

Spelling and Syllabication Academic

Literacy Center Grade 8



Aligned to the Common Core Standards

- ✓ 28 Spelling Pattern Lessons
- ✓ Spelling Sorts
- ✓ 28 Syllable Worksheets
- ✓ Multi-Syllabic Decoding

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Spelling Instructional Scope and Sequence

	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
1	Short Vowels	Short Vowels	Vowels and Consonants	Diphthongs/ <i>r</i> -controlled Vowels	Consonant Doubling
2	Long Vowel <i>a</i>	Long Vowels	Vowel Diphthongs	Consonant Doubling	<i>i</i> before <i>e</i>
3	Long Vowel <i>e</i>	Silent Final <i>e</i>	<i>r</i> - controlled Vowels	<i>i</i> before <i>e</i>	Plurals
4	Long Vowel <i>i</i>	Vowel Diphthongs	Consonant Doubling	Hard and Soft /c/ and /g/	Drop/Keep Final <i>e</i>
5	Long Vowel <i>o</i>	Consonant Digraphs	<i>i</i> before <i>e</i>	Plurals	Change/Keep <i>y</i>
6	Long Vowel <i>u</i>	<i>r</i> - controlled Vowels	Hard and Soft /c/ and /g/	Drop/Keep Final <i>e</i>	/ion/
7	Silent Final <i>e</i>	<i>y</i>	Plurals	Change/Keep <i>y</i>	“ary,” “ery,” “ory,” “ury,” “ry”
8	Vowel Diphthongs /aw/	Consonant Doubling	Drop/Keep Final <i>e</i>	“ph”	“able”
9	Vowel Diphthongs “oo”	/j/	/ch/	/ion/	“ible”
10	Vowel Diphthongs /oi/, /ow/	<i>i</i> before <i>e</i>	“ough” and “augh”	Vowel Shift	“ant,” “ance,” “ancy”
11	Consonant Digraphs	Hard /c/, Soft /c/	Starting/Ending /k/	Consonant Shift	“ent,” “ence,” “ency”
12	<i>r</i> - controlled Vowels	Hard /g/, Soft /g/	Change/Keep <i>y</i>	“c/tial” and “c/tious”	“est,” “ist,” and “iest”
13	<i>y</i>	<i>s</i> and “es” Plurals	“al” and “ful”	Consonant-“le”	“ice,” “ise,” “ize,” “yze”
14	Non-phonetic Words	/x/, /ch/, /sh/, /z/, /f/ Plurals	Double <i>l-f-s-z</i>	Vowel-“se,” “ve”	“us” and “_ous”
15	Consonant Doubling	Drop/Keep Final <i>e</i>	“ph”	“est,” “ist,” and “iest”	“qu” Spellings
16	/j/	/ch/	/ion/	“ice,” “ise,” “ize,” “yze”	Accent Shift
17	<i>i</i> before <i>e</i>	“ough” and “augh”	“c/tial” and “c/tious”	“able”	Masculine and Feminine
18	Hard /c/, Soft /c/	Starting/Ending /k/	Consonant-“le”	“ible”	“al,” “ial,” “cial,” “tial”
19	Hard /g/, Soft /g/	Change/Keep <i>y</i>	Vowel-“se,” “ve”	Schwa	Diminutives
20	“s” and “es” Plurals	“al” and “ful”	Irregular Plurals	“ant,” “ance,” “ancy”	<i>a</i> and <i>e</i> Banal
21	/x/, /ch/, /sh/, /z/, /f/ Plurals	Double <i>l-f-s-z</i>	Vowel Shift	“ent,” “ence,” “ency”	“ly” and “ally”
22	Irregular Plurals	Irregular Plurals	Consonant Shift	“ary,” “ery,” “ory,” “ury,” “ry”	Pronunciation Problems
23	Contractions	Contractions	Pronunciation Problems	“us” and “_ous”	Schwa
24	Silent Letters	Silent Letters	Schwa	Pronunciation Problems	Greek and Latin Prefixes

Spelling Instructional Scope and Sequence

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25	Homonyms	Non-phonetic Words	Greek and Latin Prefixes	Greek and Latin Prefixes	Greek and Latin Roots
26	Greek and Latin Prefixes	Homonyms	Greek and Latin Roots	Greek and Latin Roots	Latin Expressions
27	Greek and Latin Roots	Greek and Latin Prefixes	French Spellings	French Spellings	French Expressions
28	Greek and Latin Suffixes	Greek and Latin Roots	Homonyms	British Spellings	British Spellings

Boldface denotes introductory spelling pattern for grade level.

Notes: The author provides a comprehensive spelling program for grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 with spelling tests, spelling sorts, a diagnostic spelling patterns assessment with corresponding remedial spelling worksheets (all with formative assessments), plus spelling review games and additional resources in [Differentiated Spelling Instruction](#).

The complete set of syllable worksheets, 56 vocabulary worksheets, vocabulary study cards, plus vocabulary review games and additional resources are found in the [Common Core Vocabulary Toolkit](#) grades 4, 5 6, 7, and 8 programs.

The author's [Grammar, Mechanics, Spelling, and Vocabulary](#) Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 BUNDLE includes comprehensive grade-level spelling components, including the 28 spelling sorts found in this *Spelling Academic Literacy Center*, plus weekly spelling tests, summative tests, and spelling review games. The BUNDLE also includes the full contents of the *Remedial Spelling Center* with the spelling diagnostic assessment and corresponding remedial spelling pattern worksheets, plus the *Common Core Vocabulary Toolkit*, the comprehensive *Teaching Grammar and Mechanics*, and the *Writing Openers Language Application*.

Spelling Worksheet #22 Pronunciation Problems

Spelling Rule

If a word is pronounced incorrectly, it will probably also be spelled incorrectly. Spelling applies the alphabetic code (phonics) to sounds and forms syllables from these sounds. A syllable is a word part with a vowel. Four common syllabication errors cause most mispronunciations.

1. One sound is substituted for another.
2. A consonant is dropped.
3. A consonant is added.
4. A vowel is added.

Spelling Sort

Sort each spelling word into the group that best matches its sound or spelling pattern.

SPELLING WORDS

1. nuptial
2. meteorology
3. niche
4. prerogative
5. triathlon
6. strategy
7. prescription
8. preemptory
9. aluminum
10. perspire
11. candidate
12. impossible
13. ostensibly
14. converse
15. boundary
16. espresso
17. ophthalmology
18. Realtor®
19. authoritative
20. nuclear

Sound Substitution

Wrong Prefix

Dropped Syllable

Added Syllable

Spelling Sort Answers

Spelling Worksheet #21

_ly

anomaly
panoply
doubly
ghastly
cowardly
coherently
inwardly
gingerly
evidently
surprisingly

_ally

automatically
frantically
sarcastically
bilingually
coincidentally
unilaterally
historically
sentimentally
academically
athletically

Spelling Worksheet #23

a

atlas
canvas
vandal
adept
vitamin

i

signify
eminent
acrimony
regiment
entity

e

problematic
synthesis
model
linen
chapel

o

kingdom
gasoline
balcony
patriot
carbon

Spelling Worksheet #22

Sound Substitution

nuptial
niche
strategy
aluminum
candidate
ophthalmology
nuclear

Wrong Prefix

prerogative
prescription
peremptory
perspire
impossible
ostensibly
espresso

Dropped Syllable

meteorology
boundary
authoritative

Added Syllable

triathlon
converse
Realtor®

Spelling Worksheet #24

WORDS WITH THE SAME PREFIXES

1. _____ 11. _____
2. _____ 12. _____
3. _____ 13. _____
4. _____ 14. _____
5. _____ 15. _____
6. _____ 16. _____
7. _____ 17. _____
8. _____ 18. _____
9. _____ 19. _____
10. _____ 20. _____

Vowel Pronunciation Shift Syllable Division Worksheet #19

Vowel Pronunciation Shift Syllable Rule: Vowel sounds may change pronunciation or spelling between related words. **Example:** ex/plain (The “ai” has a long /ā/ sound) – ex/pla/na/tion (The *a* has a short /ă/ sound)

Directions: Divide the words into syllables, according to the rule, with / marks and write the accent mark (') above the primary vowel accent.

- | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. compete | 2. competitive | 3. competition |
| 4. repeating | 5. repetitive | 6. repetitious |
| 7. hypnotize | 8. hypnotic | 9. hypnosis |
| 10. metal | 11. metallic | |
| 12. extremity | 13. extreme | |
| 14. local | 15. locality | |
| 16. dining | 17. dinner | |
| 18. insanity | 19. insane | |
| 20. pleasant | 21. pleasing | |
| 22. presume | 23. presumption | |
| 24. defining | 25. definition | |
| 26. recitation | 27. recite | |

Vowel Pronunciation Shift Syllable Division Worksheet #20

Vowel Pronunciation Shift Syllable Rule: Vowel sounds may change pronunciation or spelling between related words. **Example:** ex/plain (The “ai” has a long /ā/ sound) – ex/pla/na/tion (The *a* has a short /ă/ sound)

Word Jumbles Directions: Unjumble these words in the spaces provided. Carefully divide the words into syllables with / marks. Then, write the accent mark (') above the primary vowel accent.

1. periteagn _____
2. epteiirtev _____
3. noitpeitir _____
4. gnneidfi _____
5. iiifedntno _____

Nonsense Words Directions: Carefully divide these nonsense words into syllables with / marks, according to the syllable rule.

6. q u a t i z e
7. q u a t i c
8. q u a t i n g
9. q u a t e d
10. q u a t l y

Book Search Directions: Find four words which have vowels that change in pronunciation between related words.

Book Titles: _____

_____ p.____ _____ p.____
_____ p.____ _____ p.____

Syllable Worksheet Answers

Vowel Pronunciation Shift Syllable Division Worksheet #19

- | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. com/péte | 2. com/pé/ti/tive | 3. com/pe/tí/tion |
| 4. re/péa/ting | 5. re/pé/ti/tive | 6. re/pe/tí/tious |
| 7. hýp/no/tize | 8. hyp/nó/tic | 9. hyp/nó/sis |
| 10. mét/al | 11. me/tál/lic | |
| 12. ex/tré/mi/ty | 13. ex/tréme | |
| 14. ló/cal | 15. lo/cál/i/ty | |
| 16. dí/ning | 17. dín/ner | |
| 18. in/sán/i/ty | 19. in/sáne | |
| 20. pléas/ant | 21. pléas/ing | |
| 22. pre/súme | 23. pre/súmp/tion | |
| 24. de/fí/ning | 25. déf/i/ni/tion | |
| 26. re/ci/tá/tion | 27. re/cíte | |

Vowel Pronunciation Shift Syllable Division Worksheet #20

Word Jumbles

- (1) re/péa/ting or re/péat/ing
- (2) re/pé/ti/tive or re/pét/i/tive
- (3) re/pe/tí/tion or rep/e/tí/tion
- (4) de/fí/ning or de/fín/ing
- (5) de/fí/ní/tion or def/i/ní/tion or de/fin/í/tion

Nonsense Words

- (6) quat/tize
- (7) quat /ic or qua/tic
- (8) quat/ing or qua/ting
- (9) quat/ed or qua/ted
- (10) quat/ly

Book Search: The Clarifier shows the worksheet to the teacher to check answers.

**4 Groups, 2 Rotations (40 Minutes Total) per Day, 4 Days per Week,
3 Grade-level Academic Literacy Centers and 1 Guided Reading Literacy Center Twice per Week**

Day 1			Day 2			Day 3			Day 4		
Group 1	Guided Reading	Literacy Center 1	Group 1	Literacy Center 2	Literacy Center 3	Group 1	Guided Reading	Literacy Center 1	Group 1	Literacy Center 2	Literacy Center 3
Group 2	Literacy Center 1	Guided Reading	Group 2	Literacy Center 3	Literacy Center 2	Group 2	Literacy Center 1	Guided Reading	Group 2	Literacy Center 3	Literacy Center 2
Group 3	Literacy Center 2	Literacy Center 3	Group 3	Guided Reading	Literacy Center 1	Group 3	Literacy Center 2	Literacy Center 3	Group 3	Guided Reading	Literacy Center 1
Group 4	Literacy Center 3	Literacy Center 2	Group 4	Literacy Center 1	Guided Reading	Group 4	Literacy Center 3	Literacy Center 2	Group 4	Literacy Center 1	Guided Reading

**4 Groups, 2 Rotations (40 Minutes Total) per Day, 4 Days per Week,
8 Literacy Centers Once per Week**

Day 1			Day 2			Day 3			Day 4		
Group 1	Literacy Center 4	Literacy Center 1	Group 1	Literacy Center 2	Literacy Center 3	Group 1	Literacy Center 5	Literacy Center 6	Group 1	Literacy Center 7	Literacy Center 8
Group 2	Literacy Center 1	Literacy Center 4	Group 2	Literacy Center 3	Literacy Center 2	Group 2	Literacy Center 6	Literacy Center 5	Group 2	Literacy Center 6	Literacy Center 7
Group 3	Literacy Center 2	Literacy Center 3	Group 3	Literacy Center 4	Literacy Center 1	Group 3	Literacy Center 7	Literacy Center 8	Group 3	Literacy Center 5	Literacy Center 6
Group 4	Literacy Center 3	Literacy Center 2	Group 4	Literacy Center 1	Literacy Center 4	Group 4	Literacy Center 8	Literacy Center 7	Group 4	Literacy Center 8	Literacy Center 5

8 Groups, 4 Rotations (80 Minutes Total) per Day, 4 Days per Week, 6 Literacy Centers, 1 Guided Reading Literacy Center 2 Days per Week and 1 Remedial (or other) Center 2 Days per Week

Day 1									
Group 1	Guided Reading	Reading	Writing	Language Conventions	Group 5	Remedial Center	Vocabulary	Spelling & Syllabication	Study Skills
Group 2	Writing	Guided Reading	Language Conventions	Reading	Group 6	Spelling & Syllabication	Remedial Center	Study Skills	Vocabulary
Group 3	Reading	Language Conventions	Guided Reading	Writing	Group 7	Vocabulary	Study Skills	Remedial Center	Spelling & Syllabication
Group 4	Study Skills	Writing	Vocabulary	Guided Reading	Group 8	Language Conventions	Spelling & Syllabication	Reading	Remedial Center
Day 2									
Group 1	Remedial Center	Vocabulary	Spelling & Syllabication	Study Skills	Group 5	Guided Reading	Reading	Writing	Language Conventions
Group 2	Spelling & Syllabication	Remedial Center	Study Skills	Vocabulary	Group 6	Writing	Guided Reading	Language Conventions	Reading
Group 3	Vocabulary	Study Skills	Remedial Center	Spelling & Syllabication	Group 7	Reading	Language Conventions	Guided Reading	Writing
Group 4	Language Conventions	Spelling & Syllabication	Reading	Remedial Center	Group 8	Study Skills	Writing	Vocabulary	Guided Reading
Day 3									
Group 1	Guided Reading	Reading	Writing	Language Conventions	Group 5	Remedial Center	Vocabulary	Spelling & Syllabication	Study Skills
Group 2	Writing	Guided Reading	Language Conventions	Reading	Group 6	Spelling & Syllabication	Remedial Center	Study Skills	Vocabulary
Group 3	Reading	Language Conventions	Guided Reading	Writing	Group 7	Vocabulary	Study Skills	Remedial Center	Spelling & Syllabication
Group 4	Study Skills	Writing	Vocabulary	Guided Reading	Group 8	Language Conventions	Spelling & Syllabication	Reading	Remedial Center

Literacy Centers Group Norms

be **HEROIC!**

BE	H ard-working	Do your best work on each lesson or activity. Work the whole time.
BE	E ngaged	Do your fair share of the work. Complete your assigned leadership role.
BE	R esponsible	Do all parts of the lesson or activity for each literacy center. Focus on your learning and that of others in your group.
BE	O rganized	Keep all lesson or activity materials where they belong. Clean up neatly and completely.
SHOW	I nitiative	Begin the literacy center lesson or activity as soon as you sit down. Encourage others to complete their assigned leadership roles.
BE	C ollaborative	Work together in quiet voices and practice kindness. Help without doing others' work.

Literacy Centers

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Reader

Read the lesson or activity out loud in a quiet voice. Pause to allow the group to think and respond. Re-read sections if necessary.

Clarifier

Refer to the task card to begin the lesson or activity and help the group perform its tasks. Ask the teacher if help is needed on the directions.

Task Manager

Write down the beginning and ending times. Manage how much time should be spent on each part of the lesson or activity. Make sure that every part is completed and done well.

People Manager

Keep all group members focused on the lesson or activity and talking in quiet voices. Make sure every student contributes and performs their leadership roles. Ask the teacher for help if the group needs it.

Spelling and Syllabication Literacy Center Task Card: Syllable Worksheets

Odd Weeks

1. The Clarifier picks up the task card and will ask the teacher any questions about directions. The Task Manager writes down the ending time for this literacy center. The People Manager makes sure that everyone in the group has the first of the two syllable worksheets and reminds students to write their names on the page.
2. The Reader reads the title, syllable rule, and directions for the first syllable worksheet.
3. The Clarifier reads the word and the group echoes the word while clapping on the accented syllable and snapping on the unaccented syllable(s). After each word has been pronounced, clapped, and snapped, students work collaboratively to apply the rule and divide the words into syllables with / marks. Students also write the accent mark (') above the primary vowel accent.
4. Upon completion, the Task Manager gets the answers from the teacher and students self-correct and revise their answers. The Clarifier helps students understand why the syllable divisions and accent placements apply the syllable rule. If uncertain, the Clarifier asks the teacher for help.

Even Weeks

1. The Clarifier picks up the task card and will ask the teacher any questions about directions. The Task Manager writes down the ending time for this literacy center. The People Manager makes sure that everyone in the group has the second of the two syllable worksheets and reminds students to write their names on the page.
2. The Reader reads the title, syllable rule, and directions for the second syllable worksheet.
3. Students work collaboratively to unjumble the Word Jumbles. Students divide the unjumbled words into syllables with / marks and write the accent mark (') above the primary vowel accent. Note that the Word Jumbles feature words from the first syllable worksheet. Make sure students do not have access to the first worksheet for this activity.
3. Students divide the Nonsense Words into syllables with / marks, according to the syllable rule.
4. Students may use multiple books to find words which match the syllable rule. Students write the book titles, words, and page numbers where the word was found.
5. Upon completion, the Task Manager gets the answers from the teacher and students self-correct and revise their answers. The Clarifier helps students understand why the syllable divisions and accent placements apply the syllable rule. If uncertain, the Clarifier asks the teacher for help.