



**INVITATIONS
TO LITERACY**
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN

Additional Spelling Lists

Level 1.3

Theme: Creepy Crawlies

Selection: *The Itsy Bitsy Spider*

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

A Color of His Own

Skill:

Short i

Short u

Double Consonants

Spelling Words

him
bit
lid
pig
hit
fin

us
pup
run
must
bus
rug

pill
hill
tall
less
all
bell

Challenge Words

milk
split

plus
truck

well
cross



Level 1.3

Theme: Sharing Time

The Doorbell Rang

The Little Red Hen

Flower Garden

Selection:

Skill:

Short *a*

tag
as
man
van
sad
hat

Short *e*

let
men
net
bed
wet
leg

when
them

Short *o*

got
fox
mop
hot
hop
rob

spot
flock

Level 1.4

Theme: Unexpected Guests

Selection: *EEK! There's a Mouse in the House* *There's an Alligator Under My Bed* *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*

Skill: Long a sound Long i sound Long o sound

Spelling Words

gave	ride	slow
game	nine	grow
rake	dive	rose
tape	slide	hope
wave	lime	cone
same	fine	pole

Challenge Words

state	hive	spoke
frame	wide	phone

Level 1.4

Theme: Big and Little

Selection: *If the Dinosaurs Came
Back*

George Shrinks

The Tug of War

Skill:

Long e sound

Long e sound spelled ea

Long a sound spelled ay

**Spelling
Words**

he
feed
keep
feet
week
sleep

team
beat
leak
heat
leap
meat

pay
clay
hay
tray
ray
lay

**Challenge
Words**

street
sheep

teach
leaf

spray
replay

Level 1.5

Theme: Family Treasures

Selection:	<i>A Mother for Choco</i>	<i>Something from Nothing</i>	<i>One of Three</i>
Skill:	Long <i>i</i> Spelled <i>y</i>	Vowel Sounds in <i>moon</i> & <i>brook</i>	Adding <i>-s</i> to Naming Words
Spelling Words	fry shy dry spy *	hoop foot zoo book room moon	spots maps sleds bees legs games
Challenge Words	sly pry	booth droopy	cards sisters

Level 1.5

Theme: Something Fishy

Selection:	<i>Fishy Facts</i>	<i>Enzo the Wonderfish</i>	<i>Swimmy</i>
Skill:	Adding -es to Naming Words	Adding -ed and -ing	Vowel + r sound in car
Spelling Words	dishes fishes classes glasses benches foxes	pushed pushing rolled rolling played playing	harm start jar barn art yarn
Challenge Words	guesses bushes	painted painting	market party

Level 2.1

Theme: Pet Show Today!

Selection:	<i>The Cats of Tiffany Street</i>	<i>Arthur's Pet Business</i>	<i>Julius</i>
Skill:	Consonant Clusters	Words with <i>sh</i> or <i>ch</i>	Words with <i>th</i> or <i>wh</i>
Spelling Words	lost club swim help brave from milk stand	wash ship sheep each shape shut trash chase	why then teeth this what path both bath
Challenge Words	scarf stairs	lunch shout	while mouth

Level 2.1

Theme: Be a Nature Detective

Selection:	<i>Animal Tracks</i>	<i>Nature Spy</i>	<i>What Lives in a Shell?</i>	<i>Where Does the Trail Lead?</i>
Skill:	Short vowels	More short vowels	Vowel-Consonant-e Spellings	Words that end with -nd, -ng, or -nk
Spelling Words	plant duck mask dust trap fix flat flip	pond frog best neck crop net sock spell	wife nose mine ate fine same wide note	bend bank sting wink hand hang junk spend
Challenge Words	puddle picnic	fresh pocket	airplane alone	young strong

Level 2.1

Theme: Good Friends

Selection: *My First American Friend* *Watch Out, Ronald Morgan* *What Kind of Baby-sitter Is This?* *Ruby the Copycat*

Skill: More Long a spellings More Long a spellings More Long e spellings Contractions

Spelling Words

pail
tail
pray
stain
clay
wait
tray
lay

clean
keep
mean
sweep
free
street
cheat
leave

row
goat
bow
low
coach
grow
float
toast

she'll
he's
I've
can't
we've
they're
what's
wasn't

Challenge Words

crayon
birthday

cheese
squeak

elbow
oatmeal

won't
couldn't

Level 2.2

Theme: Family Photos

Selection: *Clean Your Room, Harvey Moon!* *A Chair for My Mother* *Now One Foot, Now the Other* *Too Many Tamales*

Skill: Vowel sounds in *moon* and *book* Vowel + *r* sound in *car* Vowel + *r* sound in *store* Words that end with *er*

Spelling Words

tooth
roof
pool
loop
took
zoo
hood
boot

park
barn
card
art
part
yard
star
mark

horn
fork
horse
cork
sort
north
shore
sore

letter
never
water
river
winter
summer
ever
other

Challenge Words

proofread
spoonful

large
farther

forest
report

sweater
hamburger

Level 2.2

Theme: That's Incredible

Selection: *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash* *What Happened to Patrick's Dinosaurs?* *An Octopus Is Amazing*

Skill: Words that end with **-s** or **-es** Vowel sound in *cow* Vowel sound in *ball*

Spelling Words

bushes
glasses
bells
plates
kittens
foxes
benches
stones

town
plow
scout
round
gown
count
crowd
ouch

talk
straw
walk
claw
tall
chalk
lawn
hall

Challenge Words

animals
branches

fountain
powder

awful
because

Level 2.2

Theme: Tell Me a Tale

Selection: *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain*

Two of Everything

The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush

Skill: Words ending with *-ed* or *-ing*

Vowel sound in *boy*

More words ending in *-ed* or *-ing*

Spelling Words

pinning
patted
skipped
fitting
rubbed
dipping
begged
stirring

point
soil
foil
joint

* Although there are additional words in which the vowel sound in *boy* is spelled *oi* or *oy*, they are not appropriate for this grade level.

closing
hiding
saving
loved
baked
raced
named
hoping

Challenge Words

loyal
poison

scraping
erased

Level 3.1

Theme: Oink, Oink, Oink

Selection: *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig* *The Three Little Javelinas* *The Three Little Hawaiian Pigs and the Magic Shark*

Skill: Short Vowels Vowel-Consonant-e Spelling Long a and Long e

Spelling Words

spill	stove	sea
lunch	safe	clay
crust	tune	peek
splash	grade	leaf
fell	smile	spray
pink	life	pail
jog	vote	sweet
left	rule	main

Challenge Words

dance	mistake	afraid
wreck	surprise	weakly
fluffy	awhile	raisin
tremble	alive	Wednesday

Level 3.1

Theme: Community Ties

Selection: *A Fruit and Vegetable Man* *Family Pictures* *When Jo Louis Won the Title*

Skill: Long *i* and Long *o* Vowel sounds in *cook* and *knew* Vowel sounds in *town* and *boy*

Spelling Words

blow
fight
coat
goal
snow
lie
tight
loan

flew
shook
root
roof
chew
tooth
spoon
stool

pound
loyal
cloud
crown
coin
point
joy
growl

Challenge Words

highlight
boast
unknown
grown

loose
choose
view
scoop

disappoint
tower
allow
pounce

Level 3.1

Theme: Disaster!

Selection: *The Titanic: Lost and Found* *Pompeii...Buried Alive!* *Patrick and the Great Molasses Explosion*

Skill: Vowel sound in *saw* Vowel +r sounds Vowel +r sounds in *first*

Spelling Words

raw
walk
lawn
claw
bought
straw
brought
chalk

cart
ear
north
fork
dear
alarm
clear
shore

dirt
nurse
skirt
curl
world
third
serve
worse

Challenge Words

false
naughty
awful
all right

corner
partner
sparkle
important

thirsty
Thursday
sturdy
Saturday

Level 3.2

Theme: What's Cooking?

Selection: *Tony's Bread* *Halmoni and the Henry and Beezus* *Chicken Sunday*
Picnic

Skill: Spelling the First Sound in *city* and *just* Words ending with *-er* or *-le* VCCV pattern Homophones

Spelling Words	jeans space page circus pencil orange July fence	butter cracker bubble later purple simple hammer middle	carry Monday forget until garden napkin order number	meat meet hour our one won sale sail
Challenge Words	exciting January gentle recipe	gather trouble icicle answer	stubborn problem thunder scatter	peace piece warn worn

Level 3.2

Theme: Weather Watch

Selection:	<i>Tornado Alert</i>	<i>Storm in the Night</i>	<i>Brave Irene</i>
Skill:	The final sound in <i>-ing</i>	The final sound in <i>funny</i>	Changing Final <i>y</i> to <i>i</i>
Spelling Words	spinning tamed hiking putting lined cared hoping hopping waved	heavy sorry many ready silly lady tiny fifty	babies parties dried copied fried stories ponies lilies
Challenge Words	scaring bruised propped freezing	family busy beauty melody	abilities worried emptied duties

Level 3.2

Theme: What a Day!

Selection: *Ramona and Her Mother* *Mac & Marie and the Train Toss Surprise* *Say Woof! The Day of a Country Veterinarian*

Skill: **Words with Prefixes** **Words with Suffixes** **Contractions**

Spelling Words

redo
untie
refill
unlock
unsafe
reuse
unpack
replay

quickly
teacher
thankful
friendly
leader
skater
useful
kindly

don't
I'm
we're
aren't
wasn't
can't
let's
there's

Challenge Words

untrue
review
renew
unhealthy

officer
wishfully
quietly
graceful

couldn't
wouldn't
could've
should've

Level 4

Theme: It's Cool. It's School

Selection: *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*

I'm New Here

Koya DeLaney and the Good Girl Blues

Skill:

Short Vowels

Spelling Long a and Long e

Spelling Long i and Long o

Spelling Words

past
kept
inch
sum
brick
odd
shall
crunch
spent
shock

dream
aid
gray
tease
spray
reach
gain
squeak
steep
grace

fright
pride
blind
tight
chose
wrote
folk
globe
coast
glow

Challenge Words

champion
mascot
elect
polish
slumber

breezy
display
remain
shoelace
release

lightning
desire
telephone
swallow
boast

Level 4

Theme: Earth Patrol

Selection: *The Great Yellowstone Fire*

The Great Kapok Tree

Just a Dream

Skill:

Spelling Long u

Vowel sounds in ground
and point

Vowel sound in walk

Spelling
Words

juice
due
threw
school
prune
bruise
troop
flew
clue
tune

bounce
pound
south
drown
tower
around
blouse
coil
moist
royal

false
hawk
already
daughter
dawn
pause
fawn
fought
sauce
squawk

Challenge
Words

cocoon
tissue
excuse
brew
confuse

poise
hoist
oyster
scowl
foul

awkward
caution
sought
applaud
exhaust

Level 4

Theme: Super Sleuths

Selection: *Meg Mackintosh and the Case of the Curious Whale Watch* *Julian, Secret Agent* *Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Disgusting Sneakers*

Skill: Unusual Vowel Spellings Vowel + r sounds More vowel + r sounds

Spelling Words

health
month
meadow
leather
wonder
famous
shove
steak
honey
enough

fear
spark
square
stairs
steer
stare
scarf
gear
sheer
dairy

worn
dirty
worry
curve
snore
purse
thirteen
chore
worth
burnt

Challenge Words

threaten
mountainous
measure
pheasant
sponge

career
pioneer
startle
declare
appear

squirm
unicorn
worship
hurdle
whirl

Level 4

Theme: American Snapshots

Selection: *Grandfather's Journey* *All for the Better* *Sarah, Plain and Tall* *The Seminole*

Skill: **Compound Words** **Silent Consonants** **Homophones** **Final sounds in place and edge**

Spelling Words

ninety-nine
nowhere
understand
ourselves
snowflake
home run
forever
racetrack
runner-up
nighttime

crumb
soften
listen
sign
wrist
knob
calf
wrinkle
thumb
calm

lead
led
peek
peak
ring
wring
creak
creek
pain
pane

huge
bridge
fence
badge
twice
stage
lodge
since
cabbage
chance

Challenge Words

courtyard
science fiction
light-year
knapsack
flash bulb

wrestle
autumn
reign
knoll
design

ore
oar
sent
scent
cent

average
excellence
fragrance
pledge
courage

Level 4

Theme: Meet the Challenge

Selection:	<i>The Marble Champ</i>	<i>Thurgood Marshall and Equal Rights</i>	<i>Sadako</i>	<i>No One is Going to Nashville</i>
Skill:	Words that end with Schwa + r	Words that end with Schwa + l	Adding -ed or -ing	Changing Final y to i
Spelling Words	doctor chapter sugar litter ladder meter motor pillar temper harbor	middle metal towel bottle medal pedal handle angel candle total	smelling dancing pleasing dimmed striped stripped checking dared buzzed phoning	sunnier heaviest noisier happiest scarier hobbies ferries windier married ladies
Challenge Words	popular solar anchor quarter burglar	mineral decimal quarrel bicycle crystal	whirred scarred scared dozed bluffing	qualities loveliest victories iciest terrified

Level 4

Theme: Could It Really Happen?

Selection:	<i>Jumanji</i>	<i>Elliot's House</i>	<i>June 29, 1999</i>	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>
Skill:	Words with prefixes	Words with suffixes	VCCV pattern	VCV pattern
Spelling Words	redo distrust refill unlucky unhealthy rewind untie dishonest rebuilt unknown	useless tearful happiness mouthful careless quickness powerful pavement beautiful basement	valley hollow compose engine plastic escape arrow expert offer injure	siren police exit event reward figure palace delay clever pilot
Challenge Words	unusual recycle uninterested disconnect rearrange	teaspoonful merciless encouragement amazement cleanliness	challenge biscuit discuss medley journey	eager rival sheriff alert panic

Level 5

Theme: Journey to Adventure

Selection: *James and the Giant Peach* *Arctic Explorer: The Story of Matthew Henson* *Voyager: an Adventure to the Edge of the Solar System*

Skill: Long *a* and Long *e* Spelling Long *i* and Long *o* Spelling Long *u*

Spelling Words

brain
greet
gray
gaze
leash
pace
trait
fleet
fray
crease

roam
borrow
quote
spine
stroke
thigh
shallow
slight
boast
stride

bloom
flute
cue
proof
suit
scoop
fume
youth
cruise
rescue

Challenge Words

portray
inflate
parakeet
candidate
conceal

subscribe
oppose
sacrifice
blight
coax

nuisance
prelude
accuse
residue
troupe

Level 5

Theme: In the wild

Selection: *Wolves* *The Midnight Fox* *Adiós Falcón/Good-bye Falcon*

Skill: **Vowel + r sounds** **More vowel + r sounds** **Vowel + r sounds in bird**

Spelling Words

harsh
spare
carve
flair
snare
snarl
flare
barge
mare
lair

tore
spear
sword
board
smear
sneer
hoarse
sheer
weary
scorn

twirl
worse
germ
hurl
pearl
whirl
search
term
worst
blur

Challenge Words

despair
sparse
partial
awareness
apparent

restore
portion
eerie
escort
ordinary

yearn
circumference
absurd
perpendicular
suburban

Level 5

Theme: Try to See It My Way

Selection:	<i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i>	<i>Like Jake and Me</i>	<i>Me, Mop, and the Moonance Kid</i>	<i>Felita</i>
Skill:	Vowel sounds in <i>shout</i> and <i>wall</i>	Final Schwa +r	Final Schwa +l	Homophones
Spelling Words	coward launch squawk thousand crawl ounce stalk scald prowl applause	banner pillar humor matter anger solar terror theater tractor polar	label local angle fuel ankle legal squirrel spiral rebel sparkle	coarse course sole soul pore pour berry bury loan lone
Challenge Words	somersault bountiful cauliflower alternate scour	calculator barrier semester governor navigator	kernel annual whistle admiral particle	cereal serial stationary stationery

Level 5

Theme: Catastrophe!

Selection: *Night of the Twisters* *Earthquakes* *The Story of the Challenger Disaster*

Skill: **Compound Words** **VCCV and VCV patterns** **VCCCV patterns**

Spelling Words

everybody	traffic	transport
good-natured	pattern	apply
up-to-date	bargain	mischievous
homemade	subject	monster
cheerleader	million	orphan
eyewitness	repeat	constant
salesperson	equal	district
newscast	closet	partner
wheelchair	novel	simply
test tube	evil	complex

Challenge Words

four-wheel drive	sincere	extreme
quick-witted	logic	conflict
headache	laser	athlete
self-confidence	attempt	substance
limelight	observe	function

Level 5

Theme: From the Prairie to the Sea

Selection:	<i>Along the Santa Fe Trail</i>	<i>Children of the Wild West</i>	<i>Pecos Bill</i>
Skill:	Adding -ed or -ing	Changing Final y to i	Adding -ion
Spelling Words	skimming stunned managed losing whipped sheltered freezing kneeling wandered causing	scurried dirtier duties pitiful dizziness scariest abilities busier replied worried	confess confession correct correction elect election pollute pollution decorate decoration
Challenge Words	quizzed layered rehearsing entertaining endured	rivalries strategies fanciful identified orderliness	interrupt interruption irritate irritation

Level 5

Theme: Do You Believe This??

Selection: *La Bamba* *Willie Bea and the McBroom Tells the Truth* *Trapped in Tar: Fossils from the Ice Age*

Skill: Prefixes *in-* and *con-* Prefixes *un-, re-,* and *dis-* Words with suffixes Prefixes *pre-, per-,* and *pro-*

Spelling Words

insist	discover	perhaps
improve	unable	produce
common	relax	predict
install	unemployed	prepaid
contain	dismiss	prospect
instruct	refund	profile
concert	unfamiliar	personal
immovable	disaster	preview
compose	disregard	proverb
conform	rejoice	pretend

Challenge Words

instinct	uncomfortable	prescription
immortal	readjust	profession
conference	dismal	prejudice
committee	remembrance	precede
comprehend	disinfect	prominent

Level 6

Theme: Survival!

Selection: *Bearstone* *Tonweya and the Eagles* *Island of the Blue Dolphins* *Maniac Magee*

Skill: Adding *-ed* or *-ing* The final sound in *funny* Changing Final *y* to *i* Homophones

Spelling Words

veil	minor	whistle	who's
grief	inner	mental	whose
reign	familiar	quarrel	hangar
diesel	youngster	bundle	hanger
conceited	caterpillar	rural	died
yield	senior	panel	dyed
neither	passenger	gallon	principal
vein	major	token	principle
freight	treasurer	hasten	manor
shield	junior	onion	manner

Challenge Words

receipt	monitor	specimen	aisle
siege	peculiar	original	isle
eerie	corridor	accordion	dissent
hygiene	administer	punctual	descent
perceive	extracurricular	artificial	

Level 6

Theme: In Search of the Real Me

Selection: *The No-Guitar Blues* *Last Summer with Maizon* *The Scholarship Jacket* *The Star Fisher*

Skill: **Compound Words** **VCCV and VCCCV patterns** **VCV pattern** **Spelling the sh sound**

Spelling Words

forehead	lawyer	poison	edition
teammate	author	secure	musician
ebb tide	system	minus	establish
carefree	standard	recent	selfish
levelheaded	burden	deserve	pressure
whereas	rescue	spirit	mission
nevertheless	anthem	unite	cushion
long-range	laundry	balance	official
cash register	ballot	beware	caution
barefoot	supply	alert	shuffle

Challenge Words

radioactive	expire	monarch	expedition
bulletin board	effect	vital	technician
three-dimensional	translate	elude	depression
water-repellent	symptom	pageant	diminish
thoroughbred	century	license	beneficial

Level 6

Theme: Unwrapping Ancient Mysteries

Selection: *Into the Mummy's Tomb* *Tales of Mummies Tell* *Dig This!* *The Iceman*

Skill: Adding *-ed* and *-ing* Adding Endings and Suffixes Adding *-ion* or *-ation* More Words with *-ion*

Spelling Words

quizzed
focused
scanned
permitting
answered
plugged
equaled
offered
referring
traveling

blaming
advanced
entirely
amusement
sincerely
forgiveness
teasing
priceless
choosing
ignored

attract
attraction
cooperate
cooperation
admire
admiration
devote
devotion
quote
quotation

explode
explosion
extend
extension
invade
invasion
divide
division
exclude
exclusion

Challenge Words

excelling
conferred
profited
outwitted
reddened

subtly
requirement
merely
ceaseless
silhouetted

appreciate
appreciation
designate
designation

suspend
suspension
intrude
intrusion

Level 6

Theme: Imagination at Work

Selection:	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>	<i>The Moon and I</i>	<i>The Wright Brothers</i>
Skill:	Plurals of words ending with <i>f</i>	Plurals of Words Ending with <i>o</i>	Prefixes <i>dis-</i>, <i>mis-</i>, and <i>ex-</i>
Spelling Words	wives cliffs wolves cuffs scarves knives elves staffs calves earmuffs	videos ratios silos tacos rodeos cellos tomatoes sopranos portfolios	expand disable misbehave disturb extreme exhaust distress misfortune disguise misrepresent
Challenge Words	clefs bailiffs sheaves spoofs reproofs	embargoes piccolos curios torpedoes mosquitoes	perfume predict pronounce preside proclaim permission proceed persuade previous progress preservation provoke precipitation perspective propaganda

Level 6

Theme: Finding Common Ground

	<i>Pacific Crossing</i>	<i>The Wrong Lunch Line</i>	<i>Shiloh</i>	<i>The Pinballs</i>
Selection:				
Skill:	Words That End with -ize or -ise	Words That End with -ant or -ent	Words That End with -ance or -ence	Words That End with -able or -ible
Spelling Words	modernize advise summarize compromise legalize penalize merchandise civilize generalize sterilize	excellent evident distant agent president urgent current fragrant accident hesitant	acceptance influence patience substance instance reference conference absence insurance presence	permissible valuable remarkable divisible sensible portable likable available miserable flexible
Challenge Words	visualize despise prioritize alphabetize improvise	elegant magnificent resident reluctant intelligent	independence resistance significance acquaintance preference	knowledgeable audible noticeable indestructible eligible

Level 6

Theme: Ocean Quest

Selection:	<i>Oceans</i>	<i>The Search for the Right Whale</i>	<i>After the Spill</i>	<i>Joel Rubin</i>
Skill:	Prefix -in	Prefix -con	Prefix ob-	Prefix -ad
Spelling Words	indirect informal improper insult immortal indent inflate immoral infection impassable	control comment contact conversation conflict complain conquer composition constitution commit	opposite occupation oblong obsess opponent occurrence obstruction observatory occupied oblige	arrest addition apply assist admit accent appointment assemble accurate assure
Challenge Words	impose imprecise incapable immune impede	consequence communicate compliment contaminate contagious	obstinate oblivion oblique obsolete opportunist	accelerate accommodate apprentice affiliated assertion