Spelling Worksheet #1 Short Vowels

Spelling Rule

The short vowel sounds are /ā/, /ē/, /ī/, /ō/, and /ū/. Short vowel sounds are found at the beginning or middle of syllables. For example, short vowels are found at the beginning of both syllables in *exact* (ēx/āct). Short vowels are in the middle of both syllables in *backpack* (back/pack). Short vowels rarely end syllables.

Directions: Sort each spelling word into the group that best matches its sound and spelling pattern.

SPELLING WORDS 1. blast 2. stretch 3. glitter 4. shock 5. rusty 6. spread 7. cracker 8. cranberry 9. crust 10. ridge 11. strong 12. clip 13. monster 14. fumble 15. meant 16. clutch 17. locker 18. chest 19. class 20. click

/ <u>ă</u> /	/ĕ/
/ŭ/	SPELLING TIPS
	Syllable Rules Every syllable has a vowel. If a vowel is <i>not</i> at the end of a
	a short vowel sound.

Spelling Worksheet #2 Long Vowel a

Spelling Rule

The long vowel a sound (\sqrt{a}) sound can be spelled as "a," "_ay," "ei," "ai," and "a_e." Each long vowel sound has different spellings.

Directions: Sort each spelling word into the group that best matches its spelling pattern.

SPELLING WORDS a ay 1. stray 2. angle 3. later 4. freight 5. paid 6. neighbor ei ai 7. crayon 8. strain 9. eight 10. fable 11. plane 12. explain 13. nation a e 14. delay 15. ladle What are the blanks 16. stage in the spellings? 17. spade The blanks show 18. gray where there are 19. braid consonant sounds. 20. weight

Spelling Worksheet #3 Long Vowel e

Spelling Rule

The long vowel e sound \bar{e} can be spelled as "e," "_ee," "ea," "_y," "[c]ei," and "i_e." Each long vowel sound has different spellings.

Directions: Sort each spelling word into the group that best matches its spelling pattern.

SPELLING WORDS	e	ee
1. before		_**
2. street		
3. speech	 	
4. predict		
5. lonely		
6. conceited		
7. cemented	ll ea	V
8. machine		
9. country		
10. leaves		
11. submarine		
12. conceive		
13. green	cei	i e
14. magazine		 -
15. detour		
16. reach		
17. wheel		
18. ceiling		
19. holy		
20. appear		

Spelling Worksheet #4 Long Vowel i

Spelling Rule

The long vowel i sound (i) sound can be spelled as "i," "_ie," "_igh," "_y," and "i_e." Each long vowel sound has different spellings.

Directions: Sort each spelling word into the group that best matches its spelling pattern.

SPELLING WORDS i ie 1. science 2. might 3. untie 4. white 5. reply 6. climb igh 7. myself 8. pie 9. higher 10. prize 11. lies 12. fight 13. terrify i e 14. Friday 15. necktie Why is an *i* a long *e* 16. slice /ē/ sound? 17. thigh When an *i* is just 18. drive before a suffix that 19. supply starts with a vowel. 20. diet For example, *Indian*.

Spelling Worksheet #5 Long Vowel o

Spelling Rule

The long vowel o sound (\overline{o}) sound can be spelled as "o," "ow," "_oe," "oa_," and "o_e." Each long vowel sound has different spellings.

Directions: Sort each spelling word into the group that best matches its spelling pattern.

SPELLING WORDS 0 $\mathbf{0}\mathbf{W}$ 1. cola 2. doe 3. grown 4. clothes 5. float 6. also oe oa 7. boasting 8. mistletoe 9. alone 10. bowling 11. close 12. sodas 13. roamed **o e** SPELLING TIP. 14. goes 15. glowed **Syllable Rule** 16. foam If the vowel is at the 17. yogurt end of the syllable, it 18. stones is usually a long vowel 19. snowing sound. 20. toes

Spelling Worksheet #6 Long Vowel u

Spelling Rule

The long vowel u sound ($\langle \bar{u} \rangle$) sound can be spelled as "u," "_ue," "_ew," and "u_e." Each long vowel sound has different spellings.

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

SPELLING WORDS u ue 1. music 2. fumes 3. fewer 4. fuel 5. jewel 6. useful 7. human 8. ewes ew u e 9. nephew 10. argue 11. view 12. perfume 13. truth 14. value 15. huge 16. cue 17. cucumber 18. immune 19. continue 20. puny

Spelling Worksheet #7 Silent Final e

Spelling Focus

The final "e" (e) following a consonant (C) – long vowel (V) – consonant (C) pattern is not pronounced. This is called the CVCe pattern. For example, in *plate* the final "e" is silent. The silent final e spellings include "a_e," "e_e," "i_e," "o_e," long vowel u "u_e," and long /oo/ as in *rooster*.

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

on ections. Soft each spenning work	i into the group that best mater	ies its sound of spennig pattern
SPELLING WORDS	a e	e e
1. cube	'-'	
2. choke		
3. route	<u> </u>	
4. playtime		
5. cute		
6. shake		
7. centipede	α α	ΔΔ
8. dine	a_e	e_e
9. fame	<u> </u>	
10. homesick		
11. supreme		
12. while		
13. parachute	Long Vowel u "u_e"	Long /oo/ as in rooster
14. careful		"u_e"
15. interfere		
16. mule		
17. completely		
18. lonely		
19. gate		
20. flute		

Spelling Worksheet #8 Vowel Diphthongs /aw/

Spelling Rule

Vowel diphthongs make two sounds for the vowel combination. The common /aw/ vowel diphthongs are "aw," "au," "al," and "all."

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

SPELLING WORDS aw au 1. crawl 2. caught 3. almost 4. talking 5. small 6. awkward 7. false 8. mall al all 9. hauling 10. yawning 11. softball 12. total 13. pause 14. alter 15. taught 16. hawk 17. fall 18. sauce 19. dawn 20. hallway

Spelling Worksheet #9 Vowel Diphthongs: Long /oo/ as in *rooster* and Short /oo/ as in *woodpecker*

Spelling Rule

Vowel diphthongs make two sounds for the vowel combination. The /oo/ as in *rooster* vowel diphthongs are "oo," "u," (two sounds within the one letter) "_ue," "u_e," and "_ew." The /oo/ as in *woodpecker* vowel diphthongs are "oo" and "_u_."

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

SPELLING WORDS oo as in *rooster* u as in rooster 1. altitude 2. duty 3. smooth 4. wooden 5. sugar ue as in *rooster* u e as in *rooster* 6. clue 7. super 8. shoot 9. overdue 10. butcher ew as in *rooster* oo as in woodpecker 11. shook 12. toolbox 13. stew 14. rumor 15. roof 16. glued u as in *woodpecker* 17. dune 18. newest 19. Neptune 20. dew

Spelling Worksheet #10 Vowel Diphthongs: /oi/ as in *oil* and /ow/ as in *cow*

Spelling Rule

Vowel diphthongs make two sounds for the vowel combination. The /oi/ as in *oil* vowel diphthongs are "oi" and "_oy." The /ow/ as in *cow* vowel diphthongs are "_ow" and "ou_."

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

SPELLING WORDS	oi	oy
1. crowd	-	_ • •
2. noise	I	
3. annoy	I	
4. couch		
5. moist		
6. amount	I	
7. employ	I	
8. fowl		
9. poison	_oy	ou_
10. cloud		
11. soy		
12. choice	I	
13. joyful	I	
14. mouth		
15. drown		
16. hound	I	
17. howl		
18. broil		
19. towel		
20. destroy		

Spelling Worksheet #11 Consonant Digraphs

Spelling Rule

Consonant digraphs are two consonants that make only one sound. The common consonant digraphs are "wh," "th," "ph," "sh," and "ch."

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

SPELLING WORDS 1. month 2. whirl 3. bush 4. wrench 5. graph 6. much 7. wheat 8. shame 9. phonics 10. smooth 11. when 12. change 13. pushing 14. thicker 15. telephone 16. shriek 17. what 18. photos 19. these 20. checker

wh	th
	<u>sh</u>
ch	SPELLING TIPS
	What is a consonant blend?
	A consonant blend is a team of two or three consonants, each with a different sound.

Spelling Worksheet #12 r-controlled Vowels

Spelling Rule

The "r" controls the sound of the vowel before it and also influences the sound of the vowel that follows. The *r*-controlled vowels are "ar," "er," "ir," "or," and "ur."

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

SPELLING WORDS 1. thirst 2. actor 3. charming 4. turning 5. birthday 6. rainstorm 7. partner 8. church 9. perfect 10. twirl 11. market 12. porch 13. alert 14. burning 15. giraffe 16. certain 17. burned 18. clerk 19. carve 20. original

ar	er
 ir	or
ur	spelling tips
	Why is the /er/ spelled differently in theater and theatre?
	The first spelling is American; the second is British.

Spelling Worksheet #13 y

Spelling Rule

At the beginning of a syllable, the "y" has a hard /y/ sound as in yak. At the end of an unaccented syllable, the "y" has the $/\bar{e}/$ sound as in baby and slowly. At the end of an accented syllable, the "y" has the $/\bar{i}/$ sound as in flying. When following an $/\bar{a}/$ or an $/\bar{e}/$, the "y" is silent.

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

SPELLING WORDS 1. deny 2. quality 3. yellow 4. betray 5. usually 6. ceremony 7. cycles 8. today 9. slowly 10. young 11. party 12. spying 13. yourself 14. survey 15. orally 16. yak 17. attorney 18. generally 19. myself 20. happy

Hard y Sound	/ē/
_ly	/ī/
Silent y	spelling tips
	a, e, i, o, and u and sometimes y. Why?
	A y can serve as a vowel when it makes the long e / \bar{e} / or the long i / \bar{i} / sound.

Spelling Worksheet #14 Non-phonetic Words

Spelling Rule

Non-phonetic words are words that do not follow the common sound-spelling rules. These words must be memorized.

Directions: Underline the non-phonetic spellings found in each of these "outlaw" words.

SPELLING WORDS 1. through 2. whole 3. against 4. guess 5. answer 6. straight 7. bought 8. cough 9. beautiful 10. nothing 11. where 12. friend 13. thought 14. heart 15. people 16. mother 17. whose 18. island 19. height

20. muscle

through	whole
against	guess
answer	straight
bought	cough
beautiful	nothing
where	friend
thought	heart
people	mother
whose	island
height	muscle

Spelling Worksheet #15 Consonant Doubling

Spelling Focus

Double the consonant ending a base word or incomplete root when adding on a suffix if all three of these apply: 1. The accent is on the ending base word or incomplete root 2. The base word or root ends in a vowel then a consonant 3. The suffix begins with a vowel.

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

Double the No Vowel-Consonant SPELLING WORDS Consonant at End of Root 1. funny 2. consonant 3. rancher 4. entertainment 5. rainout 6. stopped 7. started **Compound Words Suffix Begins with** 8. lifting Consonant 9. shuteye 10. quickly 11. conference 12. beginning 13. bookend 14. bumper Accent Not on Ending SPELLING TIPS 15. comical Base Word or 16. abandon **Incomplete Root** Syllable Rule 17. fictional Usually divide syllables 18. pickup between double consonants if they are 19. darkness surrounded by vowels. 20. dripping Don't divide between consonant digraphs and

most consonant blends.

Spelling Worksheet #16 /j/

Spelling Rule

The beginning /j/ is spelled in three ways: "j," "ge," and "gi." If a /j/ ends a syllable it is spelled in two ways: "_dge" following a short vowel sound and "_ge" following any other vowel sounds. The "gy" syllable is pronounced as $[j\bar{e}]$.

Directions: Sort each spelling word into the group that best matches its spelling pattern.

SPELLING WORDS dge ge 1. cage 2. juicy 3. badge 4. religion 5. gymnasium 6. giant 7. biology ge 8. pledge 9. huge 10. agent 11. gypsy 12. jacket 13. bridge gi gy 14. stage 15. digestion 16. tragic 17. pajamas 18. large 19. dodge 20. angel

Spelling Worksheet #17 i before e

Spelling Rule

The $/\bar{\imath}/$ and $/\bar{e}/$ sounds can be spelled as "_ie" or "cei." The $/\bar{a}/$ can be spelled as "ei."

Directions: Sort the spelling word pairs into the group that best matches the accent shift.

SPELLING WORDS ie cei 1. receive 2. neighbor 3. believe 4. weird 5. height 6. perceive 7. weigh 8. chief ei sounding Exceptions 9. either like /ā/ 10. forfeit 11. conceit 12. sleigh 13. receipt 14. caffeine 15. friend 16. eight 17. viewpoint 18. their 19. deceive 20. piece

Spelling Worksheet #18 Hard c and Soft c Sounds

Spelling Focus

The "c" followed by an "a," "o," or "u" has a hard sound as in *cabin*. The "c" followed by an "e," "i," or "y" has a soft sound as in *city*.

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

SPELLING WORDS ca co 1. concerned 2. custom 3. casting 4. century 5. citizen 6. fancy 7. cities cu ce 8. current 9. calendar 10. bicycle 11. exception 12. courage 13. spicy ci cy 14. category 15. cupcakes 16. common 17. cedar 18. catalog 19. cider 20. colon

Spelling Worksheet #19 Hard g and Soft g Sounds

Spelling Rule

The "g" followed by an letters "a," "o," or "u" has a hard sound as in *goose*. The "g" followed by an "e," "i," or "y" has a soft sound as in *germs*.

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

SPELLING WORDS 1. gasoline 2. gone 3. genius 4. gums 5. guns 6. golf 7. legal 8. gecko 9. gust 10. apology 11. gotten 12. gentle 13. gallop 14. gymnast 15. elegant 16. energy 17. goblin 18. gesture 19. gutter 20. soggy

ga	go
gu	ge
$\overline{\mathbf{g}\mathbf{y}}$	SPELLING TIPS
	– What sound does − "gi" make?
	The "gi" can be a hard /g/ as in <i>girl</i> or a soft /g/ as in <i>gem</i> .

Spelling Worksheet #20 Plurals Ending in "s" and "es"

Spelling Focus

Most nouns formal plurals by adding an "s" to the end of the word. If there is a noun with a consonant sound then an ending "o" or "y," add "es" onto the end to form the plural.

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

Just Add an "s" **Root Ending in Vowel SPELLING WORDS** before o (Root Doesn't End in o or y) 1. computers 2. valleys 3. delays 4. blankets 5. patios 6. keys 7. pencils 8. heroes **Root Ending in Root Ending in** 9. radios Vowel before y Consonant before o 10. zeroes 11. videos 12. stereos 13. replays 14. turkeys 15. goes 16. schools 17. sofas 18. zoos 19. shoes 20. echoes

Spelling Worksheet #21 Plurals Ending in /x/, /ch/, /sh/, /f/, /s/, /z/

Spelling Focus

To form a plural after a noun ending in /x/, /ch/, /sh/, and /z/, add "es" to the end of the noun. To form a plural after a noun ending in /f/, change the "f" to "v" and add "es."

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

SPELLING WORDS	Root Ending in /x/	Root Ending in /ch/
1. wives		
2. boxes		
3. lunches		
4. bushes	I	
5. shelves		
6. branches	Root Ending in /sh/	Root Ending in /f/
7. buzzes	Root Ending in /sii/	Root Ending in /i/
8. mixes		
9. wishes		
10. losses		
11. wolves		
12. foxes	I	<u> </u>
13. lashes	Root Ending in /s/	Root Ending in /z
14. riches		O
15. marshes	I	
16. taxes	I	
17. crosses		
18. arches		
19. fuzzes		
20. calves	II.	

Spelling Worksheet #22 Irregular Plurals

Spelling Focus

Some plurals do not follow the plural rules. Irregular plurals include the following: words that end in /f/, but don't form "ves" plurals, consonant then "o" singular nouns that don't add "es" to form plurals, vowels that change from singular to plural, and nouns that have the same singular and plural forms.

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

	a mo the group that best mater	or of common particular or of
SPELLING WORDS	"_fs," Not "_ves"	Consonant before "os"
1. beliefs		
2. kilos		
3. deer		
4. children		
5. mementos		
6. cuffs		
7. sheep		
8. women	Vowel Changes from	
9. people	Singular to Plural	Plural Form
10. chefs		
11. teeth		
12. armadillos		
13. quail		
14. cliffs		
15. Eskimos		
16. fish		
17. moose		
18. kudos		
19. roofs		
20. mice		

Spelling Worksheet #23 Contractions: not, is, have, are, am

Spelling Rule

Contractions are shortened forms of a word or words in which a letter or letters is replaced with an apostrophe. Common words that form contractions are *not*, *is*, *have*, *are*, and *am*.

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

SPELLING WORDS not is 1. I'm 2. isn't 3. I've 4. it's 5. you're 6. aren't 7. that's 8. you've 9. we're have are 10. there's 11. hasn't 12. they're 13. we've 14. what's 15. haven't 16. they've 17. who's am 18. don't 19. could've 20. wouldn't

Spelling Worksheet #24 Silent Letters "mb," "kn," "sc," "lk," "u"

Spelling Rule

Certain letters are unpronounced (silent) when combined with other letters in English spelling. The b is silent in "mb." The k is silent in "kn." The c is silent in "sc." The k is silent in "lk." The k can also be silent when connected to other vowels.

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

SPELLING WORDS mb kn 1. comb 2. scientific 3. kneel 4. talking 5. guard 6. knit lk SC 7. thumb 8. yolk 9. scenery 10. guilty 11. cornstalk 12. plumbing 13. league 11 14. scepter 15. knowledge Why are some 16. bomb letters silent? 17. descendent **English uses many** 18. folktale foreign language 19. gauge spellings, but doesn't 20. known pronounce them.

Spelling Worksheet #25 Homonyms

Spelling Focus

Homonyms are words that sound the same (known as *homophones*) or are spelled the same (known as *homographs*).

Directions: Sort each of the homonyms into the group that best matches how the two words are spelled differently.

Vowel Difference Consonant Difference SPELLING WORDS 1. wood/would 2. metal/medal 3. break/brake 4. accept/except 5. throne/thrown 6. waist/waste 7. affective/effective 8. bare/bear 9. advice/advise 10. hear/here 11. access/excess 12. beat/beet 13. right/write 14. piece/peace 15. holy/wholly 16. affect/effect **Prefix Difference** 17. immigrate/ emigrate 18. scent/cent/sent 19. to/too/two 20. there/their/ they're

Spelling Worksheet #26 Most Common Greek and Latin Prefixes

Spelling Focus

These common Greek and Latin prefixes are found in thousands of academic words.

Directions: Write another word for each spelling word which includes the same prefix.

SPELLING WORDS

- 1. repeat
- 2. disappear
- 3. enable
- 4. **non**fiction
- 5. improvise
- 6. oversleep
- 7. mislead
- 8. substitute
- 9. **pre**view
- 10. interact
- 11. **fore**word
- 12. depart
- 13. transfer
- 14. **super**natural
- 15. hemisphere
- 16. antidote
- 17. middle
- 18. understand
- 19. outperform
- 20. coexist

WORDS WITH THE SAME PREFIXES	
111	_
212	_
313	_
414	_
515	_
616	_
717	_
818	_
919	_
1020	_

Spelling Worksheet #27 Common Greek and Latin Roots

Spelling Focus

These common Greek and Latin roots are found in thousands of academic words.

Directions: Write another word for each spelling word which includes the same root.

SPELLING WORDS 1. **aud**itorium 2. astrology 3. **bio**logy 4. predict 5. thermometer 6. **min**imum 7. transmit 8. **mis**sion 9. **ped**al 10. telephone 11. import 12. **scrip**ture 13. inspect 14. instruct 15. logical 16. sympathy 17. imposition 18. geography 19. conduct

20. refer

WORDS WITI	H THE SAME ROOTS
1	11
2	12
3	13
4	14
5	15
6	16
7	17
8	18
9	19
10	20

Spelling Worksheet #28 Most Common Greek and Latin Suffixes

Spelling Focus

These common Greek and Latin suffixes are found in thousands of academic words.

Directions: Write another word for each spelling word which includes the same suffix.

SPELLING WORDS

- 1. moisten
- 2. abbreviate
- 3. magnify
- 4. odorless
- 5. Hinduism
- 6. elephant
- 7. endurance
- 8. inventor
- 9. judicial
- 10. capable
- 11. altitude
- 12. statement
- 13. happier
- 14. strangest
- 15. art**ist**
- 16. careful
- 17. gorgeous
- 18. realize
- 19. creation
- 20. marriage

WORDS WITH	H THE SAME SUFFIXES
1	11
2	12
3	13
4	14
5	15
6	16
7	17
8	18
9	19
10	20