
Here's an Instant Activity for March 5, 2007



STRATEGY FOR SPELLING SUCCESS

For most learners, spelling well doesn't just happen. It is the result of a conscientious spelling and word-skill 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.

Meeting state standards is a priority of the Sourcebook Series. Instant Activities further support skills and concepts reflected in state standards.



LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Approximately Grade 1



PURPOSE

To provide reinforcement of the concept that some words are spelled the way they sound while others are not.

Skills: phonics, phonemic awareness, word analysis, sorting words, writing words, rhyming words, vocabulary development



SUGGESTED USE

Use this Instant Activity with the Level 1 Sourcebook (2nd or 3rd Edition), Unit 13, Activity 2A, page 87.



TEACHING DIRECTIONS

Write *this* and *from* on the chalkboard. Ask students to read the words aloud. Then ask students if *this* is spelled the way it sounds (yes). Ask students if *from* is spelled the way it sounds (no). Tell students that in this activity they will be sorting words by those that are spelled the way they sound and those that are not.

Next, print the Instant Activity and distribute a copy to each student. Discuss the activity to ensure that students know what is expected. Then ask students to complete the activity at home or at school.



FOLLOW-UP

Review the charts. Then have students share their rhyming words. Discuss the meaning of any unfamiliar words. Reinforce that not all rhyming words are spelled the same way—different letters can spell the same sound.

Extend the activity by challenging students to write rhyming couplets using their word pairs (e.g., the cat likes to chat). Have them illustrate their couplets.



FOR MORE

- For more activities to teach all the essential skills and concepts, and to develop a total spelling and language-related program, use the Sourcebook for Teaching Spelling and Word Skills for your grade level (grades 1–8). Download and print a sample unit for your grade level from our website, www.sittonspelling.com.
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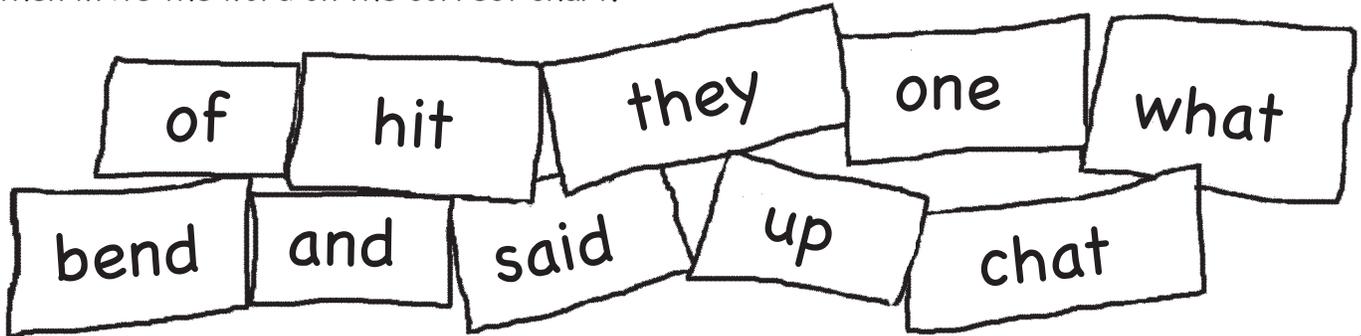
Build Skills and Word Experiences



Name _____, Super Speller

Word Sort

Some of these words are spelled the way they sound, and some are not. Read each word, then write the word on the correct chart.



Words spelled the way they sound	Words <u>not</u> spelled the way they sound
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Write a word that rhymes with each word you wrote on the charts. Remember, different letters can spell the same sound!