What Is Sound and Say Spelling™?



The term "spelling" on its own is too often misconceived as memorizing a list of words.

Sound and Say Spelling refers specifically to **spelling by sound**. It is the series of systematic steps students must take to analyze the sounds of spoken words and restate them as letters in the same sequence.

Sound and Say Spelling requires students to focus on converting the sounds of spoken words into the alphabetical symbols that represent those sounds.



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



- 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.

