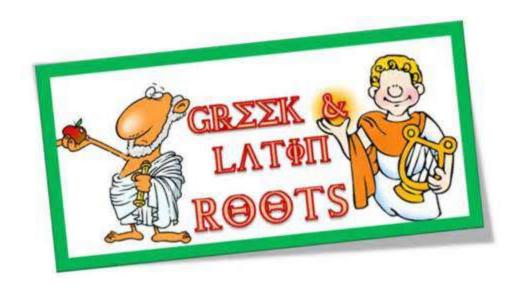
# Derivational Relations Spellers and Writers: The Advanced Stage of Spelling Development



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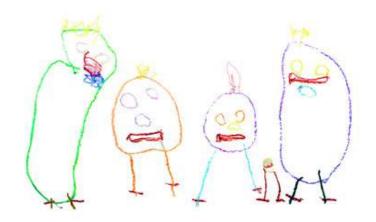
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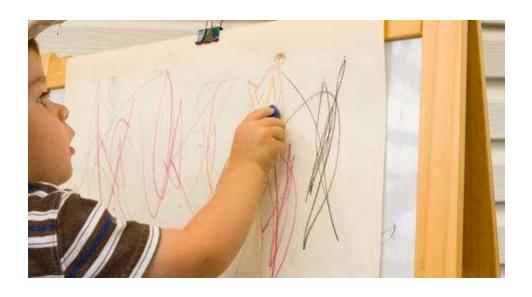
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#### First Stage of Spelling Development

**Emergent/Early Letter Name** – scribbles, drawings, letter like forms, no directionality





#### **Second Stage of Spelling Development**

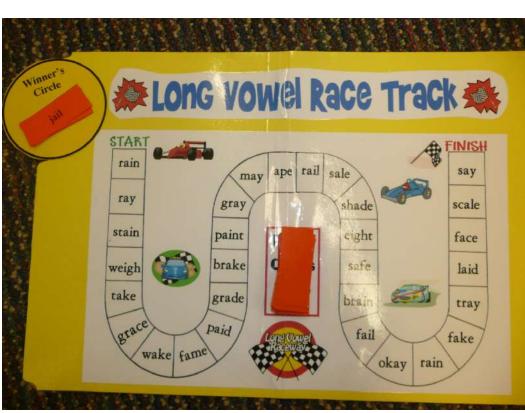
**Letter Name** – initial consonant, final consonant, some vowel placement, spaces between words

 This stage of spelling focuses heavily on letter/sound match.

#### Third Stage of Spelling Development: Within Word Pattern

- Focus is on single syllable vowel patterns
- Begin to examine long vowel patterns
- Spelling focus is on sounds and PATTERNS

- CVVC (nail, beak)
- CVCe (name, bike)
- CVV (say, pie)



### Fourth Stage of Spelling Development: Syllables and Affixes

- Compound Words
- Inflected Endings (-ed, -ing, -es, -s)
- Open and Closed Syllables (robot, teddy)
- Accented Syllables (desert/desert)
- Unaccented Syllables
- Consonants
- Common prefixes and suffixes
- Homophones (links/lynx, bald/bawled)
- Homographs (convict, conduct, digest)

## Where to begin with Derivational Relations spellers?



#### **PALS Data**



 Use a student's PALS spelling data--the 2 and 3 in blue inform instruction

#### **AND**

Analyze student writing for repeated errors in spelling

#### Word Study Instruction within Meaningful Contexts

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### Instruction for Derivational Relations Spellers

- Students should be actively involved in the exploration of words to develop a curiosity about words
- Students should have exposures to words in many meaningful contexts
- Teachers must introduce, model, and reinforce the the process of learning about words
- Word study notebooks/journals

### Instruction for Syllables and Affixes Spellers (cont'd)

- Word hunts within independent reading material
- Develop routines to help students examine and study the words they are sorting
- Helping students understand that the structure of words is a direct clue to learning and remembering the meaning of words

### Instruction for Derivational Relations (cont'd)

- Students can practice calling out words to each other to sort
- Use suggested games from Words Their Way chapter on Derivational Relations

### Instruction for Derivational Relations (cont'd)

- Small group work where students discuss what they have read
- Time to share and discuss details of stories with peers
- 25 to 30 minutes of independent reading/day will propel them into the final stage of spelling
- Word Study without independent reading time will not bring about growth in spelling

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