

Here's an Instant Activity for March 21, 2005



STRATEGY FOR SPELLING SUCCESS

For most learners, spelling well doesn't just happen. It is the result of a conscientious spelling curriculum that:

1. provides a menu of skill-building activities that range in sophistication to teach critical concepts at a student's own level,
2. uses assessment to gather information to target word study to the specific words each student has not learned from among all previously introduced words in the program, as well as to identify skills not yet mastered,
3. equips teachers with guidelines for spelling expectations in everyday writing that increase as students develop as writers, making the classroom a rehearsal for real-world writing, and
4. proposes multiple opportunities to engage parents in the acquisition of spelling skills with their child.

This Instant Activity helps teachers achieve item number 1 above—and item number 4, if the activity is assigned as homework.



LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Approximately Grade 8



PURPOSE

Concept: Words that sound like the action they describe are called onomatopoeic words.

Skills: vocabulary development, visual skills, identifying onomatopoeia, using onomatopoeia in writing, words with a specific criterion



SUGGESTED USE

Use this Instant Activity with *Build Skillful Writers* (page 201), Unit 23, in Level 8 of the Spelling Sourcebook Series.



TEACHING DIRECTIONS

Review onomatopoeia—the use of words that sound like the action they describe. Say *whisper*, and note with students that the word sounds like what it means. Note that these words are abundant in advertising, comics, children's storybooks, and poetry.

Print the Instant Activity and distribute a copy to each student. Tell students that all the words in this Word Find are onomatopoeic words.

Ask students to complete the activity at home or at school.

Build Skills and Word Experiences



Name _____, Super Speller

Onomatopoeia Word Find

See how many onomatopoeic words you can find. Look carefully—words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal—and forward or backward! Circle the words. Then write the words you found. There are thirty onomatopoeic words in this Word Find! Can you find them all?

K	C	A	U	Q	P	M	F	C	N	B	R	Z	E	U	P	L	O	O	A
C	O	L	P	G	L	N	R	N	B	N	F	I	K	B	U	B	U	O	C
A	R	G	A	C	P	C	Q	A	P	I	K	N	C	O	O	L	P	O	N
E	U	A	P	S	B	C	G	P	C	B	K	G	I	K	I	E	N	O	I
N	O	C	C	S	C	L	U	Z	F	O	B	S	L	E	E	B	H	P	G
K	U	A	M	K	B	O	B	C	P	B	Q	O	C	B	T	U	U	L	L
C	N	C	K	U	E	U	G	M	K	U	O	B	O	N	G	Z	M	N	K
U	T	U	O	G	K	H	O	S	E	O	G	O	B	P	K	Z	E	K	N
P	R	I	H	C	M	L	L	A	G	L	O	Z	M	H	S	U	G	R	K
G	K	E	G	O	C	U	K	P	C	I	C	N	Z	C	O	N	O	A	N
L	M	O	O	L	R	P	C	O	G	A	R	A	Z	G	I	E	G	B	O
S	Z	B	G	P	Z	B	C	P	N	N	E	G	G	P	A	K	U	U	H
U	B	K	E	N	U	U	U	O	B	N	A	S	N	G	N	I	R	I	O
O	E	C	L	A	T	T	E	R	S	M	K	L	O	A	O	H	G	Z	K
C	L	U	C	K	P	I	I	A	G	S	N	E	C	L	B	N	L	E	P
C	C	Z	B	L	Y	I	G	H	I	F	I	E	K	N	G	O	E	B	E
U	Z	N	P	E	U	E	R	G	I	P	H	H	S	C	L	B	L	P	P
G	N	P	L	O	P	G	L	Z	E	P	N	S	P	P	E	L	O	L	C
N	N	M	R	I	G	I	Z	P	P	L	Z	K	O	N	P	O	Z	I	B
G	E	O	C	K	U	S	K	O	E	N	U	N	W	O	P	E	K	O	L

Make a Word Find using words with a specific characteristic. Have a pal complete your word game.