

**Main Criteria:** Spelling Classroom

**Secondary Criteria:** New Mexico 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.

### New Mexico Content Standards

#### Language Arts

Grade 1 - Adopted: 2012

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

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Grade 2 - Adopted: 2012

<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.2.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.2.2.</b>	<b>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	<b>L.2.2(d)</b>	<b>Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage--&gt;badge; boy--&gt;boil).</b>
<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.2.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.2.5.</b>	<b>Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	<b>L.2.5(a)</b>	<b>Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy).</b>
<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.2.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.2.6.</b>	<b>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).</b>

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Grade 3 - Adopted: 2012

<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.RF.3.</b>	<b>Reading Standards: Foundational Skills</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Phonics and Word Recognition</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>RF.3.3.</b>	<b>Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	<b>RF.3.3(d)</b>	<b>Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.</b>
<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.3.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.3.2.</b>	<b>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	<b>L.3.2(e)</b>	<b>Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness).</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	<b>L.3.2(f)</b>	<b>Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words.</b>

<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.3.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.3.5.</b>	<b>Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	<b>L.3.5(b)</b>	<b>Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful).</b>
<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.3.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.3.6.</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: 2012

<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.4.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.4.2.</b>	<b>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	<b>L.4.2(d)</b>	<b>Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.</b>
<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.4.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.4.6.</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: 2012

<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.5.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.5.2.</b>	<b>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	<b>L.5.2(e)</b>	<b>Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.</b>
<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.5.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>

<b>STANDARD</b>		
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	L.5.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal contrast, addition, and other logical relationships (e.g., however, although, nevertheless, similarly, moreover, in addition).

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Grade 6 - Adopted: 2012

<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.6.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	L.6.2(b)	Spell correctly.
<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.6.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	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.

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2012

<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.SL.7.</b>	<b>Speaking and Listening Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	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.
<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.7.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	L.7.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	L.7.2(b)	Spell correctly.
<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.7.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Knowledge of Language</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD /</b>	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

INDICATOR		
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.7.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	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: 2012

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	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.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.8.2(c)	Spell correctly.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.8.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	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: 2012

STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.9-10.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.9-10.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.9-10.2(c)	Spell correctly.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.9-10.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.9-10.6.</b>	<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>
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Grade 10 - Adopted: 2012

<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.9-10.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.9-10.2.</b>	<b>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	<b>L.9-10.2(c)</b>	<b>Spell correctly.</b>
<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.9-10.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.9-10.6.</b>	<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>

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Grade 11 - Adopted: 2012

<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.11-12.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.11-12.2.</b>	<b>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR</b>	<b>L.11-12.2(b)</b>	<b>Spell correctly.</b>
<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.11-12.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY</b>	<b>L.11-12.6.</b>	<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>

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Grade 12 - Adopted: 2012

<b>STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD</b>	<b>NM.L.11-12.</b>	<b>Language Standards</b>
<b>BENCHMARK / STANDARD</b>		<b>Conventions of Standard English</b>

PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	L.11-12.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / INDICATOR	L.11-12.2(b)	Spell correctly.
STRAND / CONTENT STANDARD	NM.L.11-12.	Language Standards
BENCHMARK / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
PERFORMANCE STANDARD / BENCHMARK / PROFICIENCY	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.