## Sitton Spelling and Word Skills™ Unit Map

### BASICS – essential instruction in each Sourcebook unit

- **Word Preview**: A visual skill-building activity using Core Words—NOT a pretest
- **Seeds for Sowing Skills**: First, choose concepts to teach. Then, choose differentiated activities.
- **Test Ready**: Targeted practice for a specific skill or concept
- **Priority Words**: HOME—Parents proofread with students. SCHOOL—Regular checking of students’ writing for spelling of Priority Words

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES to further differentiate instruction for struggling spellers and those who need more challenge

- **Exercise Express**: Language-related activities that can be done at any time throughout the unit
- **Relating to Literature**: Suggested literature tie-ins and related activities. *Found in Level 1*
- **Build Skillful Writers**: Activities that tie spelling to written language conventions. *Found in Levels 4–8*
- **The Wordsmith Says...**: Word etymology activities. *Found in Levels 7–8*

### Assess Words & Skills

- **Word Test**: Assesses which Core Words students have not mastered (Students DO NOT prestudy words). Words missed are recorded in Words to Learn Sheet & Spelling Notebook & automatically retested in following units.
- **Skill Test**: Assesses students’ understanding of spelling skills or concepts

- **Sentence Dictation**: Assesses spelling of Core Words & Extra Words, capitalization, and punctuation
- **Proof It**: Proofreading/editing tests to provide standardized test readiness. *Found in Levels 5–8*

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**Unit Section**

- **Build Skills & Word Experiences**
- **Assess Words & Skills**

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