

# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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## Spelling 400



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## Spelling 400 Course Overview

In the fourth-grade spelling course, students will delve into relevant spelling rules and word families throughout thirty weeks of instruction. Students will not only practice phonics skills including vowel combinations and sounding out multisyllabic words, but also incorporation of word parts such as prefixes and suffixes. Units include review of base and root words, plural nouns, and homophones. These lessons not only meet instructional needs for spelling, but also reinforce language arts skills including application of the writing process and reading comprehension.

Each unit represents a specific spelling rule or word family. Each unit contains five short assignments per week that can be taught as a stand-alone course or can easily integrate with English Language Arts curriculum. Lessons and projects include media to support the content, as well as incorporation of rubrics for clear assessment.

Unit 1: Multisyllabic Words Using the ai/ay/au Vowel Combination		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Using Spelling Words in Sentences*
	2. Spelling Word Scramble	10. Using Spelling Words in Writing
	3. Project: Pattern Sort*	11. Project: Spelling Word Sentences*
	4. Project: Examining Words*	12. Project: Spelling Word Story*
	5. Project: Misspelled Words*	13. Project: Spelling Word Image Story*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Words in Context*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Word Synonyms*	
Unit 2: Multisyllabic Words Using the ee/ea/eu Vowel Combination		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Spelling Alliterations*
	2. Examining Words	10. Using Spelling Words in Writing
	3. Project: Shortest to Longest*	11. Project: Spelling Word Sentences*
	4. Project: Partial Words*	12. Project: Reflection on Spelling Words*
	5. Project: Number Code*	13. Project: Spelling Word Image Story*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Scrambled Words in Context*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Word Antonyms*	
Unit 3: Multisyllabic Words Using the ie Vowel Combination		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Silly Questions*
	2. Sound Study	10. Spelling in the News
	3. Project: Missing Vowels*	11. Project: Spelling Word Fiction*
	4. Project: Typing Time*	12. Project: Writing About a Gift*
	5. Project: Image Sort*	13. Project: Image Writing Prompt*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Using Spelling Words in Dialogue*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Word Synonyms*	

Unit 4: Multisyllabic Words Using oa/ ow/ ou Vowel Combination		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Copyediting Practice*
	2. Spelling Word Sorting	10. Spelling Synonyms
	3. Project: Partial Word*	11. Project: Spelling Word Tongue Twisters*
	4. Project: Typing Time*	12. Project: A Day as a Farmer*
	5. Project: Word Scramble*	13. Project: Image Writing Prompt*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Using Spelling Words in Sentences*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Word Antonyms*	

Unit 5: Multisyllabic Words Using ue/ui Vowel Combination		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Which Word is Best?*
	2. Spelling Word Sorting	10. Story Starters
	3. Project: Missing Vowels*	11. Project: How-To*
	4. Project: Alphabetical Order*	12. Project: Blogging with Spelling Words*
	5. Project: Word Scramble*	13. Project: Cinquain Poems with Spelling Words*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Spelling Word Synonyms*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Copyediting*	

Unit 6: /SH/ Sound: -sion, -tion		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Spelling Word Antonyms*
	2. Spelling Word Sorting	10. Spelling Word Email
	3. Project: Misspelled Words*	11. Project: #Spelling*
	4. Project: Word Waterfall*	12. Project: Image Writing with Spelling Words*
	5. Project: Word Scramble*	13. Project: I Am...*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Guess What*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Word Story*	

Unit 7: /SH/ Sound: ci and -ch		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Word Art*
	2. Spelling Word Sorting	10. Spelling Words in Dialogue
	3. Project: Creative Letters*	11. Project: I Can Sentences*
	4. Project: Climbing a Word Mountain*	12. Project: Connections*
	5. Project: Word Scramble*	13. Project: Silly Sentences*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Spelling Word Riddles*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Word Story*	

Unit 8: Review List		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Misspelled Words*
	2. Word Sorts	10. Once Upon a Time...
	3. Project: Vowel Combination Sorts*	11. Project: Letter to the Future*
	4. Project: Secret Code*	12. Project: Figurative Language*
	5. Project: Missing Vowels*	13. Project: My Story*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: My Dictionary*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Acrostic Poem*	

Unit 9: Base Words and Roots with the Suffix -ment		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Spelling Word Antonyms*
	2. Base Words Versus Root Words	10. Create a Character
	3. Project: Word Scramble*	11. Project: How-To*
	4. Project: Climbing a Word Mountain*	12. Project: Who Am I?*
	5. Project: Misspelled Words*	13. Project: Silly Sentences*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Quick Draw*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Word Story*	

Unit 10: Base Words and Roots with the Suffix -ly		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Spelling Word Synonyms*
	2. Base Words Versus Root Words	10. Descriptive Writing
	3. Project: Missing Vowels*	11. Project: Stretch a Sentence*
	4. Project: Spelling Word Syllables*	12. Project: Spelling Word Blog*
	5. Project: Misspelled Words*	13. Project: And the Award Goes To...*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Adverb Versus Adjective*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Choose the Right Word*	

Unit 11: Base Words and Roots with the Prefix dis-		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Spelling Word Clues*
	2. Base Words	10. Spelling in the News
	3. Project: What's the Word Worth?*	11. Project: Email*
	4. Project: Spelling Word Syllables*	12. Project: Prefix Poster*
	5. Project: Forward and Reverse Words*	13. Project: You're Hired!*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Image Match*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Copyediting Practice*	

**Unit 12: Base Words and Roots with the Prefix pre-**

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**Assignments**

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Introduction to Spelling List     | 9. Project: Spelling Word Riddles* |
| 2. Base Words                        | 10. Writing in Sequence            |
| 3. Project: Vowels and Consonants*   | 11. Project: Book Jacket*          |
| 4. Project: Buddy Words*             | 12. Project: Interesting Facts*    |
| 5. Project: Choose the Correct Word* | 13. Project: Story Frame*          |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words      | 14. Unit Test                      |
| 7. Project: Antonyms*                | 15. Glossary and Credits           |
| 8. Project: Word Connections*        |                                    |

**Unit 13: Words with Double Consonants**

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**Assignments**

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Introduction to Spelling List     | 9. Project: Spelling Word Silly Sentences* |
| 2. Double Consonant Sort             | 10. All the News You Need                  |
| 3. Project: Consonants*              | 11. Project: Summary*                      |
| 4. Project: Alphabetizing*           | 12. Project: Caption This*                 |
| 5. Project: Choose the Correct Word* | 13. Project: If I Were a Superhero...*     |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words      | 14. Unit Test                              |
| 7. Project: Synonyms*                | 15. Glossary and Credits                   |
| 8. Project: Spelling Word Story*     |  |

**Unit 14: Plural Nouns: -s and -es Ending**

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**Assignments**

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Introduction to Spelling List    | 9. Project: Context Clues*                    |
| 2. Word Ending Sort                 | 10. Ask and Tell Sentences                    |
| 3. Project: Singular Versus Plural* | 11. Project: I Can't Imagine Life Without...* |
| 4. Project: Word Building*          | 12. Project: Spelling Poster*                 |
| 5. Project: Creative Letters*       | 13. Project: Word Play Caf┐*                  |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words     | 14. Unit Test                                 |
| 7. Project: 3-2-1*                  | 15. Glossary and Credits                      |
| 8. Project: Spelling Word Story*    |   |

**Unit 15: Plural Nouns: Changing the Word Ending**

Spelling 400

**Assignments**

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Introduction to Spelling List   | 9. Project: Word Mystery*               |
| 2. Word Ending Sort                | 10. Create Spelling Word Riddles        |
| 3. Project: Longest to Shortest*   | 11. Project: Spelling Word Connections* |
| 4. Project: Word Building*         | 12. Project: Email*                     |
| 5. Project: Word Waterfall*        | 13. Project: Story Finisher*            |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words    | 14. Unit Test                           |
| 7. Project: Spelling Word Riddles* | 15. Glossary and Credits                |
| 8. Project: What Does it Mean?*    |   |

Unit 16: Review List		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Misspelled Words*
	2. Word Sorts	10. True/False
	3. Project: Prefix and Suffix Sorts*	11. Project: Letter to the President*
	4. Project: What is the Word Worth?*	12. Project: Figurative Language*
	5. Project: Missing Prefixes and Suffixes*	13. Project: Student Selfie*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: My Dictionary*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Example and Non-Examples*	

Unit 17: Homophones That Begin with a and b		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Homophone Illustrations*
	2. Homophone Pictures	10. Homophones and Spell Check
	3. Project: Longest to Shortest*	11. Project: You're Hired!*
	4. Project: Buddy Words*	12. Project: If I Had a Million Dollars...*
	5. Project: Word Waterfall*	13. Project: Story Starter*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Spelling Word Sentences*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: What's Wrong?*	

Unit 18: Homophones That Begin with h Through o		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Homophone Illustrations*
	2. Homophone Pictures	10. Homophone Henry
	3. Project: Coloring Vowels*	11. Project: Email *
	4. Project: What's the Word Worth?*	12. Project: Comic Strip*
	5. Project: Reverse ABC Order*	13. Project: iPretendtext*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Spelling Word Sentences*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Story*	

Unit 19: Homophones That Begin with t Through w		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Humorous Homophones*
	2. Homophone Pictures	10. Whodunit?
	3. Project: Coloring Consonants*	11. Project: Stretched Sentences*
	4. Project: Forward/Reverse*	12. Project: My Favorites*
	5. Project: Word Mountain*	13. Project: Poster*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Spelling Word Sentences*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Story*	

Unit 20: Words Using the /schwa/ Sound		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Which Word is Best?*
	2. Schwa Sound Sorter	10. Broadcast News
	3. Project: Coloring Schwa Sound*	11. Project: I am Sentences*
	4. Project: Alphabetical Order*	12. Project: Figurative Language*
	5. Project: Misspelled Words*	13. Project: Spelling Word Bookmark*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Phonic Sentences*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Word Synonyms*	

Unit 21: Words Ending with -el and -al		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Copyediting*
	2. Word Ending Sort	10. Word Hero
	3. Project: Coloring Word Endings*	11. Project: Thank You Letter*
	4. Project: Syllable Parts*	12. Project: Heart Map*
	5. Project: Scrambled Words*	13. Project: Image Writing Prompt*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Spelling Word Clues*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Which Word is Correct?*	

Unit 22: Words Ending In -le		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Word Art*
	2. Alphabetical Order	10. I Believe That...
	3. Project: Partial Words*	11. Project: Alliterations*
	4. Project: Number Code*	12. Project: Email*
	5. Project: Buddy Words*	13. Project: My Adventure*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Analogies*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Word Sentences*	

Unit 23: Words Ending In -ure		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Definition Mixup*
	2. Root Words	10. Writing About Family
	3. Project: Creative Letters*	11. Project: My Pet's Secret Life*
	4. Project: Letter Mix-Up*	12. Project: Wishing on a Star*
	5. Project: Letters/Sounds/Syllables*	13. Project: Create an Animal*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Examples and Non-Examples*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Context Clue Sentences*	



**Unit 24: Review List****Assignments**

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Introduction to Spelling List     | 9. Project: Misspelled Words*      |
| 2. Word Sorts                        | 10. Monster For Sale               |
| 3. Project: Vowels and Consonants*   | 11. Project: My Mark on the World* |
| 4. Project: What is the Word Worth?* | 12. Project: Days of the Week*     |
| 5. Project: Partial Words*           | 13. Project: Student Selfie*       |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words      | 14. Unit Test                      |
| 7. Project: My Dictionary*           | 15. Glossary and Credits           |
| 8. Project: Cinquain Poems*          |                                    |

**Unit 25: Words Ending In -age****Assignments**

Spelling 400

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Introduction to Spelling List     | 9. Project: What Does it Mean?* |
| 2. Root Words                        | 10. Time Capsule                |
| 3. Project: Consonant Clues*         | 11. Project: The Ugh List*      |
| 4. Project: Choose the Correct Word* | 12. Project: Continued Story*   |
| 5. Project: Spelling Word Syllables* | 13. Project: Changing Places*   |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words      | 14. Unit Test                   |
| 7. Project: Copyediting*             | 15. Glossary and Credits        |
| 8. Project: Spelling Word Riddles*   |                                 |

**Unit 26: Words Ending In -it****Assignments**

Spelling 400

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Introduction to Spelling List        | 9. Project: Phonic Sentences*    |
| 2. Word Families                        | 10. Lyrical Poetry               |
| 3. Project: Alphabetical Order*         | 11. Project: Weekend News*       |
| 4. Project: Word Mountain*              | 12. Project: Sentence Types*     |
| 5. Project: Spelling Word Syllables*    | 13. Project: Birthday Wish List* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words         | 14. Unit Test                    |
| 7. Project: Spelling Word Sentences*    | 15. Glossary and Credits         |
| 8. Project: Spelling Word Synonym Sort* |                                  |

**Unit 27: Words Using edge/idge****Assignments**

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|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. Introduction to Spelling List       | 9. Project: Spelling Word Clues* |
| 2. Word Families                       | 10. Spelling in the News         |
| 3. Project: What is the Word Worth?*   | 11. Project: Email*              |
| 4. Project: Spelling Word Scramble*    | 12. Project: Spelling Poster*    |
| 5. Project: Forward and Reverse Words* | 13. Project: Biography*          |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words        | 14. Unit Test                    |
| 7. Project: Image Match*               | 15. Glossary and Credits         |
| 8. Project: Spelling Story*            |                                  |

Unit 28: Words with r-Controlled Vowels (/ar/ Sound)		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Context Clues*
	2. Phoneme Sort	10. Sequence Sentences
	3. Project: Vowels and Consonants*	11. Project: You're The Boss*
	4. Project: Buddy Words*	12. Project: Memory Hand*
	5. Project: Choose the Correct Word*	13. Project: Story Frame*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Antonyms*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Word Connections*	

Unit 29: Words with r-Controlled Vowels (/or/ Sound)		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Analogies*
	2. Phoneme Identification	10. #SpellCorrectly
	3. Project: Missing Vowels*	11. Project: My Character Traits*
	4. Project: Creative Letters*	12. Project: I am a Good Speller!*
	5. Project: Choose the Correct Word*	13. Project: Comic Strip*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Silly Sentences*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Definition Sort*	

Unit 30: Review List		
Spelling 400	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Misspelled Words*
	2. Word Sorts	10. Invention for Sale
	3. Project: Word Family Sorts*	11. Project: Memorable Endings*
	4. Project: What is the Word Worth?*	12. Project: Image Prompt*
	5. Project: Partial Words*	13. Project: Student Selfie*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: My Dictionary*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Cinquain Poems*	

(\*) Indicates alternative assignment