



Why is Sound and Say Spelling the key to early literacy?

1. Words consist of sounds.
2. Each letter in our alphabet represents a distinct sound.
3. To spell, students must hear spoken sounds and “see” them as printed letters.
4. To read, students must see printed letters and “hear” them as spoken sounds.
5. Spelling requires students to listen and to think carefully about alphabetic sounds.
6. Spelling is best because it limits the tendency to guess.
7. Spelling makes students bright because it teaches them to read and write by focusing on sounds instead of sight.

Sound and Say Spelling™ requires students to learn words by sound instead of sight and helps them to develop a deep, structural knowledge of language.



To spell complex words, students must study phonics, grammar, vocabulary, and background knowledge--the keys to reading comprehension and writing skills. **Spelling trains students to analyze the sounds, structures, and syntax of words in sentences.**



Sound and Say Spelling teaches and reinforces the alphabetic principle and phonemic awareness, which are the foundations for success in early reading.



Sound and Say Spelling teaches students to disassemble spoken words into sounds and to match each sound to the letter or combination of letters that represents the sound.

