

Stages 1-7 Teaching Sequence

Stage 1: Single consonants, short vowels, digraphs, suffix -s, CVC, CVC/CVC

ă, b, f, m, p, s, t, c=/k/, n, g, d, ĭ, h, l, օ, j, k, r, sh, ŭ, ch, ě, th, w, wh, v, y, z, x, qu, -ck; -ff, -ll, -ss, -zz doubling rule

Stage 2: VC/CV, consonant blends, -ng, -nk, suffixes -ing, -ed

s-blends, l-blends, r-blends, -ang, -ing, -ong, -ung, -ank, -ink, -onk, -unk, -sk, -sp, -st, -mp, -nd, -nt, -nch, -pt, -ft, -ct, -lt, -ld, -lk, -lp, -xt, , spl, spr, squ, scr, str, shr, thr

Stage 3: Open syllable long vowels, V/CV, VC/V, silent 'e' syllables

ā, ē, ō, ī, ū, y as a vowel, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e, s=/z/, all, wa, alk

Stage 4: Vowel teams, R-controlled, homophones, suffix -er, contractions

ai, ay, ee, ea (ē), -tch, -ild, -ind, -old, -ost, ar, or, er, ir, ur, oa, ow (ō), oe, ie (ē, ī), ey (ē), air, ear, eer, oar

Stage 5: Diphthongs, common suffixes, spelling rules for adding suffixes

oo (ö, ü), ow, ou, c=/s/, g=/j/, oy, oi, igh (ī), ph=/f/, ea (ě), ou (ö), -dge

Stage 6: Diphthongs, closed and open syllable prefixes, schwa

aw, au, augh, ea (ā), o (ö), -ion, -age, -et, -en, -al

Stage 7: Consonant -le syllable, less common spellings, morphology

ew (ū, ö), eigh (ā), ear (ār), ue (ū, ö), y-e (ī), kn, wr, silent h, -ckle, -stle, ui, eu (ū, ö), ei (ē, ā), ey (ā), gn, gh, sc=/s/, -mb, -mn, ch=/k/, ch=/sh/, y (ĭ), ar (ər), or (ər), war, ear (ər), i (ē), que, ough, qua, -ary, -ery, -arry, -erry, our (ōr)