

**Main Criteria:** Spelling Classroom  
**Secondary Criteria:** Minnesota Academic Standards  
**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: 2010

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.1.3.</b>	<b>Reading Benchmarks: Foundational Skills K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Phonics and Word Recognition</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	1.3.0.3.	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	1.3.0.3.g.	Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words, including high-frequency words.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.1.10.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	1.10.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	1.10.2.2.d.	Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	1.10.2.2.e.	Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.1.10.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	1.10.5.5.	With guidance and support from adults, demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings to develop word consciousness.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	1.10.5.5.c.	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at home that are cozy).
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.1.10.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	1.10.6.6.	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., I named my hamster Nibbles because she nibbles too much because she likes that).

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Grade 2 - Adopted: 2010

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.2.10.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	2.10.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	2.10.2.2.d.	Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage-->badge; boy-->boil).
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.2.10.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	2.10.5.5.	Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings to develop word consciousness.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	2.10.5.5.a.	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy).
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.2.10.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	2.10.6.6.	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).

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Grade 3 - Adopted: 2010

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.3.3.</b>	<b>Reading Benchmarks: Foundational Skills K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Phonics and Word Recognition</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	3.3.0.3.	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	3.3.0.3.d.	Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words, including high-frequency words.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.3.10</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	3.10.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	3.10.2.2.e.	Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness).
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	3.10.2.2.f.	Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words.

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.3.10</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	<b>3.10.5.5.</b>	<b>Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings to develop word consciousness.</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	<b>3.10.5.5. b.</b>	<b>Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful).</b>
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.3.10</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	<b>3.10.6.6.</b>	<b>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).</b>

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Grade 4 - Adopted: 2010

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.4.10.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	<b>4.10.2.2.</b>	<b>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	<b>4.10.2.2. d.</b>	<b>Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.</b>
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.4.10.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	<b>4.10.6.6.</b>	<b>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).</b>

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Grade 5 - Adopted: 2010

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.5.10.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks K-5</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	<b>5.10.2.2.</b>	<b>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	<b>5.10.2.2. e.</b>	<b>Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.</b>

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2010

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.6.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	6.11.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	6.11.2.2. b.	Spell correctly.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.6.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	6.11.6.6.	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.

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2010

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.7.9.</b>	<b>Speaking, Viewing, Listening and Media Literacy Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	7.9.4.4.	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.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.7.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	7.11.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	7.11.2.2. b.	Spell correctly.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.7.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Knowledge of Language</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	7.11.3.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	7.11.3.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.7.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>

<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	7.11.6.6.	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.

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2010

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.8.9.</b>	<b>Speaking, Viewing, Listening and Media Literacy Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	8.9.4.4.	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.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.8.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	8.11.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	8.11.2.2.c	Spell correctly.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.8.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	8.11.6.6.	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.

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Grade 9 - Adopted: 2010

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.9.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	9.11.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	9.11.2.2.c.	Spell correctly.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.9.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>

INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	9.11.6.6.	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.
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Grade 10 - Adopted: 2010

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.9.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	9.11.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	9.11.2.2. c.	Spell correctly.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.9.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	9.11.6.6.	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.

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Grade 11 - Adopted: 2010

<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.11.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	11.11.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS	11.11.2.2. b.	Spell correctly.
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.11.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND	11.11.6.6.	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.

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Grade 12 - Adopted: 2010

<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>MN.11.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
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<b>STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>		
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	11.11.2.2.	<b>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS</b>	11.11.2.2. b.	<b>Spell correctly.</b>
<b>CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN</b>	<b>MN.11.11.</b>	<b>Language Benchmarks 6-12</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR / DOMAIN COMPONENT</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>INDICATORS OF PROGRESS / STRAND</b>	11.11.6.6	<b>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.</b>