

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Spelling 600



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Spelling 600 Course Overview

In the sixth-grade spelling course, students will delve into relevant spelling rules and word families throughout thirty weeks of instruction. Students will practice phonics skills including vowel pairs and diagraphs. Course units also include significant incorporation of word parts such as prefixes and suffixes. Units include review of Greek and Latin roots, compound words, 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 Long A Vowel Pairs		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Silly Sentences*
	2. Choose the Correct Word	10. Spelling Word Texts
	3. Project: Reverse Alphabetical Order*	11. Project: Image Inspiration*
	4. Project: Missing Vowels*	12. Project: Applying Spelling Words in Advertisements*
	5. Project: Pyramid Writing*	13. Project: Letter Writing*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Spelling Word Riddles*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Word Analogies*	
Unit 2: Multisyllabic Words Using Long I Vowel Pairs		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Spelling Words in a Story*
	2. Vowel Combination Sorts	10. Figurative Language
	3. Project: Alphabetical Order*	11. Project: Personal Dictionary*
	4. Project: Spelling Word Syllables*	12. Project: Applying Spelling Words in Headlines*
	5. Project: Reverse Order*	13. Project: Personal Blog*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Spelling Word Clues*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Word Antonyms*	
Unit 3: Multisyllabic Words Using Long U Vowel Pairs		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Spelling Words and Antonyms*
	2. Vowel Combination Sorts	10. Writing a Friendly Letter
	3. Project: How Much is the Word Worth?*	11. Project: Spelling Words in Sentences*
	4. Project: Margin Spelling*	12. Project: Image Inspiration*
	5. Project: Alphabetical Order*	13. Project: Writing About a Lie*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Words in Images*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Spelling Words in Text *	

Unit 4: Multisyllabic Words Using Long O Vowel Pairs

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| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: Spelling Words Tongue Twisters* |
| 2. Vowel Combination Sorts | 10. I Can Sentences |
| 3. Project: Secret Code* | 11. Project: Comic Strip Spelling* |
| 4. Project: Copyediting* | 12. Project: Unlikely Comparisons* |
| 5. Project: Missing Vowel Combinations* | 13. Project: Email* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: What Does it Mean?* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: Context Clues* | |

Unit 5: Multisyllabic Words Using Long E Vowel Pairs

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|---|--|
| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: Spelling Word Analogies* |
| 2. Vowel Combination Sorts | 10. Create Your Own Analogies |
| 3. Project: Creative Letters* | 11. Project: I Couldn't Live Without...* |
| 4. Project: Word Unscramble* | 12. Project: #Spelling* |
| 5. Project: Missing Vowel Combinations* | 13. Project: Letter to a 5th Grader* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: Spelling Doodles* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: 3-2-1* | |

Unit 6: Consonant Digraphs: Initial Digraphs - ch, kn

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| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: Spelling Word Clues* |
| 2. Initial Digraph Sorts | 10. Using Spelling Words in Dialogue |
| 3. Project: Partial Words* | 11. Project: In the Future* |
| 4. Project: Word Pyramid* | 12. Project: Bold Beginnings* |
| 5. Project: Misspelled Words* | 13. Project: Spelling in the News* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: Spelling Word Synonyms* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: Which Word is Correct?* | |

Unit 7: Consonant Digraphs: Initial Digraphs - sh, th, thr

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Assignments

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| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: Spelling Word Alliterations* |
| 2. Initial Digraph Sorts | 10. Spelling Gets Social |
| 3. Project: Spelling Word Syllables* | 11. Project: Spelling Words in Sentences* |
| 4. Project: Word Buddies* | 12. Project: Fairy Tale Formula* |
| 5. Project: Word Scramble* | 13. Project: Spelling Word Scavenger Hunt* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: Spelling Word Antonyms* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: Spelling Word Tiles* | |

Unit 8: Review List**Assignments**

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| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: Misspelled Words* |
| 2. Word Sorts | 10. Character Sketch |
| 3. Project: Vowel Combination Sorts* | 11. Project: Interesting Facts* |
| 4. Project: Secret Code* | 12. Project: Figurative Language* |
| 5. Project: Missing Letters* | 13. Project: My Story* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: My Dictionary* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: Cinquain Poems* | |

Unit 9: Consonant Digraphs: Initial Digraphs - ph, wh, wr**Assignments**

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: Spelling Word Clues* |
| 2. Initial Digraph Sorts | 10. Comic Strip Spelling |
| 3. Project: Spelling Word Syllables* | 11. Project: Spelling Word Game* |
| 4. Project: Secret Code* | 12. Project: Interview* |
| 5. Project: ZYX Order | 13. Project: If I Had a Million Dollars...* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: Word Art* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: Which Word is Best?* | |

Unit 10: Multisyllabic Words with Final Digraphs - ch, th**Assignments**

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| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: Spelling Word Synonyms/Antonyms* |
| 2. Misspelled Words | 10. Descriptive Writing |
| 3. Project: Missing Word Endings* | 11. Project: Stretch a Sentence* |
| 4. Project: Spelling Word Syllables* | 12. Project: Spelling Word Blog* |
| 5. Project: Spelling Words in Sentences* | 13. Project: And the Award Goes To...* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: Parts of Speech* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: Choose the Right Word* | |

Unit 11: Multisyllabic Words with Final Digraphs - sh**Assignments**

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| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: Spelling Word Analogies* |
| 2. Spelling Word Syllables | 10. Postcard |
| 3. Project: Alphabetical Order* | 11. Project: I Thought I Couldn't, But...* |
| 4. Project: Creative Letters* | 12. Project: Help Wanted Ad* |
| 5. Project: Number Code* | 13. Project: Image Stories* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: What Does it Mean?* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: Spelling Word Story* | |

Unit 12: Compound Words**Assignments**

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| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: Copyediting* |
| 2. Exploring Spelling Words | 10. Whodunit? |
| 3. Project: Forming Compound Words* | 11. Project: Spelling Words in a Collage* |
| 4. Project: Matching to Make Compound Words* | 12. Project: Historic Email* |
| 5. Project: Compound Words in Sentences* | 13. Project: Hidden Word Sentences* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: Hidden Word* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: Compound Word Illustrations* | |

Unit 13: Base and Root Words Using the Prefixes il-, im-, and in-**Assignments**

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| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: Copyediting* |
| 2. Exploring Spelling Words | 10. Whodunit? |
| 3. Project: Forming Compound Words* | 11. Project: Spelling Words in a Collage* |
| 4. Project: Matching to Make Compound Words* | 12. Project: Historic Email* |
| 5. Project: Compound Words in Sentences* | 13. Project: Hidden Word Sentences* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: Hidden Word* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: Compound Word Illustrations* | |

Unit 14: Base and Root Words Using the Prefix ex-**Assignments**

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| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: 3-2-1* |
| 2. Base Words and Root Words | 10. Exciting Endings! |
| 3. Project: Hyphen Sort* | 11. Project: Experiment* |
| 4. Project: Forward/Reverse* | 12. Project: Free Day* |
| 5. Project: Spelling Word Syllables* | 13. Project: Expectations* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: Definition Sort* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: Spelling Word Story* | |

Unit 15: Base and Root Words Using the Prefixes en- and em-**Assignments**

Spelling 600

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|---|---|
| 1. Introduction to Spelling List | 9. Project: Looks Like/Sounds Like* |
| 2. Base Words and Root Words | 10. Create Your Own Spelling Word Riddles |
| 3. Project: Buddy Words* | 11. Project: Postcard* |
| 4. Project: Reverse Alphabetical Order* | 12. Project: Overnight at the School* |
| 5. Project: Spelling Word Syllables* | 13. Project: Ask/Tell Sentences* |
| 6. Context and Meaning of Words | 14. Unit Test |
| 7. Project: Definition Illustration* | 15. Glossary and Credits |
| 8. Project: Spelling Word Riddles* | |

Unit 16: Review List		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Misspelled Words*
	2. Word Sorts	10. Historic Figures Dialogue
	3. Project: Word Ending/Word Beginning Sorts*	11. Project: Interesting Facts*
	4. Project: Secret Code*	12. Project: Figurative Language*
	5. Project: Missing Letters*	13. Project: My Story*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: My Dictionary*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Cinquain Poems*	

Unit 17: Homophones		
Spelling 600	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 Billion Dollars...*
	5. Project: Vowels and Consonants*	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: Suffixes: -ward and -ly		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Spelling Word Analogies*
	2. Base Words	10. Create Your Own Spelling Word Analogies
	3. Project: Number Code*	11. Project: Directions*
	4. Project: Choose the Correct Spelling Word*	12. Project: My Least Favorite*
	5. Project: Alphabetical Order*	13. Project: Sentence Types*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Copyediting*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Quick Draw*	

Unit 19: Suffixes: -ing		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Acrostic Poem*
	2. Base Words	10. The Secret Door
	3. Project: Vowels and Consonants*	11. Project: Mind's Eye*
	4. Project: Scrambled Words in Sentences*	12. Project: Picture Prompt*
	5. Project: What is the Word Worth?*	13. Project: Concrete Poetry*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Spelling Story*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Guess Which Word*	

Unit 20: Suffixes: -ed		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: 3-2-1*
	2. Base Words	10. Yesterday, I...
	3. Project: Final Sound Sort*	11. Project: Kindness Postcard*
	4. Project: Present Versus Past Tense*	12. Project: Personification*
	5. Project: Word Mountain*	13. Project: Describe Your Best Friend*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Ed Says*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Verb Sort*	

Unit 21: Words Using Greek Roots: -logy		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Literal Versus Dictionary Definition*
	2. Root Words	10. The Study of...
	3. Project: Word Squares*	11. Project: The Cure to...*
	4. Project: Spelling with Syllables*	12. Project: The New Planet Rules*
	5. Project: Missing Vowels*	13. Project: Cryptology*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Definition Sort*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Root Tree*	

Unit 22: Words Using Greek Roots: aer-		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Illustrated Examples*
	2. Root Words	10. Greek Myth
	3. Project: Word Parts*	11. Project: Ongoing Sentences*
	4. Project: How Much Is the Word Worth?*	12. Project: Word of the Day!*
	5. Project: Scrambled Words*	13. Project: Writing on the Air*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Word Story*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Root Flowers*	

Unit 23: Words Using Greek Roots: ambi- and amphi-		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Context Clues*
	2. Root Words	10. Roman News
	3. Project: Word Beginnings*	11. Project: Letter Writing*
	4. Project: Word Waterfall*	12. Project: Create a New Roman Deity*
	5. Project: Misspelled Words*	13. Project: Felines Forever*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Root Word Puzzles*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Word Tree*	

Unit 24: Review List		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Misspelled Words*
	2. Word Sorts	10. Lights! Camera! Action!
	3. Project: Word Ending/Word Beginning Sorts*	11. Project: New Constellation*
	4. Project: Secret Code*	12. Project: Email to an Absent Friend*
	5. Project: Missing Letters*	13. Project: Sentence Revision*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: My Dictionary*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Cinquain Poems*	

Unit 25: Words Using Latin Roots: ann- and emm-		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: What is Wrong?*
	2. Word Sort	10. Annual Review
	3. Project: Latin Roots*	11. Project: One Hundred Years from Now*
	4. Project: Word Square*	12. Project: When I Was Sick...*
	5. Project: Forward/Reverse Words*	13. Project: Word Connection*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Which Word Is Best?*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Word Tree*	

Unit 26: Words Using Latin Roots: bene-		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Sentence Scramble*
	2. Syllable Sorts	10. Nota Bene
	3. Project: Last Letter Alphabetical Order*	11. Project: Confer*
	4. Project: Misspelled Words*	12. Project: Abeo*
	5. Project: Word Staircase*	13. Project: My Beatus Life!*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Definition Sort*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Prefix/Meaning/Example*	

Unit 27: Words Using Latin Roots: -capt-, -cept, and -cive		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: I am Thinking of a Word...*
	2. Word Family Sort	10. Sixth Grade Survival Guide
	3. Project: Secret Code*	11. Project: Something Unexpected*
	4. Project: Missing Latin Roots*	12. Project: Ongoing Sentences*
	5. Project: Vowels and Consonants*	13. Project: Note in the Bottle*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Root Word Hexagon*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Word Mix-up*	

Unit 28: Words Using Latin Roots: circ- and circum-		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: 3-2-1*
	2. Word Family Sort	10. Circle Inventions
	3. Project: Creative Letters*	11. Project: Natural Cycles*
	4. Project: Missing Vowels*	12. Project: Design Your Own Bike!*
	5. Project: Longest to Shortest*	13. Project: The Circle Summary*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Root Word Circle*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Mystery Word*	

Unit 29: Academic Vocabulary Used in Math		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: 3-2-1*
	2. Word Family Sort	10. Math to Me is Like...
	3. Project: Creative Letters*	11. Project: Dream Store*
	4. Project: Missing Vowels*	12. Project: Problem Solving*
	5. Project: Longest to Shortest*	13. Project: Magic Money*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: Image Match*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Mystery Word*	

Unit 30: Review List		
Spelling 600	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Spelling List	9. Project: Scrambled Words*
	2. Word Family/Pattern Sorts	10. Doing What Was Right
	3. Project: Latin Roots Versus Non-Latin Roots Sorts*	11. Project: Three Most Important Things*
	4. Project: Secret Code*	12. Project: Email to a Sick Friend*
	5. Project: Buddy Words*	13. Project: Sentence Revision*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words	14. Unit Test
	7. Project: My Dictionary*	15. Glossary and Credits
	8. Project: Acrostic Poems*	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment