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.

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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).

Primary Spelling Inventory (PSI)

1. fan  
   I could use a fan on a hot day.  
   fan

2. pet  
   I have a pet cat who likes to play.  
   pet

3. dig  
   He will dig a hole in the sand.  
   dig

4. rob  
   A raccoon will rob a bird’s nest for eggs.  
   rob

5. hope  
   I hope you will do well on this test.  
   hope

6. wait  
   You will need to wait for the letter.  
   wait

7. gum  
   I stepped on some bubble gum.  
   gum

8. sled  
   The dog sled was pulled by huskies.  
   sled

9. stick  
   I used a stick to poke in the hole.  
   stick

10. shine  
    He rubbed the coin to make it shine.  
    shine

11. dream  
    I had a funny dream last night.  
    dream

12. blade  
    The blade of the knife was very sharp.  
    blade

13. coach  
    The coach called the team off the field.  
    coach

14. fright  
    She was a fright in her Halloween costume.  
    fright

15. chewed  
    The dog chewed on the bone until it was gone.  
    chewed

16. crawl  
    You will get dirty if you crawl under the bed.  
    crawl

17. wishes  
    In fairy tales wishes often come true.  
    wishes

18. thorn  
    The thorn from the rosebush stuck me.  
    thorn

19. shouted  
    They shouted at the barking dog.  
    shouted

20. spoil  
    The food will spoil if it sits out too long.  
    spoil

21. growl  
    The dog will growl if you bother him.  
    growl

22. third  
    I was the third person in line.  
    third

23. camped  
    We camped down by the river last weekend.  
    camped

24. tries  
    He tries hard every day to finish his work.  
    tries

25. clapping  
    The audience was clapping after the program.  
    clapping

26. riding  
    They are riding their bikes to the park today.  
    riding
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).

Elementary Spelling Inventory (ESI)

1. bed I hopped out of bed this morning. bed
2. ship The ship sailed around the island. ship
3. when When will you come back? when
4. lump He had a lump on his head after he fell. lump
5. float I can float on the water with my new raft. float
6. train I rode the train to the next town. train
7. place I found a new place to put my books. place
8. drive I learned to drive a car. drive
9. bright The light is very bright. bright
10. shopping She went shopping for new shoes. shopping
11. spoil The food will spoil if it is not kept cool. spoil
12. serving The restaurant is serving dinner tonight. serving
13. chewed The dog chewed up my favorite sweater yesterday. chewed
14. carries She carries apples in her basket. carries
15. marched We marched in the parade. marched
16. shower The shower in the bathroom was very hot. shower
17. bottle The bottle broke into pieces on the tile floor. bottle
18. favor He did his brother a favor by taking out the trash. favor
19. ripen The fruit will ripen over the next few days. ripen
20. cellar I went down to the cellar for the can of paint. cellar
21. pleasure It was a pleasure to listen to the choir sing. pleasure
22. fortunate It was fortunate that the driver had snow tires. fortunate
23. confident I am confident that we can win the game. confident
24. civilize They wanted to civilize the forest people. civilize
25. opposition The coach said the opposition would be tough. opposition
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.

Upper Level Spelling Inventory (USI)

1. bed  I hopped out of bed this morning.  
2. ship  The ship sailed around the island.  
3. when  When will you come back?  
4. lump  He had a lump on his head after he fell.  
5. float  I can float on the water with my new raft.  
6. train  I rode the train to the next town.  
7. place  I found a new place to put my books.  
8. drive  I learned to drive a car.  
9. bright  The light is very bright.  
10. shopping  She went shopping for new shoes.  
11. spoil  The food will spoil if it is not kept cool.  
12. serving  The restaurant is serving dinner tonight.  
13. chewed  The dog chewed up my favorite sweater yesterday.  
14. carries  She carries apples in her basket.  
15. marched  We marched in the parade.  
16. shower  The shower in the bathroom was very hot.  
17. bottle  The bottle broke into pieces on the tile floor.  
18. favor  He did his brother a favor by taking out the trash.  
19. ripen  The fruit will ripen over the next few days.  
20. cellar  I went down to the cellar for the can of paint.  
21. pleasure  It was a pleasure to listen to the choir sing.  
22. fortunate  It was fortunate that the driver had snow tires.  
23. confident  I am confident that we can win the game.  
24. civilize  They wanted to civilize the forest people.  
25. opposition  The coach said the opposition would be tough.  

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