

Main Criteria: Spelling Classroom
Secondary Criteria: Montana Content 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.

Montana Content Standards

Language Arts

Grade 1 - Adopted: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R F.1.	Reading Standards: Foundational Skills
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Phonics and Word Recognition
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RF.1.3.	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
EXPECTATION	RF.1.3.g.	Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 1.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.1.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.1.2.d.	Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.
EXPECTATION	L.1.2.e.	Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 1.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.1.5.	With guidance and support from adults, demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.1.5.c.	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at home that are cozy).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 1.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.1.6.	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., because).

Montana Content Standards

Language Arts

Grade 2 - Adopted: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 2.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL	L.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization,

EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK		punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.2.2.d.	Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage --> badge; boy --> boil).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 2.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.2.5.	Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.2.5.a.	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 2.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.2.6.	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: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.R F.3.	Reading Standards: Foundational Skills
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Phonics and Word Recognition
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	RF.3.3.	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
EXPECTATION	RF.3.3.d.	Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 3.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.3.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.3.2.e.	Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness).
EXPECTATION	L.3.2.f.	Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 3.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.3.5.	Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
EXPECTATION	L.3.5.b.	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful).
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 3.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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 (e.g., After dinner that night we went looking for them).

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Grade 4 - Adopted: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 4.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.4.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.4.2.d.	Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 4.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	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).

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Grade 5 - Adopted: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 5.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.5.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.5.2.e.	Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.6.2.b.	Spell correctly.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 6.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.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.

Montana Content Standards

Language Arts

Grade 7 - Adopted: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD /	MT.CC.S L.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
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DOMAIN		
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	SL.7.4.	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.7.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.7.2.b.	Spell correctly.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.7.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
EXPECTATION	L.7.3.a.	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.7.6.	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: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.S L.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	SL.8.4.	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.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.8.2.c.	Spell correctly.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.8.6.	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: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 9-10.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.9-10.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.2.c.	Spell correctly.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 9-10.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.9-10.6.	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: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 9-10.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.9-10.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.9-10.2.c.	Spell correctly.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 9-10.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.9-10.6.	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: 2011

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 11-12.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.11-12.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.11-12.2.b.	Spell correctly.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L. 11-12.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.11-12.6.	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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Language Arts

Grade **12** - Adopted: **2011**

CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L.11-12.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.11-12.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
EXPECTATION	L.11-12.2.b.	Spell correctly.
CONTENT STANDARD / DOMAIN	MT.CC.L.11-12.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / BENCHMARK	L.11-12.6.	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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