

## Stages of Spelling Development

| Spelling Stages  | Spelling Looks Like   | Instructional Focus  | WTW Level            |
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| <b>Emergent</b><br><i>Ages: 1-7 years</i><br><i>Grades: PreK- Mid 1<sup>st</sup></i><br>Reading & Writing<br>Stage:<br><i>Emergent (A-B)</i>                         | Random marks<br><br>Representational drawing<br><br>Letter-like writing<br><br>Random letters and numbers | Phonemic awareness<br>Rhyming<br>Alliteration<br>Beginning sounds<br>Ending sounds                               | Level K              |
| <b>Letter Name Alphabetic</b><br><i>Ages: 4-9 years</i><br><i>Grades: K-Early 3<sup>rd</sup></i><br>Reading & Writing<br>Stage: <i>Beginning (C-G)</i>               | M MN MIN = mine<br><br>T TP TEP = tip<br><br>S SD SAD SED = send<br><br>L LUP LOMP = lump                 | Beginning consonants<br>Final consonants<br>Consonant blends<br>Digraphs<br>Short vowels<br>Examine CVC families | Levels K (end)-A     |
| <b>Within Word Pattern</b><br><i>Ages: 6-12 years</i><br><i>Grades: 1<sup>st</sup> - Mid 4<sup>th</sup></i><br>Reading & Writing<br>Stage: <i>Transitional (H-M)</i> | SEET SETE = seat<br><br>CRIE = cry<br><br>FOWND = found<br><br>LAFE = laugh                               | Long vowel patterns<br>Compare short and long vowel patterns<br>Difficult final blends<br>Other digraphs         | Levels<br>B- (mid) C |
| <b>Syllables and Affixes</b><br><i>Ages: 8-18 years</i><br><i>Grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup></i><br>Reading & Writing<br>Stage: <i>Intermediate (M-T)</i>   | HOPING = hopping<br><br>CONFUSSHUN = confusion<br><br>BARBAR = barber<br><br>DISPOSUL = disposal          | Inflected endings<br>Consonant doubling<br>Syllable junctures<br>Easy affixes<br>Unaccented syllables            | Levels<br>C- (mid) D |
| <b>Derivational Relations</b><br><i>Ages: 10+</i><br><i>Grades: 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup></i><br>Reading & Writing<br>Stage:<br><i>Advanced (T-Z)</i>         | OPPOSITION = opposition<br><br>BENAFIT = benefit<br><br>AMMUSEMENT = amusement                            | Reduced and altered vowels, bases, roots and derivations<br>Harder affixes and suffixes                          | Levels<br>D (mid) -E |