



Using the Phone Book: Spelling Variations

1. Spelling variations are cross-referenced because some last names can be spelled several different ways.

Example: PETERSON – SEE ALSO PEDERSON-PERDERSEN-PETERSEN

List the spellings of “Peterson” in the order they would appear in the telephone book.

2. Use the following rules and your alphabetizing skills when looking up information in the phone book.

- Nothing comes before something:

Lave
Lavey
Goss B
Goss B L

- Initials come before first names:

Jones A
Jones A A
Jones Albert

- Numbers are spelled out:

Two Sisters Laundry
Five Points Café

Alphabetize and write the following names as they would appear in the phone book.

Five Points Café
First Floral Shop
Four Wheel Tires
Joseph Fisk
J Fisk
J T Fisk
Four Seasons Autos
Five and Dime Store

3. Use your telephone book to find at least one other spelling for:

Larson	_____
Shepard	_____
Christensen	_____
Johnson	_____

4. Explain why people might choose to have their initials listed instead of their first names in the phone book.