

Sitton Spelling and Word Skills™

Spelling Grade Options

The spelling grade should be a result of the evaluation model that you feel best works for your classroom, grade level, school or district. Rather than just an average of spelling test grades, now the spelling grade includes multiple aspects of Sourcebook instruction, which may be weighted differently. Remember that the *Sitton Spelling and Word Skills™* focus is not on a Friday test grade, but on students' application of spelling in their writing and long term memory of spelling words, skills and concepts.

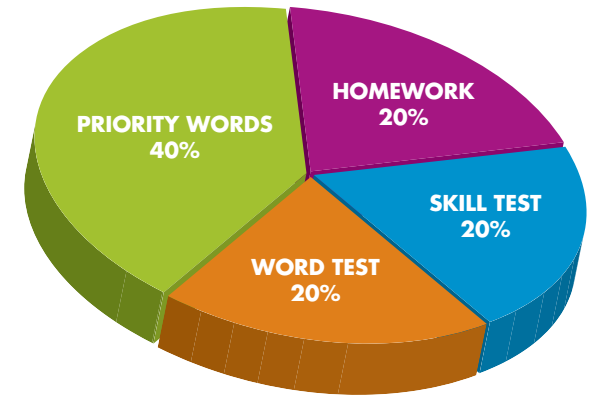
For example, parts of a grade can include:

- a grade for correctly spelling Priority Words
- the average of test grades for Word Tests, Skill Tests, and/or Sentence Dictation Tests

You can also choose to consider:

- Practice Book pages
- Take Home Tasks and additional unit activities assigned as homework.
- Students' in-class involvement in word collections & discovery of key concepts

Possible Weighted Percentages



To calculate spelling grade for the Quarter:

$$\frac{\text{Priority Word Average} \times 4 + \text{Word Test Average} \times 2 + \text{Skill Test Average} \times 2 + \text{Homework Average} \times 2}{10}$$

	Priority Words Writing Samples								Word Test								Skill Test								Homework								Priority Words Avg.	Word Test Avg.	Skill Test Avg.	Homework Average	Quarter Grade	
	Priority Words are the words students need to spell correctly 100% of the time by proofreading all their writing, using a word list as a reference.								The Cloze Story Word Test (or Sentence Dictation Test) is a formative test to identify the words a student needs to master. Students do not pre-study these words.								The Skill Test assess a student's understanding of a spelling skill or concept.								Activities to assign as homework can include the Take Home Task, and activities from the Exercise Express, Seeds for Sowing Skills or Test Ready sections in each unit.								Priority Words Grade: number of Y's out of total writing samples					
	The grade can be given by marking if students spelled Priority Words correctly in writing selections or if they did not (Y/N).								The Word Test grade can be obtained by calculating the number of words correct out of the total words on the test, i.e. 16/18.								The Skill Test grade can be obtained by calculating number of answers correct out of total questions, i.e. 10/11.								Homework grades can be calculated a number of ways - Y/N for completion, a percentage for number of correct responses, etc.													
Unit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	PW	WT	ST	HW	Quarter Grade	
Student 1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	55	77	66	94	77	88	72	94	90	81	100	100	81	81	81	90	90	75	85	100	80	70	95	100	87	77	86	86	85	
Student 2																																						
Student 3																																						

Student's grade reflects all aspects of Sitton Spelling and Word Skills™ instruction, not just an average of 77 for the Word Test.