

Placement Test

The Placement Test identifies

1. students who have not mastered sound-symbol relationships and therefore need elementary phonics instruction before entering *Spelling Through Morphographs*,
2. students who perform too well to benefit from *Spelling Through Morphographs*, and
3. students suited to enter *Spelling Through Morphographs*.

Placement Test	
Part A	
1. fun	8. chip
2. shop	9. that
3. sack	10. such
4. hat	11. she
5. red	12. late
6. spend	13. teeth
7. stop	
(Tell your students) The rest of the words in this part of the test are not real words.	
14. pont (rhymes with <i>font</i>)	
15. emp (rhymes with <i>temp</i>)	
16. lart (rhymes with <i>dart</i>)	
17. gan (rhymes with <i>can</i>)	
18. frap (rhymes with <i>trap</i>)	
19. dup (rhymes with <i>cup</i>)	
20. vist (rhymes with <i>twist</i>)	
Part B	
1. really	6. swimming
2. strengthening	7. heroically
3. laziness	8. uncontrolled
4. notable	9. photograph
5. distraction	10. professional

Administering the Test

Administer both parts of the test to individual students or to a group being considered for *Spelling Through Morphographs*. When administering the test to an individual, do not present Part B if the student makes four or more errors in Part A.

1. (Introduce the test. Say) You are going to write some words. Some of the words are hard to spell, so don't worry if you don't know them all. But you should do the best you can.
2. (Present the first word.)
First word: **fun**.
What word? (Signal.) *Fun*.
Everybody, write **fun**.

TO CORRECT:

- a. The word is (Pause.) **fun**.
Flying is **fun**.
 - b. What word? (Signal.) *Fun*.
Everybody, write **fun**.
3. (Repeat Step 2 for each word. Words are dictated in sentences only if students do not correctly identify the words in isolation.)

Scoring and Placement

The Placement Test is an initial guide for placing a student in *Spelling Through Morphographs*. The table on the following page indicates placement criteria.

Placement Criteria		
Part A	4 or more errors	Too low for <i>Spelling Through Morphographs</i> Needs sound-symbol spelling
Part A	fewer than 4 errors	Mainline poor speller Start <i>Spelling Through Morphographs</i> at Lesson 1.
Part B	3 or more errors	
Part B	fewer than 3 errors	Too high for <i>Spelling Through Morphographs</i> Assign independent writing tasks.