

Main Criteria: Spelling Classroom
Secondary Criteria: Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks
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.

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Language Arts

Grade 1 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RF.1.	Grade 1 Reading Standards for Foundational Skills [RF]
STRAND		Phonics and Word Recognition
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RF.1.3.	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
INDICATOR	RF.1.3.g.	Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.1.	Grade 1 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.1.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.1.2.e.	Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.
INDICATOR	L.1.2.f.	Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.1.	Grade 1 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.1.6.	Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, activities in the grade 1 curriculum, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using frequently occurring conjunctions (e.g., because) to signal simple relationships. (See grade 1 Reading Literature Standard 4 and Reading Informational Text Standard 4 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading; see grade 1 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 4 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of vocabulary.)

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Grade 2 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.2.	Grade 2 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD /	L.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization,

CONCEPT / SKILL		punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.2.2.e.	Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage → badge; boy → boil).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.2.	Grade 2 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.2.6.	Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, activities in the grade 2 curriculum, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe. (See grade 2 Reading Literature Standard 4 and Reading Informational Text Standard 4 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading; see grade 2 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 4 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of vocabulary.)

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Grade 3 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RF.3.	Grade 3 Reading Standards for Foundational Skills [RF]
STRAND		Phonics and Word Recognition
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RF.3.3.	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
INDICATOR	RF.3.3.d.	Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.3.	Grade 3 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.3.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.3.2.f.	Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness).
INDICATOR	L.3.2.h.	Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.3.	Grade 3 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.3.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and temporal relationships. (See grade 3 Reading Literature Standard 4 and Reading Informational Text Standard 4 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading; see grade 3 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 4 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of vocabulary.)

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Grade 4 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.4.	Grade 4 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD /	L.4.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization,

CONCEPT / SKILL		punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.4.2.e.	Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.4.	Grade 4 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.4.6.	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). (See grade 4 Reading Literature Standard 4 and Reading Informational Text Standard 4 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading; see grade 4 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 4 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of vocabulary.)

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Grade 5 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.5.	Grade 5 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.5.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.5.2.f.	Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.6.	Grade 6 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.6.2.b.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., donut/doughnut).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.6.	Grade 6 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.6.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
INDICATOR	L.6.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words.

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.7.	Grade 7 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.7.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.7.2.b.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations

(e.g., donut/doughnut).

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.8.	Grade 8 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.8.2.c.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., donut/doughnut).

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Grade 9 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of 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.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.2.c.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., catalog/catalogue).

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Grade 10 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.2.c.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., catalog/catalogue).

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Grade 11 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.11-	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations

12.2.b. (e.g., catalog/catalogue).

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Grade 12 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.2.b.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., catalog/catalogue).

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