

Main Criteria: Spelling Classroom
Secondary Criteria: Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning
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.

Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning

Language Arts

Grade 1 - Adopted: 2010

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

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Grade 2 - Adopted: 2010

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.2.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.2.2(d)	Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage-->badge; boy-->boil).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.2.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.2.5.	Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.2.5(a)	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.2.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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: 2010

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.RF.3.	Reading Standards: Foundational Skills
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Phonics and Word Recognition
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	RF.3.3.	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	RF.3.3(d)	Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.3.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.3.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
GRADE LEVEL 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).
GRADE LEVEL 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.

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.3.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.3.5.	Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.3.5(b)	Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful).
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.3.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND 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 (e.g., After dinner that night we went looking for them).

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Grade 4 - Adopted: 2010

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.4.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.4.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.4.2(d)	Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.4.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND 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).

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Grade 5 - Adopted: 2010

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.5.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.5.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.5.2(e)	Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.5.	Language Standards

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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: 2010

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.6.2(b)	Spell correctly.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.6.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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: 2010

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.7.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.2(b)	Spell correctly.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Knowledge of Language

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.7.3.	Use Knowledge of Language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.7.3(a)	Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.7.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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: 2010

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.SL.8.	Speaking and Listening Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.8.2(c)	Spell correctly.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.8.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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: 2010

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.9-10.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.9-10.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.9-10.2(c)	Spell correctly.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.9-10.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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: 2010

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.9-10.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.9-10.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.9-10.2(c)	Spell correctly.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.9-10.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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: 2010

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.11-12.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.11-12.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.11-12.2(b)	Spell correctly.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.11-12.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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Grade 12 - Adopted: 2010

STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.11-12.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Conventions of Standard English
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	L.11-12.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION	L.11-12.2(b)	Spell correctly.
STANDARD / STRAND	VT.L.11-12.	Language Standards
ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL / STANDARD		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
GRADE LEVEL EXPECTATION / KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL	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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