

Word Study Grades 3-5

Word Study is an informed analysis of students' spelling which teachers can use to efficiently differentiate effective instruction in phonics, spelling, and vocabulary. It is teaching students to categorize the sounds, patterns, and meanings in words to build their knowledge of the English language. (Bear, Invernezzi, Templeton, & Johnson, 2012)

Students are assessed on their spelling knowledge using the Developmental Spelling Analysis. Differentiated Word Study instruction begins at the student's developmental spelling level and progresses through different features throughout the year.

The chart below summarizes the spelling stages with focus areas, reading stages, and approximate related grade levels.

