

Teach me to Teach – Spelling

Introduction

This website is divided into five sections:

1. Classroom Practice
2. Background and Theory
3. Word Detective Resources in Action
4. How to use resources
5. Assessments

Each section contains a variety of video clips and a series of downloadable documents or links to useful articles for further reading.

1. Classroom Practice

This section will be added to, as more clips become available over the year

1.1 Teaching sounds

To New Entrant students: *Say it, Hear it, Find it, Write it*

- the /sh/ sound (Joy Allcock)
- the /ar/ sound (Tanya Balfour)
- the /oy/ sound (Mike Laing)

To Year 2 students: The /sh/ sound (Joy Allcock)

To Year 3 and 4 students: The /ow/ sound (Joy Allcock)

To Upper Primary students: The /j/ sound (Joy Allcock)

1.2 Integrating skills

Shared writing – Teaching a writing genre, vocabulary, sentence structure, phonemic awareness, the alphabetic code using the /t/ sound as a focus.

Year 1 students with Sharon Thompson.

Shared writing focusing on spelling sounds in words.

Year 1 students with Tanya Balfour

Shared writing focusing on the alphabetic code.

Year 5 and 6 students with Sharon Hartley

Word-level Readers – recognising sounds in words and building vocabulary knowledge

/sh/ sound – *Mrs Rush-Around and Lily's Fish*

Year 1 students with Joy Allcock

/ar/ sound – *The Flying Carpet*

Year 1 students with Tanya Balfour

1.3 Teaching phonemic awareness skills

Sound Analysis skills – Sound Bingo – Year 3 and 4 students with Joy Allcock

Syllable recognition – Syllable game – Year 2 students with Joy Allcock

Rhyming activity – New Entrant children with Joy Allcock

Blending activity – New Entrant children with Joy Allcock

Segmenting activity – New Entrant children with Joy Allcock

Manipulating sounds – Year 3 and 4 students deleting and substituting sounds with Joy Allcock

Discrimination between short and long vowel sounds – New Entrant children with Tanya Balfour

1.4 Possessive apostrophes

Year 5 and 6 students with Joy Allcock

Downloads/links: Activity sheets to use with students

1.5 The /k/ sound

Year 5 and 6 students working with Joy Allcock, learning the rules for spelling the /k/ sound.

1.6 Long vowel sounds

Year 6, 7 and 8 students working with Joy Allcock, finding out some spelling conventions for the long /e/ sound.

1.7 Syllables – Topic 9 *Spelling Under Scrutiny*

Joy Allcock working with Upper Primary teachers – introducing the information from Topic 9 *Spelling Under Scrutiny*.

2. Background and Theory

2.1 How People Learn to Read and Spell

- 2.1a **Different groups of spellers**
Downloads/links: Link to Master's Thesis by Joy Allcock
- 2.1b **The good reader – inaccurate speller phenomenon**
Downloads/links: Link to Master's Thesis by Joy Allcock
- 2.1c **Different approaches to spelling words**
Downloads/links: Link to Master's Thesis by Joy Allcock
'Teach Students How Words Work' – article by Joy Allcock
- 2.1d **The skills we need for spelling**
Downloads/links: Diagram – Steps to Success
Link to article: 'How Words Cast Their Spell' by Johsi, Treiman, Carreker & Moats
Documents linked to the Literacy Learning Progressions

2.2 Literacy Success and Troubleshooting Literacy Problems

- 2.2a **Steps to Success for literacy**
Downloads/links: Steps to Success diagram
- 2.2b **Troubleshooting literacy difficulties**
Downloads/links: Troubleshooting diagram

2.3 Understanding Spelling Errors

- 2.3a **The structure of words**
Downloads/links: Structure of Words diagram
- 2.3b **Analysing spelling errors**
Downloads/links: Activity sheet – practise analysing errors

2.4 The Impact of Spelling on Writing

2.5 The THAY Speller

- Downloads/links:** Ideas for improving spelling of high-frequency words

2.6 The Schwa Vowel Sound

- Downloads/links:** Definition of the schwa and references to teacher resources

2.7 Blends and Digraphs

- Downloads/links:** Definition of blends and digraphs

2.8 Spelling Lists

Downloads/links: Links to ideas for spelling lists in *Switch on to Spelling* and *Spelling Under Scrutiny*

2.9 Does a Dictionary Help an Inaccurate Speller?

Downloads/links: Phonetic spell-checkers

2.10 From Language to Literacy – the ‘Bucket’ Document

Downloads/links: Article by Joy Allcock

2.11 Developmental Skills for Learning

Downloads/links: Diagram
Explanation of diagram and handwriting skills
Observational assessment of developmental skills

2.12 Clips for parent meetings

The video clips in this section explain why some children find reading and spelling easy, and others don't. They also explain the impact of poor spelling on writing, the skills we need for reading and writing, and they show some demonstration lessons teaching from sound to print. You can select the clips that would be most helpful to show parents. The other clip 'From Language to Literacy' would also be useful for parents – this is freely available on www.teachmetoteach.co.nz/spelling

Downloads/links: Information sheet

3. *Word Detective Resources in Action*

Word Detective resources can be used flexibly to teach the foundation skills for literacy – vocabulary, phonemic awareness, the alphabetic code, high-frequency words, spelling rules and conventions and reading skills. See some of the resources in action.

- 3.1 Word Detective teaches vocabulary
- 3.2 Word Detective teaches phonemic awareness
- 3.3 Word Detective teaches phonics/alphabetic code
- 3.4 Word Detective teaches high-frequency words
- 3.5 Word Detective teaches spelling rules and conventions
- 3.6 Word Detective teaches word-level reading skills

4. *How to Use Resources*

4.1 *How to use Sounds Like Fun*

Plus demonstration lessons using the *Sounds Like Fun* strategy
Sounds Like Fun strategy – The *Say it, Hear it, Find it, Write it, Use it* strategy
(Joy Allcock)

Downloads/links: How to use *Sounds Like Fun*

4.2 *How to use Switch on to Spelling*

Downloads/links: Flow-chart for using *Switch on to Spelling*

4.3 *How to use Spelling Under Scrutiny*

Downloads/links: Flow-chart for using *Spelling Under Scrutiny*
Supplement for getting started
Updated answers for Practice Activity books
Updated information for Topic 9

4.4 *How to use the English Spelling Dictionary*

Downloads/links: Ideas for using the *English Spelling Dictionary*

4.5 *How to use My Sound Spelling Dictionary*

Downloads/links: Ideas for using the *My Sound Spelling Dictionary*

4.6 *How to use The Code Breaker's Guide to Spelling English*

Downloads/links: Ideas for using *The Code Breaker's Guide to Spelling English*

4.7 How to use resources that illustrate the alphabetic code

Downloads/links: Overview of these resources

4.8 How to use the First 100 High-frequency Word Cards

Downloads/links: Ideas for using High-frequency word cards

4.9 How to use the Word Detective Game

Downloads/links: Sample games from the Word Detective Games set

4.10 How to use the Talking Pen

4.11 How to use *Songs for Literacy* and *Singing the Sounds of English* music CDs

Downloads/links: Lyric sheets

4.12 How to use *Steps to Success* Interactive DVDs

Downloads/links: Instruction booklet

4.13 How to use *The Practitioner's Guide*

Downloads/links: File for *The Practitioner's Guide to using Word Detective Resources*

5. Assessments

Teacher Questionnaire

Assessment 1 Part 1

Downloads/links: Questionnaire, answers, ideas for up-skilling knowledge

Sounds like Fun

Assessment 1 Part 1

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 1 Part 2

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 2

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 3

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Switch on to Spelling

Assessment 1 Part 1

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 1 Part 2

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 2

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 3

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 4 Part 1

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 4 Part 2

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 5 Part 1

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 5 Part 2

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 6 Part 1

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 6 Part 2

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 6 Part 3

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 7

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 8 Part 1

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 8 Part 2

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets

Assessment 9a and b

Downloads/links: Information and Assessment sheets
New assessment – Assessment 9b

Spelling Under Scrutiny

Gap Analysis assessments 1, 2, 3

Downloads/links: Information sheet

Pseudoword Assessment

Downloads/links: Information sheet

Blends Test

Downloads/links: Information sheet

15 Minute Writing Assessment

Downloads/links: Information sheet

Topic 9, Pseudoword Reading Assessment

Downloads/links: Information sheet

Topic 9, Pseudoword Spelling Assessment

Downloads/links: Information sheet