



# **SPELD NSW**

## **Making Spelling Stick**

**Spelling Scripts and Routines**

# THE 'SKEES'

## SPELLING Routine

### State the Goal

Clearly state the key focus of the lesson briefly and succinctly.

*E.g.: "Today we will be learning...The Dropping the e rule"*

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### Prior Knowledge

Consider what prior knowledge is needed for this new learning. Review & provide visual scaffolds.

*E.g.: "Vowel suffixes we know are ..."*

### Explained Example

Model a 'think aloud'.

*E.g.: "I want to spell the word 'chasing'. The base is 'chase' and the suffix is 'ing'..."*

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### Example

Provide a second worked example to reinforce.

*E.g.: "I want to spell the word 'baked'. The base word is 'bake' and the suffix is 'ed'..."*

### Summarise

Clearly state what the students will focus on in their guided and independent practise.

*E.g.: "When the base words end with an 'e', we have to take off the 'e' before adding the vowel suffix..."*

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Now use 'SAWR' for we do/guided practice.

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# THE 'APPPS'

## SPELLING ROUTINE for students

When I want to spell a word I have to think...

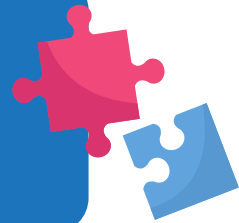
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Ask yourself-  
what does it mean?



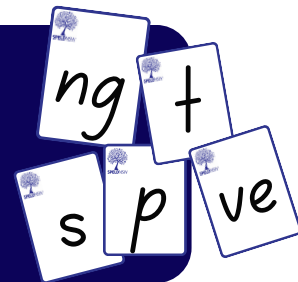
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What are the **parts**  
(base, prefix, suffix)?



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What are the  
**phonemes**?



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What are  
conventions or  
**patterns** I know?



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# THE 'STAMP' MODEL

Instruction for less common/alternate spellings

## Step 1: State the Goal

E.g. "We are learning some words that have less common spellings for the 'igh' phoneme."



## Step 2: Memorise

E.g. "I am going to show you how to write the word..."

"The tricky part of this word is... A trick for remembering this special spelling might be..."

"A word that shares this spelling is..."



## Step 3: Practise

E.g. "Let's write the word... remember there's a tricky part to this word? What is it? Tell your partner how you will remember this spelling... Write it again."



Now use 'SAWR' for we do/guided practice.

# Outline of a SPELLING Lesson



## Lesson Stage

## Details

Daily Review  
10 min

Whole class review of content taught in **prior** units as planned in the scope and sequence.

Review Unit  
2 min

Reviewing concepts taught in the preceding days in **this set**.

Teacher dictates words for students to spell on their mini whiteboards. Provide scaffolding as appropriate. Provide immediate feedback.

Teach New Content  
2-3 minutes

Teach the new content as a whole class using the SKEES routine.

Guided Practice  
3-5 minutes

Guided practice with scaffolding as a whole class.

Independent Practice  
15 minutes

Activities designed to practice the new skill taught in this lesson and engage in active **retrieval** practice.



# Spelling Script Outline

## Steps

## Example

### 1 - State the Goal

*We are learning* \_\_\_ *ways to spell the phoneme* /\_\_\_/.  
Show graphemes.

### 2 - Prior Knowledge

Provide any visual scaffolding that is needed to support learning.

### 3 - Explained Examples

Think out loud ➔ *I want to spell the word* \_\_\_\_\_  
Meaning ➔ explain the meaning/use is in a sentence.  
Students say the word ➔ *What's the word?*  
Sound it out with sound lines ➔ \_\_\_\_\_  
Identify the spelling pattern or convention ➔  
minimise talking by making use of the visual scaffolds.

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### 5 - Summarise

*In this lesson...*  
provide a brief summary of the learning so students know what they are practicing in this lesson.

*YOUR TURN.*



# Spelling Script Example

## 1 State the Goal

We are learning 2 ways to spell the phoneme /ay/.

Here are the two ways we will practice spelling /ay/.

We need to know which one to use.



## 2 Prior Knowledge

You know that sometimes we have to listen to where the sound is in the word to know which spelling to use.

## 3 Explained Example

Think out loud → I want to spell the word 'chain'.

Meaning → You use a chain to lock up your bike.

Students say the word → What's the word?

Sound it out with sound lines → \_ \_ \_

Identify the spelling pattern or convention → The /ay/ is here in the middle of the base word, so I am going to use 'ai'.

## 4 Example

Think out loud → I want to spell the word 'tray'.

Meaning → I carry food on a tray..

Students say the word → What's the word?

Sound it out with sound lines → \_ \_ \_

Identify the spelling pattern or convention → The /ay/ is here at the end of the base word, so I am going to use 'ay'.

## 5 Summarise

In this lesson, when I hear the /ay/ in the middle of the base word, I am going to use 'ai'. And when I hear /ay/ at the end of the base word, I am going to use 'ay'.

YOUR TURN.





# Spelling Script: Suffixing Rule Morphology

## 1 State the Goal

*We are learning a new vowel suffixing rule.*

## 2 Prior Knowledge

*You know the vowel suffixes 'ed' and 'ing'.*

*A vowel suffix starts with... a vowel letter.*

*We know that 'ed' tells us the action is in the past.*

*The 'ing' tells us the action is continuous.*

*We know our short vowels. Let's practice them.*

*(Provide visuals of the suffixes and the short vowel graphemes.)*

## 3 Explained Example

*Think out loud → I want to write the word 'jumped'.*

*Meaning → Yesterday I jumped in the pool.*

*Students say the word → What's the word?*

*Write the base word → 'jump'*

*Check and change the base → I look at the vowel and I have 2 consonant letters after the vowel.*

*Apply Suffix → So I can just add 'ed'.*

## 4 Example

*Think out loud → I want to write the word 'flopped'.*

*Meaning → I was tired and flopped onto the couch.*

*Students say the word → What's the word?*

*Write the base word → 'flop'*

*Check and change the base → I look at the vowel... one short vowel 1 consonant letter, so I have to double the 'p'.*

*(add a 'p' or drag up the double letter card)*

*Apply Suffix → Now I can just add 'ed'.*

## 5 Summarise

*In this lesson, you will write the base word first, then CHECK how many consonants are following the vowel. If 2 then do nothing. If 1, then double that letter.*

*YOUR TURN.*



# The NEW Suffix/Prefix Morphology Script

## 1 State the Goal

We are learning a new vowel suffix 'y'.

We call this a vowel suffix because it sounds like /ee/.

## 2 Prior Knowledge

We know some vowel suffixing conventions that we have to apply before we can add vowel suffixing: **double**, **drop e** or sometimes we do nothing!

## 3 Explained Example

Think out loud → I want to spell the word 'moody'.

Meaning → When I am in a bad mood I am 'moody'.

The base is 'mood' and the suffix is 'y'.

Write the base word → Write the base, 'mood'.

Check and change the base → Check it, no need to do anything.

Apply Suffix → I can add the 'y' to create an adjective 'moody'.

Write it and read it..

## 4 Example

Think out loud → I want to spell the word 'spicy'.

Meaning → When I sneak around, I am being 'spicy'.

The base is 'spice', and the suffix is 'y'.

Write the base word → Write the base, 'spice'.

Check and change the base → Spice has an 'e' at the end.

Take off the 'e' before adding '-y'.

Write it and read it..

## 5 Summarise

When we hear the /ee/ sound at the end of a word and it is an adjective, we know we have to use the suffix 'y' and we will check the base for any suffixing conventions.



# Advanced Morphology-base Word Study Script

## 1 State the Goal

We are learning how to spell words that share the base 'nate'.  
Nate means to belong to or be born of. (Show base 'NATE')

## 2 Prior Knowledge

We know a range of prefixes (display)

We know a range of suffixes (display)

We know our vowel suffixing rules (display if needed)

## 3 Explained Example

Think out loud → I want to write 'native'.

Meaning → A native tree is a tree that belong to our country and was not introduced from another place.

Think about the parts → I know it has the base 'nate' and the suffix is 'ive'.  
(Write word sum.)

Apply Spelling Conventions → To spell it I have to remember the **drop the e' rule**. (Write whole word.)

## 4 Example

Think out loud → I want to write 'nature'.

Meaning → Nature is all the living things that are living and belong to the environment.

Think about the parts → I know it has the base 'nate' and the suffix is 'ure'.  
(Write word sum.)

Apply Spelling Conventions → To spell it I have to remember the **drop the e' rule**. (Write whole word.)

## 5 Summarise

In this lesson you will spell words that have the base 'nate' and then a suffix and maybe a prefix. You must remember the dropping the 'e' rule. Let's do some words sums together.

