



FUNETIKS - the five rules:

1. There are no silent letters.
2. There is no Q, no X and no C, unless the word is cheezy.
3. Spell a word the way it sounds.
4. Sownd a werd da way it spelz.
5. Don't trust anybody that spells Funetiks with a P, an H and a C.

World Languages - There are 6900 languages on Earth, each categorized by linguists with a three-letter code. Each language attempts to represent the same collection of sounds that any human being can make, which is only about only about forty "phonemes." <http://www.ethnologue.com/>

Puns - The lowest form of humor and the first degree of misunderstanding is a pun, two words that sounds the same but have different meanings. If only one meaning of a word is known, and assumed to be the correct interpretation, the knowledge contained in any unrecognized pun is lost. This can be purposely constructed to conceal esoteric messages, even in public displays. Funetiks can be used to create puns and display exceptions to the rules of spelling thru rhymes and resulting "misspellings."

Dialect - Funetiks spelling is not representative of any dialect. It was created to more accurately represent pronunciation of letters and syllables as learned by young children first learning to read. There are no restrictions on the range of possible interpretations. The meaning given by each reader is an indication of the reader's own vocabulary and sense of humor. Representing a dialect by placing it in quotation marks is a universally accepted practice by authors. This provides a convenient language loophole to place simplified spelling of any scheme into common usage. Funetiks has been designed to spell any writing that is used to represent speech in logical phonetic equivalencies. This is especially useful for learners of English as a second language, and for writing voice-acting scripts.

Visualizations - The Funetiks system personifies itself as a cartoon Alfa Bat. Each vowel is represented as a Sun Ant, a pun on “sonant” which is a synonym for vowel. The Sun Ants are A, E, I, O and U. Each consonant is represented by a Kon Sun Ant, named Ba, Da, Fe, Ge, Ji, Ki, Li, Mi, Ni, Po, Ro, So, To, Vu and Zu. The letters that are combinations of sonants and consonants are the big cheezy WizKonSun Ants, named He, Wu and Yu. So the Alfa Bat says: A Ba Cha Da, E Fe Ge He, I Ji Ki Li Mi Ni, O Po Ro So To, U Vu Wu Yu Zu.

The Simplified Spelling Society - Started in 1908 with the aim of updating English spelling, The Society publishes leaflets, newsletters, journals, books and bulletins to promote spelling reform of the English language. Like all languages with phonetic writing systems a reform would do away with wasteful spelling classes for children learning English. The negative impact on the self-esteem of children unable to comprehend the illogic of English language construction is immeasurable.
<http://www.spellingsociety.org/>