Where a Love of Language Begins
Match Spelling Development, Generate Word Study

Teach word study at students’ developmental spelling stages. *Words Their Way: Word Study in Action Developmental Model* meets students’ instructional needs, addressing word recognition, vocabulary, phonics, and spelling.

**DEVELOPMENTAL SPELLING STAGES**

Word study activities target the 5 research-based stages of spelling (Bear, Invernizzi, Templeton, & Johnston). As students progress, they build their skills to “spell, read, understand, and use new words.” It’s a highly supportive, effective, and personalized approach.

**Emergent-Early Letter Name Stage**

**Letter Name Stage**

**Within Word Pattern Stage**

**Syllables and Affixes Stage**

**Derivational Relations Stage**
Elementary Spelling Inventory (ESI)

The Elementary Spelling Inventory (ESI) covers more stages than the PSI. You can use it as early as first grade, particularly if a school system wants to use the same inventory across the elementary grades. The 25 words are ordered by difficulty to sample features of the letter-name–alphabetic to derivational relations stages. Call out enough words so that you have at least five or six misspelled words to analyze. If any student spell more than 20 words correctly, use the Upper-Level Spelling Inventory to get a more accurate estimate of a student's ability; at the upper level, the ESI can overestimate the stage.

1. bad
2. ship
3. whom
4. lump
5. boat
6. train
7. place
8. area
9. bright
10. shopping
11. spoil
12. saving
13. checked
14. carrots
15. marched
16. shower
17. bottle
18. favor
19. stages
20. collar
21. pleasure
22. fortunate
23. confident
24. strikes
25. opposition

SPELL CHECKS

Letter Recognition Use after Sort 37. This Spell Check assesses children's ability to match and write capital and lowercase letters.

Rhyming Words
Use after Sort 13. This Spell Check assesses children's ability to identify rhyming sounds.

Beginning Consonants Use after Sort 35. This Spell Check assesses children's ability to identify initial consonant sounds.

Monitoring Progress SPELL CHECKS

Spell Checks are provided at the back of the Emergent-Early Letter Name Student Book. Spell Checks may be used as a pretest to determine what children need to study as well as a posttest.

Monitor Progress Spell Checks

Ongoing assessments continually identify student needs. Fuel progress by adjusting your word study instruction.

QUALITATIVE SPELLING INVENTORY (QSI)

The spelling inventory assesses students' word knowledge, helping to organize word study groups at the beginning of the year.

See Chapter 4 of 6 Words Their Way: Word Study for Phonics, Vocabulary, and Spelling Instruction, 5th ed., for a comprehensive description of the Emergent stage of development and additional activities.
Teach Word Knowledge, Not Memorization

*Words Their Way* creates word detectives who explore, compare, and categorize word patterns and relationships. It’s a deeper, better way to learn. Students make their own discoveries about how words work.

SORTING DEVELOPS THINKING SKILLS

Sorting encourages students to organize, analyze, and compare information. Students connect ideas and concepts, moving beyond memorization. Three types of sorts are provided:

- Sound Sorts
- Picture Sorts
- Word Sorts

INCREASE INTEREST, INCREASE ABILITY

Each Student Book contains hands-on sorts and practice activities for one developmental stage. Students cut out the sorting cards and use the sorting mats for developmentally appropriate word work.
ADD VARIETY, SORT ONLINE
What do kids love? Digital interactivity! Take word work online with Words Their Way Digital. Combine with the print resources, or download and copy PDFs for students.

TRY THE APP FOR 30 DAYS!
Words Their Way Digital
pearsonschool.com/ww-tw-trial
Manage It All in Just 15 to 20 Minutes a Day

*Words Their Way* helps to organize and manage your developmental groups. It provides easy-to-follow lessons and word work activities for 15-20 minute daily routines.

**WORD STUDY LESSON PLANS**

The Teacher Guide provides a simple and effective lesson plan for each sort. The guide includes objectives, routines, ELL strategies, and teaching tips.

**WEEKLY ROUTINE**

- Introduce/Model
- Practice the Sort
- Apply
- Extend the Sort
WEEKLY WORD STUDY ROUTINE

Day 1
Introduce/Model Sort
Introduce the pattern with a poem or sort.

Day 2
Student Sorting
Let students practice the sort and pattern.

Day 3
Writing Sort
Connect the pattern or skill to writing.

Day 4
Word Hunt
Hunt for words and patterns in reading.

Day 5
Sort Game
Play engaging word sorting games.

DIGITAL PROGRAM
The Words Their Way app gives you more options and flexibility. Share interactive sorts and activities on student devices or a whiteboard. Real-time progress monitoring lets you view instantly scored sorts for formative assessment. Complement the digital program with the downloadable print resources.

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Building a Love of Language

RESOURCES

Words Their Way: Word Study in Action Development Model provides a complete word study program. Complement the program with the Words Their Way Digital app.

- Teacher Resource Guide that supports all 5 developmental stages
- Big Book of Rhymes for the first 3 stages
- Consumable Student Books (1 per student)
- Whiteboard Activities DVD-ROM
- Teacher Resource Guide and CD-ROM
- Classroom Libraries for Word Hunts, first 3 stages

Companion to the Best-Selling Resource Book!

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