SPELLING LIBRARY



The Simplify Writing® Spelling Library is designed to give students practice with applying phonetic rules they have recently learned. When students encode (write & spell) words, their understanding of the phonetic rule is solidified, aligning with research that emphasizes the importance of both phonemic and morphemic awareness in spelling instruction. This approach not only helps students internalize phonetic patterns but also provides teachers with valuable insight into students' word knowledge through their spelling approximations (Herrington & Macken-Horarik, 2015). These resources can be used in whole group, small group, or with individual students.

What's Included?

Each word list focuses on one spelling pattern or generalization and includes 15+ words that may be used with the following activities:

- Dictation Practice
- Color by Sound/Syllable
- Pattern Sorts
- Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check
 Word Matrix
- Word Ladders
- Word Sums
- Find the Spelling

Letter Sounds

- a, t, m, s, p, o
- n, c, d, f, i
- g, b, u, h, k
- e, v, l, r, j
- qu, w, x, y, z
- Spellings of /f/
- Spellings of /g/
- Spellings of /j/
- Spellings of /k/
- Spellings of /m/
- Spellings of /n/
- Spellings of /r/
- Spellings of /s/
- Spellings of /z/

Short & Long Vowels

- Short a
- Short i Short e
- Short o
- Short u
- Short a + o
- Short e + i + u
- Short Vowels with Blends/Digraphs
- Spellings of /ā/
- Spellings of /ē/
- Spellings of /ī/
- Spellings of /ō/
- Spellings of /ū/

Blends & Digraphs

- Beginning L Blends
- Beginning R Blends
- Beginning S Blends
- Beginning Blends Review
- Ending L Blends
- Ending T Blends
- Ending Blends Review
- 3-Letter Blends
- ck
- th
- sh
- ch
- wh
- ng
- nk
- qu Spellings of /ch/
- Spellings of /sh/

Silent e

- a e
- e_e • i e
- o e
- u e
- Special Silent e

Vowel Teams

- Long a: ai, ay
- Long o: oa, oe, ow
- Long e: ea, ee
- Long i: ie, igh
- Long u: ew, oo

R-Controlled Vowels

- or
- er
- ir

Diphthongs & Variant Vowels

- oi, oy
- ou, ow
- au, aw, augh
- Broad a /ä/
- Y as /ī/
- Y as /ē/
- Short /oo/
- Schwa Spellings



Roots

- graph
- scrib
- phon
- photo
- trans
- port
- spec
- mono, uni, bi, tri
- semi, hemi
- deci, milli
- tele
- dict

Prefixes

- pre-
- re-
- un-
- dis-
- im-
- in-
- ab-
- ad-
- com-
- col-
- con-

Suffixes

- Plurals: -s, -es, -ies
- Plurals with F & O
- Irregular Plurals
- -ing, -ed
- -er, -est
- Suffixes w/ Short Vowels
- 1 Vowel + 1 Consonant
- Suffixes with Silent e
- Suffixes with Y
- Derivational:
 - o -er, -or
 - -less, -ness
 - -ful, -ment
 - o -y, -ly
 - -ion
 - -ible/-able
 - -al/-ial/-ual
 - -ous/-ious -ent/-ant

- - FLOSS rule
 - Contractions
 - - Wild Old Words

Miscellanoues

Multisyllabic Words

· Open vs. Closed

Closed Syllables

• Silent e Syllables

• Consonant -le Syllables

Vowel Team Syllables

Short /oo/ Syllables

Diphthong Syllables

Compound Words

R-Controlled Syllables

Open Syllables

- Homophones • Silent Letters
- -ch vs. -tch
- · -ge vs. -dge
- ie vs. ei

Why Our Program Works

Our lessons are designed to ensure that students are provided a clear rationale for why they are learning new spellings, correct models of the words to be learned, feedback to support their learning, and guided practice to ensure that these new spellings are produced correctly and automatically. These practices are strong study strategies that can be part of a larger and more comprehensive approach to teaching spelling (Harris et al., 2017).

Direct spelling instruction benefits all students, but it especially benefits students with dyslexia (Walton, 1998).

15-20%

of students have dyslexia1

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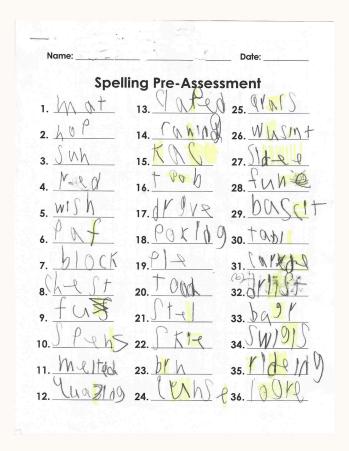
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LOWER GRADE ASSESSMENT



These scoring charts assess student spelling by breaking down errors into specific categories, such as phonemic representation, orthographic patterns, and morphological knowledge. This detailed analysis helps teachers pinpoint the exact areas where students are struggling, whether it's letter-sound correspondence, common spelling rules, or understanding word parts. By identifying these gaps, teachers can provide targeted instruction to strengthen foundational skills.

Sample shown is a pre-assessment from a 2nd grade student with dyslexia and dysgraphia who is participating in tutoring that includes direct phonics and spelling instruction.



	Initial Consonants	Medial/Final Consonants	Short Vowels	Digraphs	Blends	Long Vowels + Diphthongs	Suffixes	Other
1. mat	m	+	a				77	
2. hop	h	р	0					
3. sun	S	n	U					
4. red	r	d	е					
5. wish	W		die.	sh				
6. path	р		а	(th) /F/				
7. block		-	0	ck	bl			
8. chest	Bers I		е	ch	st			
9. fuzz	f		U					(-22)
10. spends			е		sp,(nd)		-5	
11. melted	m		е		It	-	-ed	
12. quacking			a	qu(ck)			-ing	
13. clapped		(gg)	a		cl		-ed	
14. running	(0)	(nn)	U				-ing	
15. cake	(c)	(k)				(a_g)		
16. tube	1	b		17		(u_e)		
17. drive		V			dr	i_e		
18. poking	р	k				0_0	-ing	
19. pie	р					ie		
20. toad	de.	d				oa	-	-
21. steal				-	st	(ea)		

	Initial Consonants	Medial/Final Consonants	Short Vowels	Digraphs	Blends	Long Vowels + Diphthongs	Suffixes	Othe
22. sky				1.75	sk		(y = /i/)	
23. barn	b	n		. 1		(ar)	7.7	
24. joins	. j	n				(a)	-S	
25. growls		1			gr	(W)	-S	
26. wasn't	w	S			1	(lä/)		(n't)
27. sixty	S		i		(xt)		y=/e/	
28. funny	f		U				y=/e/)	(nn)
29. basket	b	1	a,e		(sk)			
30. table	t	-		1.		а		(-ble
32. carried	С					(arr)	(-ied)	
32. brightest		(f)			br	(igh)	(est)	-
33. badger	b		a				-er	dge
34. switches	-		117		SW		es	(tch
35. writing		. · (f)			(Wr)	i_e	-ing	
36. laundry	10	(n)			œ	auj	(y=/e/)	
Total:	23/24	14/20	19 /20	4.76	11_/16	16 ما	9_/17	010
Passing Score	22/24	18/20	18/20	5/6	14/16	14/16	15/17	5/6

UPPER GRADE ASSESSMENT



These scoring charts assess student spelling by breaking down errors into specific categories, such as phonemic representation, orthographic patterns, and morphological knowledge. This detailed analysis helps teachers pinpoint the exact areas where students are struggling, whether it's letter-sound correspondence, common spelling rules, or understanding word parts. By identifying these gaps, teachers can provide targeted instruction to strengthen foundational skills.

Highlight ev	ery spelling fed	ature in ea	ch row tha	t is spelled	correctly. No	ote: for syll	ables, bolded	letters indic	ate that th
Highlight ev spelling pattern	correctly AN	ea separa ID the bol	arely in the d ded letters o	onart. Syllat are spelled	wes may be phonetically	marked c y. See sco	ring guide for	riboiaea ieff examples.	ens are spe
		Short Vowels/ *Schwa	Digraphs & Blends	Long Vowels	Other Vowels	Prefixes	Suffic		Syllable
1. shin	n	Schwa	sh	-			TIME CHANGE		
2. clock		0	ck. cl		-				
3. plate	- t		pl	a_e					
4. feast	t)		st	ea					
5. tooth	(1)		th		00				
6. chirp	p		ch		ř				
7. dolphin	- 1		ph						dol (c) phin (c
8. music	s = /z/								mu (a) sic (c)
9. gentle	g = /j/								gen (c
10. barrel		<u>(e)</u>		(arr)					bar (rc rel (c)
11. decide	c ≈ /s/								de (o) cide (v_
12. whirlpool			(wh)	00	0				whirl (re pool (vi
13. outlaw					ou				out (vt) law (vt)
14. grouchier			ch, gr		OU		-ier		
	Consonant Sounds	Short Vowels/ *Schwa	Digraphs & Blends	Long Vowels	Other Vowels	Prefixes	Suffi	ixes Derivational	Syllable
15. knives	kn = /n/	*Schwa	-				-ves	Semanonal	
	-		-	Le			-		
16. allowed		a*			OW		-ed		ex (c)
17. exploding	rh=/rh/			o_(e)			-ing		plode (v_
18. rhymes	m			y_e = /i/			- 5		me (a)
19. machine	ch =/sh/	a.		i_e = /ē/	_				ma (o) chine (v_
20. narrator				a_(e)	OD)			-or	nar (rc) rate (v_e
21. unhappily						un-		-ily	happ (c
									en (c)
22. energy	g= /j/			y=/ē/	er				er (rc) gy (o)
23. believed		e*		ie			-ed		be (o) lievé (vi
24. plumber	(mb=/m/	U	pl					-er	
25. assigned	an Inl	a*		4			-ed		
26. satisfying				(V = TIL)			-ing		sat (c) is (c) f y (o)
27. emergency	g= /i/ c = /s/	e'		y =/e/					e (o) mer (ro gen (c)
									cy (0)
	Consonan	t Short	Digraph:	Long Vowels	Other	Prefixes		ffixes	Syllabl
	Sounds	Vowel: *Schw	& Blends	Vowels	Vowels		Inflectional	Derivations	orch (
28. orchestra	(ch)= /k/	<u></u>			-				es (c
29. subtraction		1_				sub-	•	-tion	frac(c
30. enough	n gh = /f/	e*	5/-						_
31. conclusion	si = /sh/					con-		-sion	
32. invisible						in-		-ible	vis (c
33. cautiously	(ti) /sh/							(-01/2) -ly	cau (v
34. barbeque	(du) ≠ /k/	6		ue = /u	1				bar (r be (c
35. individual	æ /i/	0				in-		(-ual)	Vid (c
36. adventurous	t(u) = /ch	<i>p</i>			ur.			٥٠٠	ad (c ven (c tur (re
Total:	20/27	11/	5 11/12	13/15	8/10	5,5	8/8	7/10	46/
	121	1	- 1-1-12			+		1	42/4

Sample shown is a pre-assessment from a 5th grade student who is considered "on grade level" in reading and writing but may still benefit from some spelling intervention.

K Sink		
Name:		Date:
Sr	elling Invento	
- /	_	-
1. <u>Ship</u>	13. Outlan	25. Assinged
2. Clock	14. Grouchjer	26. Saks King
3. Plate	15. Knives	27. Energency
4. Feast	16. Alowed	28. Oxckast19
5. Josth	17. Exploding	29. Subtlaction
6. Chip	18. Rhymes	30. Enough
7. Dolphin	19. <u>Machinel</u>	31. Con 145/21)
8. Music	20. <u>Na<mark>ro</mark>ata (</u>	32. /nvisible
9. <u>Gentale</u>	21. Unhappily	33. Causingly
10. Barale	22. Energy	34. Boybicy e
11. Decide	23. Believed	35. mdv (<u>sta</u> /
12. <u>War/pool</u>	24. Plumer	36. Adventures
3,		



Spelling Scope & Sequence Kindergarten (Level 0)

	Spelling Pattern
1	Letter Sounds: a, t, m, s, p, o
2	Letter Sounds: n, c, d, f, i
3	Letter Sounds: g, b, u, h, k
4	Letter sounds: e, v, l, r, j
5	Letter Sounds: qu, w, y, z, x
6	Letter Sounds Review
7	Short a
8	Short o
9	Short i
10	Short e
11	Short u
12	Short Vowel Review
13	Digraph -ck
14	Digraph th
15	Digraph sh
16	Digraph ch & wh

	Spelling Pattern
17	Digraph –ng and -nk
18	Digraph Review
19	Beginning L Blends
20	Beginning R Blends
21	Beginning S Blends
22	Beginning Blends Review
23	Ending L Blends
24	Ending T Blends
25	Ending Blends Review
26	Floss Rule
27	Suffix -s
28	Suffix -ing
29	Suffix -ed
30	Suffixes with Short Vowels (no change to base)
31	Open vs. Closed Syllables
32	Compound Words



Spelling Scope & Sequence 1st Grade (Level 1)

	Spelling Pattern
1	Short a/o
2	Short i/e/u
3	Digraphs –ck, qu-
4	Digraphs ch, sh
5	Digraphs th, wh
6	Digraphs –ng, -nk
7	Open vs. Closed Syllables
8	Beginning Blends
9	Floss Rule
10	Y as /ī/
11	Broad a /ä/
12	Ending Blends
13	3 Letter Blends
14	Suffix –s, -es
15	Suffixes with Short Vowels (no change to base)
16	Suffixes with Short Vowels 1+1+1 (double consonant)

	Spelling Pattern
17	Wild Old Words
18	Silent e: Long a/i
19	Silent e: Long e/o/u
20	Silent e: Hard soft c/g
21	Suffixes with Silent e (drop silent e)
22	Long a Vowel Teams ai/ay
23	Long o Vowel Teams oa/oe/ow
24	Long e Vowel Teams ee/ea
25	Long i Vowel Teams ie/igh
26	Long u Vowel Teams ew/oo
27	R-Controlled ar/or
28	R-Controlled er/ir/ur
29	Diphthongs oi/oy
30	Diphthongs ou/ow
31	Diphthongs au/aw
32	Contractions



Spelling Scope & Sequence 2nd Grade (Level 2)

	Spelling Pattern
1	Short Vowel Review
2	Suffix –s, -es
3	Suffixes with Short Vowels (no change to base)
4	Suffixes with Short Vowels 1+1+1 (double consonant)
5	Closed Syllables (A)
6	Wild Old Words
7	Silent E
8	Special Silent E
9	Suffixes with Silent e (drop the e)
10	Open Syllables (A)
11	Open/Consonant –le Syllables
12	Closed/Consonant –le Syllables
13	Silent E Syllables (A)
14	Y as /e/
15	Suffixes with Y
16	Spellings of /ā/ (A)

	Spelling Pattern
17	Spellings of /ō/ (A)
18	Spellings of /ī/ (A)
19	Spellings of /ē/ (A)
20	Spellings of /ū/ (A)
21	Short oo (oo, ou, u)
22	Diphthongs oi/oy
23	Diphthongs ou/ow
24	Diphthongs au/aw/augh
25	Vowel Team + Diphthong Syllables A
26	Schwa Spellings
27	R-controlled Vowels
28	R-controlled Vowel Syllables (A)
29	Spellings of /ch/ (A): -ch vstch
30	Spellings of /j/ (A): -ge vs. dge
31	Silent Letters (A)
32	Homophones (A)



Spelling Scope & Sequence 3rd Grade (Level 3)

	Spelling Pattern
1	Short Vowels with blends/digraphs
2	Suffixes with Short Vowels: Review
3	Closed Syllables (A)
4	Open Syllables (A)
5	Consonant –le Syllables (A)
6	Silent e Syllables (A)
7	Long a Vowel Team Syllables
8	Long o Vowel Team Syllables
9	Long i Vowel Team Syllables
10	Long e Vowel Team Syllables
11	Long u Vowel Team Syllables
12	Short /oo/ Syllables
13	Diphthong Syllables: oi/oy & ou/ow
14	Diphthong Syllables: au/aw/augh
15	R-controlled Syllables: ar/or
16	R-controlled Syllables: er/ir/ur

	Spelling Pattern
17	Long R-Controlled Syllables: (-air, -are, -eer, -ear)
18	Suffixes Review
19	Plurals Review (A)
20	Plurals with F or O
21	Irregular Plurals
22	Suffixes -er/-est
23	Suffixes –er/-or
24	Spellings of /f/ (A)
25	Spellings of /sh/ (A)
26	Homophones (B)
27	Prefixes: pre-, re-
28	Prefixes: un-, dis-
29	Suffixes: -less, -ness
30	Suffixes: -ful, -ment
31	Prefixes: in-, im-
32	Suffixes: -y



Spelling Scope & Sequence 4th Grade (Level 4)

	Spelling Pattern		
1	Closed Syllables (A or B)		
2	Open Syllables (A or B)		
3	Silent e Syllables (A or B)		
4	Consonant -le Syllables (A or B)		
5	Vowel Team/Diphthong Syllables (A or B)		
6	R-Controlled Syllables (A or B)		
7	Suffixes: 2+1+1		
8	Suffixes with Silent E (A or B)		
9	Plurals Review (A or B)		
10	Homophones (C)		
11	ie. vs. ei		
12	Y as /ī/ and /ē/ (End of Words)		
13	Y as /ĭ/ and /ī/ (middle of words)		
14	Suffixes with Y (B)		
15	Suffixes –er, -or, -ist		
16	Silent Letters (B)		

	Spelling Pattern		
17	Spellings of /s/ (A)		
18	Spellings of /ch/ (B)		
19	Spellings of /r/		
20	Spellings of /n/		
21	Spellings of /f/		
22	Spellings of /g/		
23	Spellings of /k/		
24	Spellings of /sh/		
25	Schwa Spellings: /ət/ -ite, -ate		
26	Schwa Spellings: /ər/ -ure, -ture, -sure		
27	Suffixes: -ion		
28	Suffixes: -ly		
29	Suffixes: -ible, -able		
30	Roots: graph, scrib		
31	Roots: Numbers & Sizes mono, uni, bi, tri		
32	Roots: phon, photo		



Spelling Scope & Sequence 5th Grade (Level 5)

	Spelling Pattern			
1	Closed Syllables (B)			
2	Open Syllables (B)			
3	Silent e Syllables (B)			
4	Consonant -le Syllables (B)			
5	Vowel Team/Diphthong Syllables (B)			
6	R-Controlled Syllables (B)			
7	Suffixes: 2 + 1+ 1			
8	Suffixes with Silent E (B)			
9	Suffixes with Y (B)			
10	Plurals Review (B)			
11	Homophones (D)			
12	Spellings of /ā/ (B)			
13	Spellings of /ē/ (B)			
14	Spellings of /ī/ (B)			
15	Spellings of /ō/ (B)			
16	Spellings of /ū/ (B)			

	Spelling Pattern	
17	Schwa Spellings: beginning of words	
18	Schwa Spellings: middle of words	
19	Schwa Spellings /əl/: -al vsel	
20	Spellings of /m/	
21	Spellings of /j/	
22	Spellings of /z/	
23	Spellings of /s/ (B)	
24	Suffixes: –ous and -ious	
25	Prefixes: com- col, and con-	
26	Suffix: -al, -ail, -ual	
27	Prefixes: ab-, ad-	
28	Suffixes: –ent /ant	
29	Roots: Numbers/Sizes semi, centi, milli, micro, mega	
30	Roots: trans/port	
31	Roots: spec/vis	
32	Roots: tele/ dict	

Long a: ai/ay

ai					_(ау		
tail	wait	maid	gain	drain	pay	jay	stay	cay
raid	fail	jail	mail	pain	hay	ray	lay	may
paid	rail	bail	nail	braid	say	way	pray	bray
train	grain	snail	aim	chain	slay	bay	clay	tray
frail	faint	faith	aid	paint	swc	dq (Day	gray
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Sail over the bay to the train.

Gail may wait for Faith.

Pay the maid to stay.

The gray tray was laid on the

May a fin maris frail.

The grant was y the hay.

he paint and nails.

will to sail in the cay.

Word Ladder

Ž/	dy	start with /j/ / ā / /l/	jail
b/b/ (O) ho	ay	change /j/ to /m/	mail
jo	ay	change /m/ to /t/	tail
Jel / sto	ay	change /t/ to /tr/	trail
o /sw/ swe	ay	change /l/ to /n/	train
SC	ay	remove /n/*	tray
e end* sa i	int	change /tr/ to /gr/	gray
pai /p/ pai	int	change /gr/ to /cl/	clay

^{*}Remind student to check spelling of the /ā/ sound!

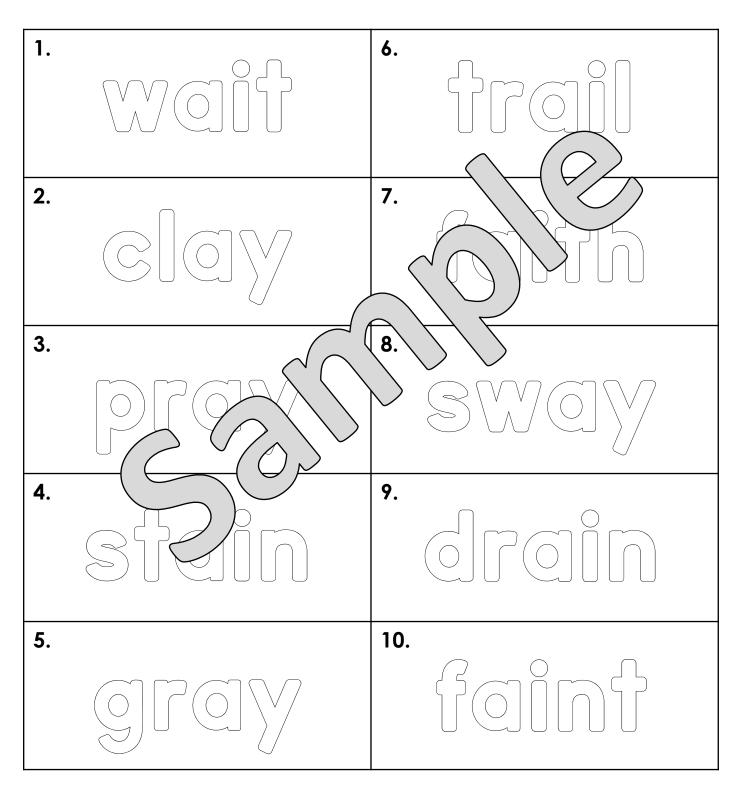
Dictation

Write each word and sentence as it is read aloud.

1.	6. ————————————————————————————————————
2.	7.
3.	8
4.	
5 .	10.
11.	
12.	

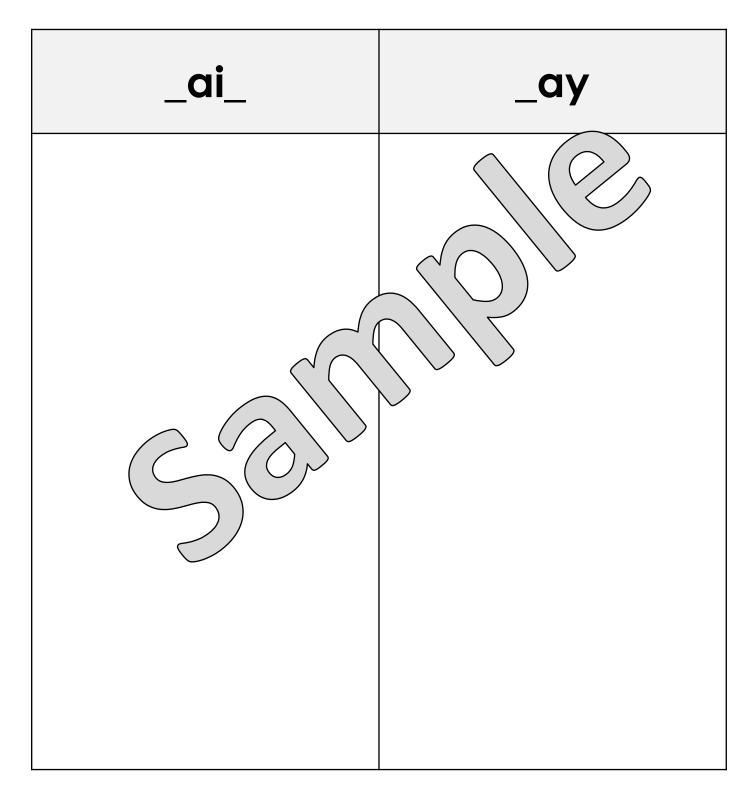
Color by Sound

Color each sound in a different color.



Sorting

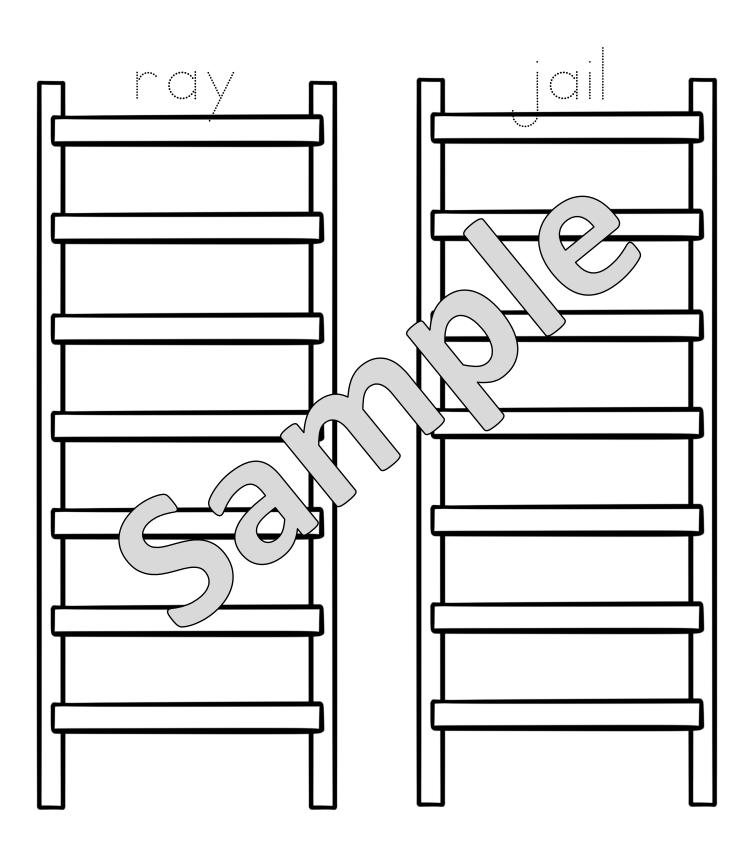
Write each word in the correct column.



Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

Look & Say	Cover & Write	Check & Correct
fail		
braid		
lay		
cay		
play		
mail		
paint		
pray		

Word Ladders



Suffixes: -ly

add -ly					
ends with a	earthly	kingly	hourly	clearly	
consonant	slowly	quickly	sadly	proudly	
ends with	lovely	barely	strangely	largely	
silent e	lonely	safely	extremely	precisely	
one syllable, ends with y	shyly	slyly	Vryly C	yryly	
	2+ syllables	s, ends in y	W & VI		
happily	easily	anarily	eedily	busily	
dreamily	crazily	the	primarily	heartily	
-le -ly					
bubbly	orril or	wiggly	scribbly	cuddly	
gigg		wrinkly	humbly	gently	

I was in amazement at how speedily he finished the race.

The kids were wiggly with excitement.

We happily decorated the tree with ornaments.

He ran quickly to catch the bus before it left.

The cat purred softly while sitting on the warm blanket.

The snail moved slowly across the garden path.

Dictation

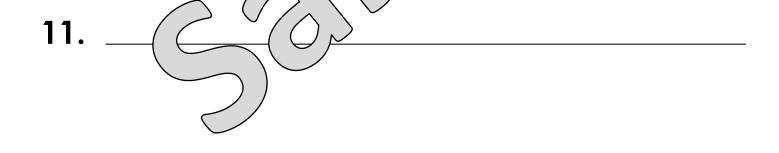












12. _____

Color by Syllable
Draw a line to divide the base word from the affix. Color each part in a different color. Label each part using the code below.

p prefix	b base word	s suffix
1.	6.	
earthly		
2. bubbb	7.	JCKIY
3.	3	
uneco		
4.	9.	<u> </u>
cheril	y uni	happily
5.	10.	
draami[

Find the Spelling

	Circle the	e correct spe	Write the word correctly	
1.	clearlly	clearly	clearily	
2.	wiggely	wiggly	wigglly	
3.	speedly	speedlly	speedily	
4.	proudily	proudlly	dly	
5.	crumbly	cumb	mblly	
6.	ch		cheerlly	
7.	strangelly	trangely	strangly	
8.	sadly	sadily	sadlly	
9.	hourly	hourlly	hourily	
10.	wrinkly	wrinkely	wrinklly	

Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

Look & Say	Cover & Write	Check & Correct
earthly		
slowly		
bubbly		
giggly		
happ		
dreamily		
heartily		
dryly		

Word Sums

Break each word into its parts.

Base Word

Suffix

gentle

N

Ν



dry

Ν



busy



Υ

N



speed

N

' | **=** ___

scribble

N

= _____

sad

N

=

Word Matrix

Make as many words as you can by adding to the base word.

