4	barly barelly barely
5	referendum refferendum referrendum
6	straighte strate straight
7. ,	Lattin Latin Laten
8	feild feeld field
9	liquid liquud licquid
10	remedy remidy remeddy
11	powwer power
12	citisen citazen citizen
13	bronkial bronchal bronchial
14	material matereal matterial
15	formula formula formulla
16	salery salary sallery
17	casheer casher cashier
18	commercil commercial commershal
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21	disappointed dissappointed disapointed
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SPELLING UNIT VI

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advisible adviseble advisable
worreying worrying worring
demacratic dimocratic democratic
recient ressent recent
trancit transit transcit
recomend recommend reccommend
litterature literature literacher
reelize reallize realize
evadence evidence evidance
alkohol alkihol alcohol
authorised authorized autherized
banqeut banquit banquet
asembly assembly asembley
superier superior supperior
essencial esenshal essential
recommendation recommendation recommendation
recomendationusualy.ussualy usually
earlyest earliest erliest
subscription subscripton
perchase purrchase purchase
generaly generally generaley

SPELLING UNIT VII

Name	School
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1	. scientiffic scientific scientifick
	• evedently evadently evidently
	. liveing living
	. expensive exspencive expencive
	. courtious courteous corteous
	. circuler circulur circular
	. independance independence indipendence
	. gloreous gloryous glorious
9	. successful successfull
10	. aprehension aprehension apprehension
11	. oppertunity opportunity oportunity
12	. referrence refrence reference
13	. arbytration arbitration arbitrashun
14	. satisfactory satisfactry satisfactory
15	. togather toogether together
16	. posession possession
17	. dissagreeable disagreeable disagreable
18.,	. prospereous prosperious prosperous
19	. organnize organize orgnize
20	. omitted ommitted omited
21	. burow bereau bureau
22	. democrat dimocrat democrate
23	. apperatus apparatus aparatus
24	. duplicat duplikate duplicate
25	. fortunate forchunate fortchunate

SPELLING UNIT VIII

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	8 sallu	itation salutashun salutation
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	16 answe	r ancer anser
	17 mikro	scope micerscope microscope
	18 asiss	tant assistant assistent
	19 posit	ion possition posishun
	20, quale	ties qualities qualitys
	21 seper	ate sepparate separate
	22 phylo	sonher philosopher philosofer
	23 compe	tition compettition competishun
	24 murce	ry mercury mercurry
•	25 enval	ope envellop envelope

SPELLING UNIT IX

Name	School
City	Date
1	advantage advantege advantige
2	genuine jenuine geniune
3	assessment assessment
4	asignment assinement assignment
5	assistance asistence assistence
6	grattitude gratitude gratatude
7	nervus nervous nervious
8	equipment equippment equipement
9	communicate comunicate comunicate
10	regulerly reglarly regularly
11	respectfully respectully respect-
12	fuly niece neice nece
13	thogh though tho
14	responsebility responsibility responsibility
15	financial finanshal finansial
16	
17	announsement loseing looseing losing
18	invoise envoice invoice
19	remittence remittance remitance
20	communication comunication communicashun
21	accordingly acordingly acordingly
22	valuable valuble valuabel
23	extention extension extension
24	buisiness business
25	especially especialy espeshaly

SPELLING UNIT X

Name	School
City	Date
1	begining beginning
2	doubtless doubtles
3	artecles articles articals
•	superintendent superintendent superentendent
5	
	convenient convenient convenient
7	tomorrow tommorrow tomorow
8	performed performmed preformed
9	aerea aria area
10.,,	specefication specification specefacation
11	treasurer treasurar tresurer
12	equaly equaley
13	tariff tarif tarrif
14	serch surch search
	.reservashun reservation resservation
	consultation conseltation conciltation
17	·
18	legeslation legislation legislashun
	ilustrating illistrating illustrating
20	
	fashionable fashionible fashunable
22	
23	honerable honerble honorable
24	atheletics athletics athleticks
25	

SPELLING UNIT XI

Name	School
City	Date
1	secratery secretary
2	defenete definete definite
3,44,40,44,4	libbrary library library
4	servaces survices services
5,	garrage garage gerage
6	symbol symble simbol
7	wellth wealth welth
8	furnitur furniture furnetur
9	presadents presedents presidents
10,,,,,	personality personalety personalaty
11	instence instance instince
12	estemated estimmated estimated
13	arrangement arangement arrangment
14	corespondence correspondance correspondence
	dence possbly possibly
16	inquirey inquiry inquirry
17	transpertation transportation trans-
18	portash declaration decleration declarashun
19	development davelopment develupment
20	readely readily readly
21	ambishus ambitious ambitous
22	choir choier quir
	attatude atitude attitude
24	acquaintence acquaintance ackquainter
25	oblegation oblagashun obligation

SPELLING UNIT XII

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City	_ Date
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3	•
4	
5	theator theater theatur
6	vasinity vecinity vicinity
7	basiss basis bassis
8	notary notery nottery
9	.serprise surprise serprize
10	experiance experence experience
11	surplus surpluss sirplus
12	lesure leisure
13	based bassed basd
14	materially matteriely materialy
15	sattisfied satisfied satesfied
16	mereley merely mearly
17	corrected corrected corrected
18	campane campaign campaine
19	confidence confidence confedence
20	suffisient sufficient suficient
21	heretoofor heartofore heretofore
22.	funeral funeral
	arival arrivle arrival
24	canadate candidate canidate
25	numrus numarous numerous

SPELLING UNIT XIII

. Group B

·Name	School
City	Date
1	extreame extreme
2	adverti cesment
	established istablished essablished
4	
5	catalogue catlog catlogue
6	detter debtor debter
7	——————————————————————————————————————
8	encyclopedia ensyclopedia encycloppedia
9	preliminery preliminary prelimnary
10	ninth nineth nienth
11	vessel vessle vessil
12	inventer enventer inventor
13	principal prinsipal princepal
14	linning lineing lining
15	exekutive executive acsecutive
16	providing provideing providding
17	unnecessary unecessary unnesessery
18	professional proffessional profeshionel
19	
20	initials initals innitials
21	contrery cuntrary contrary
22	licence license lisence
23	preparation preparation
24	senior seenior senier
25	creditt credit creddit
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SPELLING UNIT XIV

Name	School_
City	Date
1	enormus enormous enormious
2	vsucceed succede
	······································
4	profittable profitable profitible
	allowed alowd alowed
6	sceane scene scean
7	arriving ariving ariveing
8	pereod pireod period
9	stratened straghtened
10	straightened
11	porttraying tital title titel
12	discontinued disscontinued
13	disconttinuedvaccation vacation vacashun
14	allotment alotment allottment
15	
16	congrattulationecnomical economical economical
17	enthusiasm enthuziasm
18	inthusiasmabsence absense abcense
19	difficultty difficulty difficulty
20	convinced convinsed cunvinced
21	secureing seekuring securing
22	greatful grateful gratful
23	perminent permnent permanent
24	satisfaction satisfacshun
25	sattisfaction sanctuary sanctuery sanctuarry

SPELLING UNIT XV

Name	School
City	Date
1	
2,	
3	.relieve releive releve
4	.preevious previous prevous
5	.delinquent delinquint delinquant .desine design dezine
8	
9	missolenos
11	.isued ishued issued
12	.braclet bracelet braselet
13. 14.	
15	eleswhere elcewhere elsewhere
16	.volyum volume volum
17	disgusted dissgusted disgustted
18	characteristic
20	expression expression exspression
21	
22	
23	themselfs themselves themselvs
24	•
25	engineering engineereing enginerring

SPELLING UNIT XVI

Name	School
City	
1	corporation corparation corperation
2,	instalment installmint instalmunt
3	exacuted exicuted executed
4	administration administeration admir
•	strashun atorney attorney atturney
6	splendid splendud splended
	indusement inducement inducment
8	concerning conserning conscerning
	confurming conferming confirming
•	asurance assurance assurence
	patent pattent patent
	consequentlly consequently consequ-
	entley chatauqua chautauqua chautaqua
	indevidual individuel individual
	representation repersentation
	repersentshun stumach stommoch stomach
	foregner foriner foreigner
	manual manuel mannuel
19	exclusivly exclusively exsclusively
20	personelly personally
21	applicent applicant aplicant
·	pneumonia numonia neumonia
	litterary literary literary
	regreting regretting reggreting
	kanvass canvas canvass

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