

WORDS THEIR WAY

WORD STUDY IN ACTION • DEVELOPMENTAL MODEL

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The following chart shows the skills presented at each stage in *Words Their Way: Word Study in Action Developmental Model* ©2012. This scope and sequence reflects input from the *Words Their Way* authors as well as classroom teachers and is aligned with accepted best practices including the Common Core State Standards.

Early-Emergent Letter Name

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| Sort 1 | Concept Sort Fruit/Not a Fruit |
| Sort 2 | Concept Sort Animal/Not an Animal |
| Sort 3 | Concept Sort Shapes |
| Sort 4 | Concept Sort Food, Clothes, Toys |
| Sort 5 | Concept Sort Clothes |
| Sort 6 | Concept Sort Food |
| Sort 7 | Rhyming Sort Nose, Knees, Hair, Head |
| Sort 8 | Rhyming Sort Clock, Fly, Pan |
| Sort 9 | Rhyming Sort Bug, Mop, Beet |
| Sort 10 | Rhyming Sort Jar, Crate, Bell, Grape |
| Sort 11 | Rhyming Sort Pairs 1 |
| Sort 12 | Rhyming Sort Pairs 2 |
| Sort 13 | Rhyming Sort Colors |
| Sort 14 | Beginning Sounds b, m |
| Sort 15 | Beginning Sounds r, s |
| Sort 16 | Beginning Sounds b, m, r, s |
| Sort 17 | Letter Recognition Bb, Mm, Aa |
| Sort 18 | Letter Recognition Rr, Ss, Ee |
| Sort 19 | Beginning Sounds t, g |
| Sort 20 | Beginning Sounds n, p |
| Sort 21 | Beginning Sounds t, g, n, p |
| Sort 22 | Letter Recognition Tt, Gg, Ee |
| Sort 23 | Letter Recognition Nn, Pp, Ii |
| Sort 24 | Beginning Sounds c, h |
| Sort 25 | Beginning Sounds f, d |
| Sort 26 | Beginning Sounds c, h, f, d |
| Sort 27 | Letter Recognition Cc, Hh, Ii |
| Sort 28 | Letter Recognition Ff, Dd, Aa |
| Sort 29 | Beginning Sounds l, k |

Early-Emergent Letter Name (continued)

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| Sort 30 | Beginning Sounds j, w, q |
| Sort 31 | Beginning Sounds l, k, j, w |
| Sort 32 | Letter Recognition Ll, Kk, Oo |
| Sort 33 | Letter Recognition Jj, Ww, Qq |
| Sort 34 | Beginning Sounds y, z, v |
| Sort 35 | Ending Sounds t, x |
| Sort 36 | Letter Recognition Yy, Zz, Vv |
| Sort 37 | Letter Recognition Tt, Xx, Uu |
| Sort 38 | Digraphs s, h, sh |
| Sort 39 | Digraphs c, h, ch |
| Sort 40 | Digraphs h, sh, ch |
| Sort 41 | Digraphs th, wh |
| Sort 42 | Digraphs sh, ch, wh, th |

Early-Emergent Letter Name Spell Checks

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| Spell Check 1 | Rhyming Words |
| Spell Check 2 | Beginning Consonants |
| Spell Check 3 | Letter Recognition |
| Spell Check 4 | Digraphs |

Letter Name

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| Sort 1 | Beginning Consonants b, m, r, s |
| Sort 2 | Beginning Consonants t, g, n, p |
| Sort 3 | Beginning Consonants c, h, f, d |
| Sort 4 | Beginning Consonants l, k, j, w |
| Sort 5 | Beginning Consonants y, z, v |
| Sort 6 | Word Families -at, -an |
| Sort 7 | Word Families -ad, -an |

Letter Name *(continued)*

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| Sort 8 | Word Families -ap, -ag |
| Sort 9 | Word Families -ad, -ap, -ag |
| Sort 10 | Word Families -op, -ot, -og |
| Sort 11 | Word Families -ip, -ig, -ill |
| Sort 12 | Word Families -ug, -ut, -un |
| Sort 13 | Word Families -et, -eg, -en |
| Sort 14 | Word Families -ed, -et, -eg, -ell |
| Sort 15 | Consonant Digraphs ch, sh |
| Sort 16 | Consonant Digraphs th, wh |
| Sort 17 | Consonant Digraphs sh, ch, wh, th |
| Sort 18 | Beginning Consonants and Blends s, t, st |
| Sort 19 | Consonant Blends sp, sk, sm |
| Sort 20 | Consonant Blends sc, sn, sw |
| Sort 21 | Consonant Blends pl, sl, bl, fl |
| Sort 22 | Consonant Blends cr, cl, fr, gl, gr |
| Sort 23 | Consonant Blends pr, tr, dr, br |
| Sort 24 | Beginning Sounds k, wh, qu, tw |
| Sort 25 | Mixed Vowel Word Families -at, -ot, -it |
| Sort 26 | Mixed Vowel Word Families -an, -in, -en, -un |
| Sort 27 | Mixed Vowel Word Families -ad, -ed, -ab, -ob |
| Sort 28 | Mixed Vowel Word Families -ap, -ip, -op, -up |
| Sort 29 | Mixed Vowel Word Families -ag, -eg, -ig, -og, -ug |
| Sort 30 | Mixed Vowel Word Families -ill, -ell, -all |
| Sort 31 | Mixed Vowel Word Families -ack, -ick, -ock, -uck |
| Sort 32 | Mixed Vowel Word Families -ash, -ish, -ush |
| Sort 33 | Mixed Vowel Word Families -ang, -ing, -ong, -ung |
| Sort 34 | Mixed Vowel Word Families -ank, -ink, -unk |
| Sort 35 | Short Vowels a, o |
| Sort 36 | Short Vowels i, u |
| Sort 37 | Short Vowels e, i, o, u |
| Sort 38 | Short a, i Words With Beginning Blends |
| Sort 39 | Short e, o, u Words With Beginning Blends |
| Sort 40 | Short a, e, i Words With Beginning Digraphs |
| Sort 41 | Short Vowel Words With Beginning Blends |
| Sort 42 | Short Vowel Words With Final Blends |
| Sort 43 | Short Vowel Words With Final Digraphs |
| Sort 44 | Short Vowels a, e, i, o, u |
| Sort 45 | Preconsonantal Nasals -ng, -mp |
| Sort 46 | Preconsonantal Nasals -nt, -nd, -nk |
| Sort 47 | Short o and or |
| Sort 48 | Short a and ar |
| Sort 49 | Contractions |

Letter Name Spell Checks

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| Spell Check 1 | Beginning Consonants |
| Spell Check 2 | Same Vowel Word Families |
| Spell Check 3 | Consonant Blends and Digraphs |
| Spell Check 4 | Mixed Vowel Word Families |
| Spell Check 5 | Short Vowel Words |
| Spell Check 6 | Preconsonantal Nasals |
| Spell Check 7 | r-Influenced Vowels |

Within Word Pattern

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| Sort 1 | Short and Long a (Pictures) |
| Sort 2 | Short a (CVC) and Long a (CVCe) |
| Sort 3 | Short and Long i (Pictures) |
| Sort 4 | Short i (CVC) and Long i (CVCe) |
| Sort 5 | Short and Long o (Pictures) |
| Sort 6 | Short o (CVC) and Long o (CVCe) |
| Sort 7 | Short and Long u (Pictures) |
| Sort 8 | Short u (CVC) and Long u (CVCe) |
| Sort 9 | Short and Long e (Pictures) |
| Sort 10 | Review Short Vowel (CVC) and Long Vowel (CVCe) Patterns |
| Sort 11 | Short a (CVC) and Long a (CVCe and CVC-ai) |
| Sort 12 | Short a (CVC) and Long a (CVCe, CVVC-ai, and Open Syllable-ay) |
| Sort 13 | Short o (CVC) and Long o (CVCe and CVVC-oo) |
| Sort 14 | Short o (CVC) and Long o (CVCe, CVVC-oo, and CVV-ow) |
| Sort 15 | Long o (CVCe, CVVC-oo, CVV-ow, VCC) |
| Sort 16 | Short u (CVC) and Long u (CVCe and CVVC) |
| Sort 17 | Short u (CVC) and Long u (Open Syllable -ew and -ue) |
| Sort 18 | Short e (CVC) and Long e (CVVC) |
| Sort 19 | More Short e (CVC and CVVC) and Long e (CVVC) |
| Sort 20 | Review CVVC Patterns ai, oa, ee, ea |
| Sort 21 | Short i (CVC) and Long i (CVCe, VCC-igh, and CV Open Syllable-y) |
| Sort 22 | Long i (CVCe, VCC -igh, CV Open Syllable-y, iCC) |
| Sort 23 | r-Influenced Vowel Patterns ar, ir, or, ur |
| Sort 24 | r-Influenced Vowel Patterns ar, are, air |
| Sort 25 | r-Influenced Vowel Patterns er, ear, eer |
| Sort 26 | r-Influenced Vowel Patterns ir, ire, ier |
| Sort 27 | r-Influenced Vowel Patterns or, ore, oar |
| Sort 28 | r-Influenced Vowel Patterns ur, ure, ur-e |

Within Word Pattern *(continued)*

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| Sort 29 | Review of ar, Schwa Plus r, and or |
| Sort 30 | Diphthongs oi, oy |
| Sort 31 | Vowel Digraph oo |
| Sort 32 | Diphthongs ou, ow |
| Sort 33 | Ambiguous Vowels aw, au |
| Sort 34 | Ambiguous Vowels wa, al, ou |
| Sort 35 | Final /k/ Sound Spelled ck, ke, k |
| Sort 36 | Silent Beginning Consonants kn-, wr-, gn- |
| Sort 37 | Consonant Digraphs Plus r-Blends and squ- |
| Sort 38 | Triple r-blends scr-, str-, spr- |
| Sort 39 | Hard and Soft c and g |
| Sort 40 | Word Endings -dge, -ge |
| Sort 41 | Word Endings -ce, -ve, -se |
| Sort 42 | Word Endings -tch, -ch |
| Sort 43 | Long a Homophones #1 |
| Sort 44 | Long a Homophones #2 |
| Sort 45 | Short and Long i Homophones |

Within Word Pattern Spell Check

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| Spell Check 1 | Short (CVC) and Long (CVCe) Vowels |
| Spell Check 2 | Other Common Long Vowel Patterns |
| Spell Check 3 | r-Influenced Vowels |
| Spell Check 4 | Ambiguous Vowels |
| Spell Check 5 | Complex Consonant Clusters |

Syllables and Affixes

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| Sort 1 | Compound Words |
| Sort 2 | More Compound Words |
| Sort 3 | Plural Endings -es, -s |
| Sort 4 | Unusual Plurals |
| Sort 5 | Adding -ing to Words With VC and VCC Patterns |
| Sort 6 | Adding -ing to Words With VCe and VVC Patterns |
| Sort 7 | Review of Inflected Ending -ing |
| Sort 8 | Adding -ed (Double/No Change) |
| Sort 9 | Adding -ed (Double/e-Drop/No Change) |
| Sort 10 | Adding -ed to Words With VC, VCe, VVC, and VCC Patterns |
| Sort 11 | Unusual Past-Tense Words |
| Sort 12 | Syllable Juncture in VCV and VCCV Patterns |
| Sort 13 | More Syllable Junctures in VCV and VCCV Patterns |
| Sort 14 | Open and Closed Syllables in VCV Patterns |
| Sort 15 | Syllable Juncture in VCV and VCCV Patterns |

Syllables and Affixes *(continued)*

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| Sort 16 | Syllable Juncture in VCCCV and VV Patterns |
| Sort 17 | Open and Closed Syllables and Inflected Endings |
| Sort 18 | Plural Endings: Final -y |
| Sort 19 | Adding Inflected Endings -s, -ed, and -ing to Words With Final -y |
| Sort 20 | Long a Patterns in Accented Syllables |
| Sort 21 | Long i Patterns in Accented Syllables |
| Sort 22 | Long o Patterns in Accented Syllables |
| Sort 23 | Long u Patterns in Accented Syllables |
| Sort 24 | Long and Short e Patterns in Accented Syllables |
| Sort 25 | Review Long Vowel Patterns in Accented Syllables |
| Sort 26 | Ambiguous Vowels oy/oi and ou/ow in Accented Syllables |
| Sort 27 | Ambiguous Vowels au/aw/al in Accented Syllables |
| Sort 28 | r-Influenced a in Accented Syllables |
| Sort 29 | r-Influenced o in Accented Syllables |
| Sort 30 | Words With w or /w/ before the Vowel |
| Sort 31 | /ər/ Spelled er, ir, ur in First Syllables |
| Sort 32 | /ər/ and r-Influenced e Spelled er, ear, ere, eer in Accented Syllables |
| Sort 33 | Unaccented Final Syllable -le |
| Sort 34 | Unaccented Final Syllable /əl/ Spelled -le, -el, -il, -al |
| Sort 35 | Unaccented Final Syllable /ər/ Spelled -er, -ar, -or |
| Sort 36 | Agents and Comparatives |
| Sort 37 | Final Syllables /ər/ Spelled -cher, -ture, -sure, -ure |
| Sort 38 | Unaccented Final Syllable /ən/ Spelled -en, -on, -an, -ain |
| Sort 39 | Unaccented Initial Syllables a-, de-, be- |
| Sort 40 | Initial Hard and Soft c and g |
| Sort 41 | Final -s and Soft c and g |
| Sort 42 | More Words With g |
| Sort 43 | /k/ Spelled -ck, -ic, -x |
| Sort 44 | /qw/ and /k/ Spelled qu |
| Sort 45 | Words With Silent Consonants |
| Sort 46 | Words With gh and ph |
| Sort 47 | Prefixes re-, un- |
| Sort 48 | Prefixes dis-, mis-, pre- |
| Sort 49 | Prefixes ex-, non-, in-, fore- |
| Sort 50 | Prefixes uni-, bi-, tri-, and Other Numbers |
| Sort 51 | Suffixes -y, -ly, -ily |

Syllables and Affixes *(continued)*

- Sort 52 Comparatives **-er, -est**
- Sort 53 Suffixes **-ness, -ful, -less**
- Sort 54 Homophones
- Sort 55 Homographs

Syllables and Affixes Spell Check

- Spell Check 1 Compound Words
- Spell Check 2 Inflected Endings
- Spell Check 3 Open and Closed Syllables
- Spell Check 4 Accented Syllables
- Spell Check 5 Unaccented Syllables
- Spell Check 6 Consonants
- Spell Check 7 Prefixes and Suffixes

Derivational Relations

- Sort 1 Prefixes: **pre-, fore-, post-, after-**
- Sort 2 Review Suffixes **-ness, -ful, -less**
- Sort 3 Adding **-ion** (With No Spelling Change)
- Sort 4 Adding **-ion** and **-ian** (With No Spelling Change)
- Sort 5 Adding **-ion** (With e-Drop and Spelling Change)
- Sort 6 Adding **-ion** (With Predictable Changes in Consonants)
- Sort 7 Consonant Alternation: Silent and Sounded
- Sort 8 Vowel Alternation: Long to Short
- Sort 9 Vowel Alternation: Long to Short or /ə/
- Sort 10 Adding Suffixes: Vowel Alternation (Accented to Unaccented)
- Sort 11 Adding the Suffix **-ity**: Vowel Alternation (/ə/ to Short)
- Sort 12 Adding Suffixes: Vowel Alternation (With Spelling Change)
- Sort 13 Adding the Suffix **-ation**: Vowel Alternation (With Spelling Change)
- Sort 14 Examining Multiple Alternations

Derivational Relations *(continued)*

- Sort 15 Greek and Latin Number Prefixes **mono-, bi-, tri-**
- Sort 16 Greek and Latin Prefixes **inter-, sub-, over-**
- Sort 17 Number Prefixes **quadr-, tetra-, quint-, pent-, dec-**
- Sort 18 Latin Word Roots **spect, port**
- Sort 19 Latin Word Roots **dic, aud**
- Sort 20 Latin Word Roots **rupt, tract, mot**
- Sort 21 Latin Word Roots **ject, man, cred**
- Sort 22 Latin Word Roots **vid/vis, scribe/script**
- Sort 23 Latin Word Roots **jud, leg, flu**
- Sort 24 Greek and Latin Elements **-crat/-cracy, -arch/-archy**
- Sort 25 Latin Word Roots **-spire, -sist, -sign**
- Sort 26 Greek and Latin Elements **cap, ped, corp**
- Sort 27 Greek and Latin Word Roots **sect, vert/vers, form**
- Sort 28 Greek and Latin Word Roots **onym, gen**
- Sort 29 Greek and Latin Word Roots **voc, ling, mem, psych**
- Sort 30 Prefixes **intra-, inter-, intro-**
- Sort 31 Predictable Spelling Changes **ceiv/cep, tain/ten, nounce/nunc**
- Sort 32 Adding Suffixes **-ent/-ence, -ant/-ance #1**
- Sort 33 Adding Suffixes **-ent/-ence, -ant/-ance #2**
- Sort 34 Adding Suffixes **-able, -ible**
- Sort 35 Adding the Suffix **-able** (With e-Drop and No Spelling Change)
- Sort 36 Prefix Assimilation: Prefixes **in-, im-, il-, ir-**
- Sort 37 Prefix Assimilation: Prefixes **com-, col-, con-**
- Sort 38 Prefix Assimilation: Prefixes **ob-, ex-, ad-, sub-**

Derivational Relations Spell Checks

- Spell Check 1 Prefixes and Suffixes
- Spell Check 2 Additional Prefixes and Suffixes
- Spell Check 3 Greek and Latin Roots
- Spell Check 4 Assimilated Prefixes

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