



## **Guidelines for Using SPELL-Links™ eStickers with Words Their Way® Spelling Inventories**

When using SPELL-Links eStickers with Words Their Way spelling inventories, it's best to administer ALL items of an inventory. A student's misspellings provide a window into what language knowledges, skills, and strategies the student doesn't have and isn't applying. The more spellings and misspellings you collect from a student, the more useful information you will have to inform and direct your individualized instruction.

### **Primary Spelling Inventory (PSI)**

The Primary Spelling Inventory (PSI) is typically used in kindergarten through third grade classrooms. With struggling students, this list may be appropriate to use beyond third grade.

To use the PSI with SPELL-Links eStickers, administer all 26 words, in order, using a spelling to dictation task. If a student spells more than 20 words correctly, administer the Elementary Spelling Inventory (ESI).

You can find a list of the PSI words and sentences for dictation on various online sites, including here: [http://readingandwritingproject.com/public/themes/rwproject/resources/assessments/spelling/spelling\\_primary.pdf](http://readingandwritingproject.com/public/themes/rwproject/resources/assessments/spelling/spelling_primary.pdf)

### **Elementary Spelling Inventory (ESI)**

The Elementary Spelling Inventory (ESI) is typically used in upper elementary grade classrooms and may be used as early as first grade but the ESI inventory may be too difficult for struggling students in elementary grades. With struggling students, this list may be appropriate to use well beyond third grade.

To use the ESI with SPELL-Links eStickers, administer all 25 words, in order, using a spelling to dictation task. If a student spells more than 20 words correctly, administer the Upper Level Spelling Inventory (USI).

You can find a list of the ESI words and sentences for dictation on various online sites, including here: [http://readingandwritingproject.com/public/resources/assessments/spelling/spelling\\_elementary.pdf](http://readingandwritingproject.com/public/resources/assessments/spelling/spelling_elementary.pdf)

### **Upper Level Spelling Inventory (USI)**

The Upper Level Spelling Inventory (USI) is typically used as early as the upper elementary grades but may be too difficult for struggling students until late middle school or early high school. If you are concerned about the USI being too difficult for an individual student, consider administering the ESI instead.

To use the USI with SPELL-Links eStickers, administer all 31 words, in order, using a spelling to dictation task.

You can find a list of the USI words and sentences for dictation on various online sites, including here: [http://readingandwritingproject.com/public/themes/rwproject/resources/assessments/spelling/spelling\\_upper.pdf](http://readingandwritingproject.com/public/themes/rwproject/resources/assessments/spelling/spelling_upper.pdf)