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*BULGARIAN SPELLING AND THE SPELLING DICTIONARIES*

*This paper is written on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary from the establishment of the modern Bulgarian orthography and discusses decisions and postulates in the latest spelling dictionary, published three years ago. The paper starts with a critical survey of the history of the Bulgarian orthography in the last 125 years and approaches fundamental theoretical principles of orthography. Further the author analyzes particular decisions in the latest spelling dictionary. He looks for the reasons for public neglect of some spelling rules. A special emphasis is placed on education and particularly on the role of teachers in the process of formulating and teaching the spelling rules.*

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