Spelling Pattern Worksheets

The Spelling Pattern Worksheets are designed to help students master the kindergarten—seventh grade sound-spelling patterns. Each worksheet focuses on one spelling pattern and includes sound-spelling example words, a spelling sort, rhymes or book searches, word jumbles, a short writing application, and a brief formative dictations assessment.

Each of these 20 worksheets corresponds with the spelling patterns tested on the Diagnostic Spelling Assessment. In other words, Spelling Pattern Worksheet #1 helps the student learn the sound-spelling pattern tested as #1 on the Diagnostic Spelling Assessment.

Step by Step Directions to Individualize Spelling Instruction

- 1. Tell students to begin with the lower numbered worksheets on the recording matrices and to complete only those worksheets indicated by slashes (/). Tell them that they have already mastered those spelling patterns.
- 2. When a student has completed the **FOCUS**, **SORT** and JUMBLE sections, the student uses the "Answer Booklet" to self-correct and self-edit in a colored pencil or pen. Tell students that you do not award a grade for this practice, so there would be no benefit from looking at the answers first. Remind students that we often learn from our mistakes, especially when we identify and correct them.
- 3. Next, the student completes the **RHYME** (or **SEARCH**) and **WRITE** sections and comes up to your desk to mini-conference with you for thirty seconds to review the worksheet.
- 4. If the student has self-corrected and self-edited the **SORT** and **JUMBLE** sections and "passed" the **RHYME** (or **SEARCH**) and **WRITE** formative assessments, change the slash (/) into an "X" for mastery on the appropriate box on the matrix and record an A on the student's worksheet. Convert the A to points, if you use a point system for grading.
- 5. If the student did not master the rule, skill, or concept on the formative assessment, re-teach during the mini-conference. Then direct the student to re-do the formative assessments and return for recorrection.
- *Teachers wishing to implement a comprehensive grade-level spelling program with weekly spelling tests, a complete diagnostic spelling assessment with corresponding assessment-based worksheets, syllabication worksheets, spelling review games, and more should preview our spelling curriculum at www.penningtonpublishing.com.