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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	
Assignments	
Spelling 400	1. Introduction to Spelling List
	2. Spelling Word Scramble
	3. Project: Pattern Sort*
	4. Project: Examining Words*
	5. Project: Misspelled Words*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words
	7. Project: Words in Context*
	8. Project: Spelling Word Synonyms*
9. Project: Using Spelling Words in Sentences*	
10. Using Spelling Words in Writing	
11. Project: Spelling Word Sentences*	
12. Project: Spelling Word Story*	
13. Project: Spelling Word Image Story*	
14. Unit Test	
15. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 2: Multisyllabic Words Using the ee/ea/eu Vowel Combination	
Assignments	
Spelling 400	1. Introduction to Spelling List
	2. Examining Words
	3. Project: Shortest to Longest*
	4. Project: Partial Words*
	5. Project: Number Code*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words
	7. Project: Scrambled Words in Context*
	8. Project: Spelling Word Antonyms*
9. Project: Spelling Alliterations*	
10. Using Spelling Words in Writing	
11. Project: Spelling Word Sentences*	
12. Project: Reflection on Spelling Words*	
13. Project: Spelling Word Image Story*	
14. Unit Test	
15. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 3: Multisyllabic Words Using the ie Vowel Combination	
Assignments	
Spelling 400	1. Introduction to Spelling List
	2. Sound Study
	3. Project: Missing Vowels*
	4. Project: Typing Time*
	5. Project: Image Sort*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words
	7. Project: Using Spelling Words in Dialogue*
	8. Project: Spelling Word Synonyms*
9. Project: Silly Questions*	
10. Spelling in the News	
11. Project: Spelling Word Fiction*	
12. Project: Writing About a Gift*	
13. Project: Image Writing Prompt*	
14. Unit Test	
15. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 4: Multisyllabic Words Using oa/ ow/ ou Vowel Combination		
Assignments		
Spelling 400	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		
Assignments		
Spelling 400	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		
Assignments		
Spelling 400	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		
Assignments		
Spelling 400	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

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| 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

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| 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

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| 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-

Spelling 400

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

Spelling 400

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

Spelling 400

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 _e --* |
| 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

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| 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

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 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

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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

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

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

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

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

Unit 24: Review List	
Assignments	
Spelling 400	1. Introduction to Spelling List
	2. Word Sorts
	3. Project: Vowels and Consonants*
	4. Project: What is the Word Worth?*
	5. Project: Partial Words*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words
	7. Project: My Dictionary*
	8. Project: Cinquain Poems*
9. Project: Misspelled Words*	
10. Monster For Sale	
11. Project: My Mark on the World*	
12. Project: Days of the Week*	
13. Project: Student Selfie*	
14. Unit Test	
15. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 25: Words Ending In -age	
Assignments	
Spelling 400	1. Introduction to Spelling List
	2. Root Words
	3. Project: Consonant Clues*
	4. Project: Choose the Correct Word*
	5. Project: Spelling Word Syllables*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words
	7. Project: Copyediting*
	8. Project: Spelling Word Riddles*
9. Project: What Does it Mean?*	
10. Time Capsule	
11. Project: The Ugh List*	
12. Project: Continued Story*	
13. Project: Changing Places*	
14. Unit Test	
15. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 26: Words Ending In -it	
Assignments	
Spelling 400	1. Introduction to Spelling List
	2. Word Families
	3. Project: Alphabetical Order*
	4. Project: Word Mountain*
	5. Project: Spelling Word Syllables*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words
	7. Project: Spelling Word Sentences*
	8. Project: Spelling Word Synonym Sort*
9. Project: Phonic Sentences*	
10. Lyrical Poetry	
11. Project: Weekend News*	
12. Project: Sentence Types*	
13. Project: Birthday Wish List*	
14. Unit Test	
15. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 27: Words Using edge/idge	
Assignments	
Spelling 400	1. Introduction to Spelling List
	2. Word Families
	3. Project: What is the Word Worth?*
	4. Project: Spelling Word Scramble*
	5. Project: Forward and Reverse Words*
	6. Context and Meaning of Words
	7. Project: Image Match*
	8. Project: Spelling Story*
9. Project: Spelling Word Clues*	
10. Spelling in the News	
11. Project: Email*	
12. Project: Spelling Poster*	
13. Project: Biography*	
14. Unit Test	
15. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 28: Words with r-Controlled Vowels (/ar/ Sound)

Spelling 400

Assignments

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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