

Course Description

Course Title: Spelling 4th Grade
Course Length: Full Year

Class Meetings (per week): 20-30 min. daily
Textbooks: A Beka Spelling, Vocabulary & Poetry 4; A Beka Publishing

General Course Description: This course is designed to help fourth graders develop into expert spellers. They will learn to apply spelling rules and phonic keys, as well as use the dictionary to learn more about the words in the English language.

Biblical Principles:

The ability to communicate with one another and God is part of His plan for our lives. (Exodus 4:10-12, Jeremiah 1:4-9, Galatians 4:6)

Our communication should never be corrupt, but should minister grace to others. (Ephesians 4:29)

Our words are very powerful things, we must choose them wisely. (Rev. 12:11, Proverbs 10:11)

General Course Content:

1st Quarter – Lessons 1-9

2nd Quarter – Lessons 10-19

3rd Quarter – Lessons 20-29

4th Quarter – Lessons 30-35; most commonly misspelled words

Related Student Objectives/Learner Objectives:

Students will learn:

1. To spell words that are commonly misspelled by 4th graders
2. To accurately spell words using the "i" before "e", except after "c" rule
3. To explain that the long "a" sound can be spelled with an a, ai, or ea, and accurately spell words containing those sounds
4. To accurately spell words using the "i" before "e", except after c or when sounded like a as in neighbor or way
5. To explain that the long "e" sound can be spelled with e, ee, ea, or eo and accurately spell examples
6. To accurately spell words using the long e spelled with a y at the end of an unstressed syllable
7. To accurately spell words that are exceptions to the "ie" rule
8. To accurately spell words with the long "o" sound with o, ough, and oa.
9. To accurately spell words using the "double the final consonant before a suffix beginning with a vowel if (1) the word has only one syllable or is accented on the last syllable and the word ends in a single consonant preceded by a vowel
10. To accurately spell words with the oo sound using oo or u
11. To accurately spell words with the ow sound using ow or ou
12. To accurately spell words that have a "y" that sounds like a long "i"
13. To accurately spell words that end in a "y" preceded by a consonant, by dropping the "y" but not adding an "i" if the suffix begins with an "i"

14. To accurately spell words that originally end in a "y" preceded by a consonant by dropping the "y", adding an "i", then adding the suffix
15. To accurately spell words using the rule that any word that ends in "y" preceded by a consonant must change the "y" to an "i" before adding a suffix unless the suffix begins with an "i", in that case the "y" is retained
16. To accurately spell words that end in a "y" preceded by a vowel after a suffix is added
17. To accurately spell words with a c that begin with the soft s sound when the c is followed by an e, i, or y
18. To accurately spell words whose root word ends in a silent e, by dropping the e, and adding a suffix that begins with a vowel
19. To accurately spell words that end in a silent e before adding a suffix that begins with a consonant by retaining the e
20. To accurately spell and pronounce words that have a "g" followed by an e, i, or y as a soft g sound
21. To accurately spell words with the "sh" sound using the letters "ti"
22. To accurately spell words whose base word ends in a silent "e" by retaining the "e" when adding on a suffix that begins with a consonant
23. To accurately spell words whose base word ends in "ue" by dropping the "e" before adding the suffix
24. To accurately spell words with the "er" sound using an "or"
25. To accurately spell words whose base word ends in "ce" or "ge" when the "c" and "g" is soft and the "e" is silent by retaining the "e" before adding the suffixes - "able" and "ous"
26. To accurately spell the plural form of nouns that end in ss, x, sh, ch, and s by adding es
27. To accurately spell words with the "kw" sound using the letters "qu"
28. To accurately spell the plural of nouns that end in an o by adding only an "s" or "es"
29. To accurately spell words with the sh sound by using the letters ch
30. To accurately spell words with a r sound by using the letters rh
31. To accurately spell words with the "er" sound using ei, ir, and ur

Presentation Method:

- Group search, find, and circle
- Guessing the rule game
- Group discussion
- Sharing vocabulary sentences

Evaluation and Grading Methods:

- Daily Assignments
- Spelling test
- Vocabulary tests

Enrichment and/or Supplemental Activities:

- Rainbow words
- Vocabulary sentences
- Crossword puzzles and word searches