

SCOTS HOOSE WRITING TIPS

SCOTS SPELLING

Spelling

Some people get really worried about spelling in Scots. But don't panic! There is no right or wrong way to spell in Scots.

The good news is you can spell Scots any way you want. It can be great fun playing with words like this and you can learn a lot about how the Scots language works as well.

The trick is to find out which way of spelling Scots is best for you.

There is only one rule you need to follow. **Make sure other people can read what you write in Scots.**

Try not to make your Scots spellings too unusual and difficult to understand. It's got to be easy to read. Otherwise, even if it's the best poem or story in the world, vvery few people will take the time to read what you write in Scots.

Some useful tips

Apostrophes

When writing in Scots, don't go mad with apostrophes. In Scots, **of** is just **o** and **with** is **wi**. Words like **lowpin**, **greetin**, **daein** and **mingin** don't need an apostrophe at the end in Scots.

Stick to the rules - **Rab's hoose** when it is the hoose belonging to Rab and **it's** when you mean it is, etc.

Be consistent

Make sure that if you spell a Scots word one way at the start of a story, that you use the same spelling all the way through.

Other writers

Read poems and stories by other Scots writers to find out how they spell Scots words. Doing this will help you develop a way of writing and spelling in Scots that is comfortable for you.

And if you're not sure how to spell a Scots word, why not ask Scots Hoose for help?

For any questions and advice on how to spell in Scots, write to matthew@scotshoose.com