



### **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)

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| 1. switch         | We can switch television channels with a remote control. <i>switch</i>                   |
| 2. smudge         | There was a smudge on the mirror from her fingertips. <i>smudge</i>                      |
| 3. trapped        | He was trapped in the elevator when the electricity went off. <i>trapped</i>             |
| 4. scrape         | The fall caused her to scrape her knee. <i>scrape</i>                                    |
| 5. knotted        | The knotted rope would not come undone. <i>knotted</i>                                   |
| 6. shaving        | He gave up shaving to grow a beard. <i>shaving</i>                                       |
| 7. squirt         | Don't let the ketchup squirt out of the bottle too fast. <i>squirt</i>                   |
| 8. pounce         | My cat likes to pounce on her toy mouse. <i>pounce</i>                                   |
| 9. scratches      | We had to paint over the scratches on the car. <i>scratches</i>                          |
| 10. crater        | The volcano crater was filled with bubbling lava. <i>crater</i>                          |
| 11. sailor        | When he was young, he wanted to go to sea as a sailor. <i>sailor</i>                     |
| 12. village       | My Granddad lived in a small seaside village. <i>village</i>                             |
| 13. disloyal      | Traitors are disloyal to their country. <i>disloyal</i>                                  |
| 14. tunnel        | The rockslide closed the tunnel through the mountain. <i>tunnel</i>                      |
| 15. humor         | You need a sense of humor to understand his jokes. <i>humor</i>                          |
| 16. confidence    | With each winning game, the team's confidence grew. <i>confidence</i>                    |
| 17. fortunate     | The driver was fortunate to have snow tires on that winter day.<br><i>fortunate</i>      |
| 18. visible       | The singer on the stage was visible to everyone. <i>visible</i>                          |
| 19. circumference | The length of the equator is equal to the earth's circumference.<br><i>circumference</i> |
| 20. civilization  | We studied the ancient Mayan civilization last year. <i>civilization</i>                 |
| 21. monarchy      | A monarchy is headed by a king or a queen. <i>monarchy</i>                               |
| 22. dominance     | The dominance of the Yankees baseball team lasted for several years.<br><i>dominance</i> |
| 23. correspond    | Many students correspond through e-mail. <i>correspond</i>                               |
| 24. illiterate    | It is hard to get a job if you are illiterate. <i>illiterate</i>                         |
| 25. emphasize     | I want to emphasize the importance of trying your best. <i>emphasize</i>                 |
| 26. opposition    | The coach said the opposition would give us a tough game. <i>opposition</i>              |
| 27. chlorine      | My eyes were burning from the chlorine in the swimming pool.<br><i>chlorine</i>          |
| 28. commotion     | The audience heard the commotion backstage. <i>commotion</i>                             |
| 29. medicinal     | Take cough drops for medicinal purposes only. <i>medicinal</i>                           |
| 30. irresponsible | It is irresponsible not to wear a seat belt. <i>irresponsible</i>                        |
| 31. succession    | The firecrackers went off in rapid succession. <i>succession</i>                         |