

Main Criteria: Spelling Classroom
Secondary Criteria: Colorado Academic Standards (CAS)
Subject: Language Arts
Grades: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Spelling Classroom

Word Ladder

Summary: Sequence of words built upon the previous and advance down the ladder with each correct answer.

Colorado Academic Standards (CAS)

Language Arts

Grade 1 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT AREA	CO.1.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	1.2.3.	Decoding words require the application of alphabetic principles, letter sounds, and letter combinations. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	1.2.3.a.	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. (CCSS: RF.1.3)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	1.2.3.a.vi i.	Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words. (CCSS: RF.1.3g)
CONTENT AREA	CO.1.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	1.2.4.	Understanding word structure, word relationships, and word families needs to be demonstrated to begin to read. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	1.2.4.b.	With guidance and support from adults, demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings. (CCSS: L.1.5)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	1.2.4.b.ii .	Define words by category and by one or more key attributes (e.g., a duck is a bird that swims; a tiger is a large cat with stripes). (CCSS: L.1.5b)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	1.2.4.b.ii i.	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at home that are cozy). (CCSS: L.1.5c)
CONTENT AREA	CO.1.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	1.2.4.	Understanding word structure, word relationships, and word families needs to be demonstrated to begin to read. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	1.2.4.c.	Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using frequently occurring conjunctions to signal simple relationships (e.g., because). (CCSS: L.1.6)
CONTENT AREA	CO.1.3.	Writing and Composition
STANDARD	1.3.2.	Appropriate spelling, conventions, and grammar are applied when writing. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	1.3.2.b.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (CCSS: L.1.2)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	1.3.2.b.v.	Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words. (CCSS: L.1.2d)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	1.3.2.b.vi .	Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions. (CCSS: L.1.2e)

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Grade 2 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT AREA	CO.2.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	2.2.3.	Decoding words with accuracy depends on knowledge of complex spelling patterns and morphology. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE	2.2.3.d.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings. (CCSS: L.2.5)

OUTCOMES		
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	2.2.3.d.i.	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy). (CCSS: L.2.5a)
CONTENT AREA	CO.2.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	2.2.3.	Decoding words with accuracy depends on knowledge of complex spelling patterns and morphology. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	2.2.3.e.	Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., When other kids are happy that makes me happy). (CCSS: L.2.6)
CONTENT AREA	CO.2.3.	Writing and Composition
STANDARD	2.3.3.	Appropriate spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation are used and applied when writing. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	2.3.3.a.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. (CCSS: L.2.1)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	2.3.3.a.ix.	Spell high-frequency words correctly
CONTENT AREA	CO.2.3.	Writing and Composition
STANDARD	2.3.3.	Appropriate spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation are used and applied when writing. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	2.3.3.b.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (CCSS: L.2.2)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	2.3.3.b.iv.	Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage → badge; boy → boil). (CCSS: L.2.2d)

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Grade 3 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT AREA	CO.3.1.	Oral Expression and Listening
STANDARD	3.1.1.	Oral communication is used both informally and formally. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	3.1.1.c.	Speak clearly, using appropriate volume and pitch for the purpose and audience.
CONTENT AREA	CO.3.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	3.2.3.	Increasing word understanding, word use, and word relationships increases vocabulary. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	3.2.3.a.	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. (CCSS: RF.3.3)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	3.2.3.a.iv.	Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words. (CCSS: RF.3.3d)
CONTENT AREA	CO.3.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	3.2.3.	Increasing word understanding, word use, and word relationships increases vocabulary. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	3.2.3.d.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings. (CCSS: L.3.5)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	3.2.3.d.ii.	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful). (CCSS: L.3.5b)
CONTENT AREA	CO.3.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	3.2.3.	Increasing word understanding, word use, and word relationships increases vocabulary. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	3.2.3.e.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and temporal relationships (e.g., After dinner that night we went looking for them). (CCSS: L.3.6)

CONTENT AREA	CO.3.3.	Writing and Composition
STANDARD	3.3.3.	Correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling are used when writing. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	3.3.3.f.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (CCSS: L.3.2)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	3.3.3.f.v.	Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness). (CCSS: L.3.2e)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	3.3.3.f.vi.	Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words. (CCSS: L.3.2f)

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Grade 4 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT AREA	CO.4.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	4.2.3.	Knowledge of complex orthography (spelling patterns), morphology (word meanings), and word relationships to decode (read) multisyllabic words contributes to better reading skills. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	4.2.3.e.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation). (CCSS: L.4.6)
CONTENT AREA	CO.4.3.	Writing and Composition
STANDARD	4.3.3.	Correct sentence formation, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling are applied to make the meaning clear to the reader. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	4.3.3.g.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (CCSS: L.4.2)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	4.3.3.g.iv	Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed. (CCSS: L.4.2d)

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Grade 5 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT AREA	CO.5.3.	Writing and Composition
STANDARD	5.3.3.	Conventions apply consistently when evaluating written texts. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	5.3.3.a.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (CCSS: L.5.2)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	5.3.3.a.v.	Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed. (CCSS: L.5.2e)

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT AREA	CO.6.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	6.2.3.	Word meanings are determined by how they are designed and how they are used in context. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	6.2.3.c.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (CCSS: L.6.6)
CONTENT AREA	CO.6.3.	Writing and Composition
STANDARD	6.3.3.	Specific editing for grammar, usage, mechanics, and clarity gives writing its precision and legitimacy. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE	6.3.3.b.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (CCSS: L.6.2)

OUTCOMES		
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	6.3.3.b.ii	Spell correctly. (CCSS: L.6.2b)

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT AREA	CO.7.1.	Oral Expression and Listening
STANDARD	7.1.1.	Formal presentations require preparation and effective delivery. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	7.1.1.a.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with pertinent descriptions, facts, details, and examples; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (CCSS: SL.7.4)
CONTENT AREA	CO.7.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	7.2.3.	Purpose, tone, and meaning in word choices influence literary, persuasive, and informational texts. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	7.2.3.a.	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 7 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. (CCSS: L.7.4)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	7.2.3.a.vi	Differentiate between primary and secondary meanings of words.
CONTENT AREA	CO.7.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	7.2.3.	Purpose, tone, and meaning in word choices influence literary, persuasive, and informational texts. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	7.2.3.c.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (CCSS: L.7.6)
CONTENT AREA	CO.7.3.	Writing and Composition
STANDARD	7.3.3.	Editing writing for proper grammar, usage, mechanics, and clarity improves written work. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	7.3.3.a.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (CCSS: L.7.2)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	7.3.3.a.ii.	Spell correctly. (CCSS: L.7.2b)

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT AREA	CO.8.1.	Oral Expression and Listening
STANDARD	8.1.1.	Communication skills and interviewing techniques are required to gather information and to develop and deliver oral presentations. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	8.1.1.a.	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. (CCSS: SL.8.1)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	8.1.1.a.vi ii.	Demonstrate appropriate verbal and nonverbal delivery techniques (clear enunciation, gesture, volume, pace, use of visuals, and language) for intended effect.
CONTENT AREA	CO.8.1.	Oral Expression and Listening
STANDARD	8.1.2.	A variety of response strategies clarifies meaning or messages. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	8.1.2.a.	Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. (CCSS: SL.8.4)
CONTENT AREA	CO.8.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	8.2.3.	Context, grammar, and word choice influence the understanding of literary, persuasive, and informational texts. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS /	8.2.3.c.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase

EVIDENCE OUTCOMES		important to comprehension or expression. (CCSS: L.8.6)
CONTENT AREA	CO.8.3.	Writing and Composition
STANDARD	8.3.3.	Editing writing for grammar, usage, mechanics, and clarity is an essential trait of a well-written document. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	8.3.3.b.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (CCSS: L.8.2)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	8.3.3.b.iv	Spell correctly. (CCSS: L.8.2c)

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Grade 9 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT AREA	CO.9.3.	Writing and Composition
STANDARD	9.3.3.	Writing for grammar, usage, mechanics, and clarity requires ongoing refinements and revisions. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	9.3.3.a.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (CCSS: L.9-10.2)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	9.3.3.a.iv	Spell correctly. (CCSS: L.9-10.2c)

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Grade 10 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT AREA	CO.10.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	10.2.3.	Context, parts of speech, grammar, and word choice influence the understanding of literary, persuasive, and informational texts. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	10.2.3.c.	Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (CCSS: L.9-10.6)

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Grade 11 - Adopted: 2010

CONTENT AREA	CO.11.1.	Oral Expression and Listening
STANDARD	11.1.1.	Verbal and nonverbal cues impact the intent of communication. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	11.1.1.c.	Deliver oral talks with clear enunciation, vocabulary, and appropriate organization; nonverbal gestures; and tone.
CONTENT AREA	CO.11.2.	Reading for All Purposes
STANDARD	11.2.3.	Knowledge of language, including syntax and grammar, influence the understanding of literary, persuasive, and informational texts. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	11.2.3.d.	Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. (CCSS: L.11-12.6)
CONTENT AREA	CO.11.3.	Writing and Composition
STANDARD	11.3.3.	Writing demands ongoing revisions and refinements for grammar, usage, mechanics, and clarity. Students can:
CONCEPTS AND SKILLS / EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	11.3.3.b.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (CCSS: L.11-12.2)
EVIDENCE OUTCOMES	11.3.3.b.i	Spell correctly. (CCSS: L.11-12.2b)

