***SMART Spelling Assessment to Help Us Choose Units***

***Grade 3/4***

Assessment words and sentences. Testing protocol: read the word, read the sentence, repeat the word. Mark wrong only if the letter focus part is wrong.

***Year 3 Spelling***

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| ***Letter focus*** | ***Sample word*** | ***Sentence*** |
| 1. er as in fern
 | term | This is the first **term** of the school year. |
| 1. ge as in cage
 | change | I **change** my clothes after school. |
| 1. y as in pony
 | sorry | The girl was **sorry** when she broke the window. |
| 1. or as in worm
 | worm | The **worm** dug into the soil and wriggled down. |
| 1. le as in table
 | bible | We found the story of Jesus in the **bible**. |
| 1. y as in pyramid
 | mystery | The detective solved the **mystery** of the stolen jewels. |
| 1. are as in square
 | spare | Go and get a **spare** hat from the office. |
| 1. o /ho as in frog / honest
 | across | I rowed **across** the river. |
| 1. ear as in ear
 | near | The plate is **near** the spoon. |
| 1. c as in city
 | city | The **city** is dark at night. |
| 1. Prefix inter-
 | internet  | Our **internet** speed is slow tonight. |
| 1. contractions
 | haven’t | I **haven’t** got any playlunch left. |
| 1. se as in horse
 | horse | The **horse** ate all the hay. |
| 1. oi as in coin
 | avoid | I try to **avoid** the barking dog’s house. |
| 1. oy as in toy
 | enjoy | My Mum will **enjoy** her cup of coffee. |
| 1. q as in queen
 | queen | The **queen** had a baby girl |
| 1. a as in baby
 | lazy | My dog likes to be **lazy** on hot days. |
| 1. a banana and al half
 | last | I ate the **last** piece of fruit. |
| 1. g as in giant
 | danger | The heavy rain made driving a **danger**. |
| 1. s as in treasure
 | treasure | The pirate buried his **treasure**. |
| 1. ti as in station
 | station | The train stopped at the **station**. |
| 1. u as in quilt
 | squeal | My baby brother likes to **squeal**. |
| 1. se as in cheese
 | those | I like **those** socks you’re wearing. |
| 1. aw as in saw
 | draw | My dad can **draw** funny horses. |
| 1. our as in colour
 | colour | I like the **colour** of that car. |
| 1. eigh as in eight and a-e tape
 | eight | The chickens laid **eight** eggs. |
| 1. eigh as in eight and a-e tape
 | safe | The rope bridge didn’t look **safe**. |
| 1. Plurals ending in y
 | puppies | My dog had five **puppies**. |
| 1. Plurals ending in f or fe
 | leaves | The **leaves** turned brown and fell on the ground. |
| 1. Plural words ending in o
 | tomato | I like **tomato** in my salad. |
| 1. Consonant suffix –ful
 | careful | I was very **careful** to carry the drink without spilling it. |
| 1. Consonant suffix –less
 | helpless | A new born baby is quite **helpless**. |
| 1. o as in glove
 | done | I have **done** my work. |

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***Year 4 Spelling***

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| ***Letter focus*** | ***Sample word*** | ***Sentence*** |
| 1. augh as in caught / au as in sauce
 | taught | Our teacher **taught** us a silly song. |
| 1. t ‘ch’ as in nature
 | capture | The pirates were able to **capture** the king’s ship. |
| 1. re as in centre
 | metre | The door was 1 **metre** wide. |
| 1. tt as in letter
 | attack | The army planned to **attack** at dawn. |
| 1. gg as in egg
 | nuggets | I like chicken **nuggets**! |
| 1. y as in pyramid
 | typical | It was a **typical** day at the beach until we saw a shark. |
| 1. wr as in wrist
 | unwrap | The twins loved to **unwrap** their birthday presents. |
| 1. que / k as in antique / kitten
 | unique | Our fingerprints are individual and **unique**. |
| 1. ou as in famous
 | dangerous | The climb down the cliff was **dangerous**. |
| 1. ch as in chef
 | machine | The washing **machine** was making weird noises. |
| 1. ai as in snail
 | complain | The kitten will **complain** if it doesn’t get fed. |
| 1. Consonant suffix –ment
 | replacement | The **replacement** teacher was very nice to us. |
| 1. Consonant suffix –ly
 | lonely | The girl looked **lonely** so we asked her to play. |
| 1. ce as in ice
 | police | We saw the **police** car rush by with sirens wailing. |
| 1. ie as in chief
 | believe | The explorer could not **believe** her eyes. |
| 1. ure as in measure
 | measure | I need to **measure** the windows so I can buy curtains. |
| 1. Consonant suffix –ness
 | sickness | We had a lot of **sickness** and flu last winter. |
| 1. v as in voice
 | velvet | The cushion had a soft **velvet** covering that was pink. |
| 1. y as in yawn and i as in onion
 | opinion | Mum and Dad asked me for my **opinion** so I told them. |
| 1. or as in doctor
 | alligator | We didn’t know if it was an **alligator** or crocodile. |
| 1. ui as in fruit and ew as in screw
 | fruity | The drink had a **fruity** flavour. |
| 1. ci as in special
 | special | My family always make my birthday **special**. |
| 1. r / rr / wr common errors
 | tomorrow | Can we go shopping **tomorrow**? |
| 1. n / nn / kn common errors
 | connect | We’re ready to **connect** to the NBN. |
| 1. m/mm/mb mouse, hammer lamb
 | common | We shared a **common** love of zebras and giraffes. |
| 1. e as in garden
 | tinsel | There was so much **tinsel** on the tree. |
| 1. Prefix dis-
 | disagree | I rarely **disagree** with what my sister says. |
| 1. l in leg and ll as in bell
 | travelling | We are **travelling** to Vietnam this year. |
| 1. u making 2 sounds; ‘y’ and ‘oo’
 | January | There’s lots of cricket and tennis in **January**. |
| 1. a as in ant
 | fantasy | I love stories full of **fantasy**. |
| 1. Prefixes pro- and anti-
 | progress | It was slow **progress** builing our lego starship. |
| 1. p as in panda
 | whisper | We had to keep our voices to a **whisper**. |

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***Plan for the Year***

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