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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.

Spelling 400	Unit 1: Multisyllabic Words Using the ai/ay/au Vowel Combination	
	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*	

Spelling 400	Unit 2: Multisyllabic Words Using the ee/ea/eu Vowel Combination	
	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*	

Spelling 400	Unit 3: Multisyllabic Words Using the ie Vowel Combination	
	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*	

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

Spelling 400	Unit 5: Multisyllabic Words Using ue/ui Vowel Combination	
	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*	

Spelling 400	Unit 6: /SH/ Sound: -sion, -tion	
	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*	

Spelling 400	Unit 7: /SH/ Sound: ci and -ch	
	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*	

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Unit 8: Review List

Assignments

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

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Unit 9: Base Words and Roots with the Suffix -ment

Assignments

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

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Unit 10: Base Words and Roots with the Suffix -ly

Assignments

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

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Unit 11: Base Words and Roots with the Prefix dis-

Assignments

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

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

Assignments

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

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Unit 13: Words with Double Consonants

Assignments

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

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

Assignments

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

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Unit 15: Plural Nouns: Changing the Word Ending

Assignments

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

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Unit 16: Review List

Assignments

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

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Unit 17: Homophones That Begin with a and b

Assignments

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

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Unit 18: Homophones That Begin with h Through o

Assignments

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

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Unit 19: Homophones That Begin with t Through w

Assignments

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

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Unit 20: Words Using the /schwa/ Sound

Assignments

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

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Unit 21: Words Ending with -el and -al

Assignments

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

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Unit 22: Words Ending In -le

Assignments

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

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Unit 23: Words Ending In -ure

Assignments

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

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Unit 24: Review List

Assignments

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

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Unit 25: Words Ending In -age

Assignments

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

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Unit 26: Words Ending In -it

Assignments

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

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Unit 27: Words Using edge/idge

Assignments

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

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Spelling 400	Unit 28: Words with r-Controlled Vowels (/ar/ Sound)	
	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*	

Spelling 400	Unit 29: Words with r-Controlled Vowels (/or/ Sound)	
	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*	

Spelling 400	Unit 30: Review List	
	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

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