Weekly Spelling List: Level Spark Introduction

Each week has a spelling list of 10-13 words. I've grouped most words phonetically (-ar words, -ai words, etc.), but I've also included a few sight words for each week, some of which are linked to the reading or workbook pages (these are marked with an asterisk*). Sometimes words marked with asterisks are not found in the reading or grammar, but are related to it.

Note that phonetic groups are not necessarily complete. For example, not every single-syllable -ar word is here. The focus is more to give students sufficient exposure to phonetic patterns so they can extend the idea to other words.

Hand out the student worksheet on Day 1 each week for students to see and practice the words during the week. Point out the patterns for the phonetically similar words. When words are tied to readings or the grammar, make that clear as well.

Feel free to assign fewer words if you think that would be appropriate. I chose 10-13 words as the maximum I would recommend at this level on the assumption that it is easier for the teacher to remove words rather than add them.

Give a spelling test on Day 3 or 4 (depending on if you want to review the list on Day 4 or on Day 1 of the following week). Say each word clearly and use it in a sentence. ("Far. We don't have far to go. Far.") If you have students who have not begun writing, you can test them orally (just like a spelling bee).

HEWITT Learning

Week 1
(*Max's Words;* ar)

1. bar
2. car
3. far
4. jar
5. part
6. star
7. yard
8. stamp*
9. coin*
10. word*

Week 2
(*The Old Woman Who Named Things;* ai)

1. maid
2. hail
3. mail
4. sail
5. tail
6. main
7. rain
8. stain
9. train
10. wait
11. chair*
12. hair* (point out that although these are also *ai* words, the *r* makes the *ai* sound different)

Week 3
(*The Bee Tree;* ea, long-e sound)

1. bead
2. read (present tense)
3. leaf
4. beak
5. weak
6. team
7. bean
8. hear
9. heat
10. neat
11. honey*

Week 4
(*Finding Winnie;* ea, short-e sound)

1. bear*
2. pear
3. wear
4. head
5. read (past tense)
6. softer*
7. softest*
8. faster*
9. fastest*
10. stronger*
11. strongest*

Week 5
(*Insect Detective;* -aw)

1. draw
2. jaw
3. law
4. paw
5. raw
6. saw
7. thaw
8. insect*
9. wasp*
10. beetle*
11. dragonfly*

Week 6
(*The Three Questions;* -ew)

1. blew
2. chew
3. dew
4. drew
5. few
6. grew
7. stew
8. question*
9. monkey*
10. turtle*
11. panda*
12. important*

Week 7
(*Lon Po Po;* er)

1. fern
2. germ
3. herd
4. stern
5. serve
6. swerve
7. verb
8. wolf*
9. door*
10. child*
11. children*
12. basket*

Week 8
(*The Random House Book of Poetry for Children;* -ing)

1. bring
2. fling
3. king
4. ring
5. sing
6. sting
7. swing
8. thing
9. wing
10. poet*
11. rhyme*
12. stanza*

Week 9
(*Sequoyah;* ir)

1. bird
2. dirt
3. first
4. stir
5. third
6. glasses*
7. boxes*
8. matches*
9. dishes*
10. stories*

the *'d words are to reinforce the plural rules learned this week

Week 10
(*Anatole;* ou - "ow" sound)

1. about
2. count
3. found
4. ground
5. house
6. mouse*
7. noun
8. pound
9. round
10. France*
11. cheese*
12. sign*

Week 11
(*Pop's Bridge;* oa)

1. boat
2. coach*
3. coat
4. goat
5. load
6. loan
7. moan
8. moat
9. road
10. bridge*
11. puzzle*

Week 12
(*The Patchwork Quilt;* qu-)

1. quack
2. queen
3. quick
4. quiet
5. quilt*
6. quit
7. quiz
8. pronoun*
9. sew*
10. scissors*

Week 13
(*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble;* oi/oy)

1. avoid
2. boil
3. boy
4. coin
5. joy
6. oil
7. soil
8. spoil
9. toy
10. pebble*
11. lion*

Week 14
(*The Oldest Student;* ol)

1. bold
2. cold
3. fold
4. gold
5. jolt
6. mold
7. old*
8. sold
9. title*
10. student*
11. freedom*

Week 15
(*The Polar Express;* or)

1. born
2. corn
3. form
4. horn
5. port
6. sort
7. worn
8. adverb*
9. quickly*
10. slowly*
11. neatly*
12. quietly*

Week 16**
(*The Random House Book of Poetry for Children;* months of the year)

1. January*
2. February*
3. March*
4. April*
5. May*
6. June*
7. July*
8. August*
9. September*
10. October*
11. November*
12. December*

Week 17
(*Midnight Teacher;* -ight)

1. fight
2. light
3. midnight*
4. night
5. right
6. sight
7. tight
8. teacher*
9. school*
10. worse*
11. worst*

***Week 18**
(*Snowflake Bentley;* ur & homophones)

1. burn
2. curb
3. fur
4. purr
5. pair*
6. pear*
7. weak*
8. week*
9. two*
10. too*
11. to*
12. here*
13. hear*

**This week, the spelling list is the months of the year corresponding to the poem "The Months" that students read this week. Of course, some of these are much easier to spell than others. March - July will pose little problem for most students (the ending of July can be tricky, but it's a short word). January and September-December are long, but they "play fair" - i.e., they are spelled phonetically. This week's lesson is on syllables. Show students how to break these months into their syllables to make them easier to spell. The only trouble from August is students must remember the first syllable is spelled "Au" (the second syllable is phonetic). February gives trouble because we often drop the first "r" sound - otherwise it too plays fair. If students struggle with this list on test day, it's worth reviewing it a couple more times this year.

***This week's grammar is on homophones, so I have included some in the spelling list. It's important for students not only to learn how to spell them but to understand how the meanings differ.

Week 19
(*Many Moons;* -ue)

1. argue
2. blue
3. clue
4. due
5. glue
6. rescue
7. true
8. value
9. princess*
10. jester*
11. wizard*

****Week 20**
(*Sam, Bangs & Moonshine;* sh-)

1. shake
2. sheep
3. shine
4. ship
5. short
6. shut
7. lighthouse*
8. windmill*
9. moonshine*
10. football*
11. grandmother*
12. grandfather*

Week 21
(*Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters;* sn-)

1. snack
2. snail
3. snake*
4. snap
5. sneeze
6. sniff
7. snore
8. snow
9. is*
10. are*

**I have included six compound words this week because compound words are Monday's grammar lesson. All of these words come from the lesson, other than grandfather. All either "play fair" are composed of words taught earlier (e.g., *light* and *house*).

Week 22
(*The Bears on Hemlock Mountain;* cr-)

1. crab
2. crack
3. crane
4. creek
5. creep
6. crook
7. crop
8. crow
9. crunch*
10. cry
11. mountain*

Week 23
(*A Mouse Called Wolf;* bl-)

1. black
2. blame
3. blank
4. bleed
5. blend
6. blob
7. block
8. blood
9. bloom
10. blow
11. blue
12. music*
13. piano*

Week 24
(*A Mouse Called Wolf;* br-)

1. braid
2. brain
3. bread
4. brick
5. bride
6. bright
7. broke
8. brook
9. broom
10. brown
11. melody*
12. compose*

Week 25
(*The Random House Book of Poetry for Children;* cl-)

1. clap
2. claw
3. clay
4. click
5. clip
6. clock
7. cluck
8. poetry*
9. orange*
10. diagram*
11. analyze*

Week 26
(*The Boxcar Children;* fl-)

1. flat
2. flew
3. flight
4. float
5. flop
6. flock
7. aren't*
8. didn't*
9. doesn't*
10. don't*
11. isn't*
12. wasn't*
13. weren't*

Week 27
(*The Boxcar Children;* fl-)

1. frail
2. frame
3. free
4. fright
5. frog
6. can't*
7. couldn't*
8. hadn't*
9. haven't*
10. shouldn't*
11. won't*
12. wouldn't*

(This week's contractions are a continuation of those introduced last week; more will be introduced in future lists.)

Week 28
(*The Boxcar Children;* fl-)

1. chain
2. chat
3. cheek
4. chick
5. child*
6. children*
7. chin
8. chop
9. woman*
10. women*
11. person*
12. people*
13. mice* (mouse was on the Week 10 list)

Week 29
(*My Father's Dragon;* dr-)

1. dragon*
2. drain
3. drape
4. dream
5. drill
6. drip
7. drop
8. I'm*
9. you're*
10. he's*
11. she's*
12. it's*

(This week's contractions are from Week 27)

Week 30
(*My Father's Dragon;* dr-)

1. grain
2. grape
3. grate
4. gray
5. grill
6. grin
7. groan
8. grow
9. island*
10. we're*
11. you're*
12. they're*

(This week's contractions are from Week 27)

Week 31
(*26 Fairmont Avenue;* pl- pr-)

1. plain
2. play
3. plop
4. plot
5. plow
6. plug
7. pluck
8. pray
9. pride
10. prize
11. proud
12. pry

Week 32
(*26 Fairmont Avenue;* sc- sk-)

1. scan
2. scar
3. scold
4. scout
5. scowl
6. skate
7. skill
8. skin
9. skip
10. skirt
11. skit
12. sky

Week 33
(*The Random House Book of Poetry for Children;* sl-)

1. slaw
2. sled
3. sleep
4. slice
5. slide
6. slick
7. sling
8. slot
9. slow
10. slug

Week 34
(*Mr. Popper's Penguins;* sm- sp-)

1. small
2. smell
3. smile
4. smog
5. smoke
6. space
7. speak
8. speed
9. spell
10. spill
11. spin
12. sport
13. spot

Week 35
(*Mr. Popper's Penguins;* st- sw-)

1. stack
2. stall
3. stay
4. steam
5. stick
6. still
7. stone
8. stop
9. stuck
10. sway
11. sweep
12. swim

Week 36
(*Mr. Popper's Penguins;* tr- tw-)

1. trace
2. track
3. trail
4. trap
5. tray
6. tree
7. trick
8. trot
9. truck
10. twice
11. twig
12. twin
13. twirl

Week 1

Max's Words by Kate Banks

bar

car

far

jar

part

star

yard

stamp

coin

word

Week 2

The Old Woman Who Named things by Cynthia Rylant

maid

hail

mail

sail

tail

main

rain

stain

train

wait

chair

hair

Week 3

The Bee Tree by Patricia Polacco

bead

read

leaf

beak

weak

team

bean

heat

neat

honey

Week 4

Finding Winnie by Lindsay Mattick

bear

pear

wear

head

read

softer

softest

faster

fastest

stronger

strongest

Week 5

Insect Detective by Steve & Charlotte Voake

draw

jaw

claw

paw

raw

saw

thaw

insect

wasp

beetle

dragonfly

Week 6

The Three Questions by Leo Tolstoy and Jon J. Muth

blew

chew

dew

drew

few

grew

j

stew

question

t

monkey

turtle

panda

f

important

Week 7

Lon Po Po by Ed Young

fern

germ

herd

stern

serve

verb

wolf

door

child

children

basket

Week 8

The Random House Book of Poetry for Children by Jack Prelutsky & Arnold Lobel

bring

fling

king

ring

sing

sting

wing

poet

rhyme

stanza

Week 9

Sequoyah by James Rumford

bird

dirt

first

stir

third

glasses

boxes

matches

dishes

stories

Week 10

Anatole by Eve Titus

about

count

found

ground

house

mouse

noun

pound

round

France

cheese

sign

Week 11

Pop's Bridge by Eve Bunting

boat

coach

coat

goat

load

loan

moan

moat

road

bridge

puzzle

Week 12

The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flournoy

quack

queen

quick

quiet

quiz

pronoun

sew

scissors

Week 13

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig

avoid

bail

boy

coin

joy

oil

soil

spoil

toy

pebble

lion

Week 14

The Oldest Student by Rita L. Hubbard

bold

cold

fold

gold

jolt

mold

old

sold

title

student

freedom

Week 15

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

born

corn

form

horn

port

sort

worn

adverb

quickly

slowly

neatly

quietly

Week 16

The Random House Book of Poetry for Children by Jack Prelutsky & Arnold Lobel

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Week 17

Midnight Teacher by Janet Halfmann

fight

light

midnight

night

night

sight

tight

teacher

school

worse

worst

Week 18

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

burn

curb

fur

purr

pair

pear

weak

week

Week 18

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

two

too

to

here

hear

Week 19

Many Moons by James Thurber

argue

blue

clue

due

glue

rescue

true

value

princess

jester

wizard

Week 20

Sam, Bangs and Moonshine by Evaline Ness

shake

sheep

shine

ship

short

shut

lighthouse

windmill

moonshine

football

grandmother

grandfather

Week 21

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe

burn

curb

fur

purr

pair

pear

weak

week

two

Week 22

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain by Alice Dalgliesh

crab

crack

crane

creek

creep

crook

crop

crow

crunch

cry

mountain

Week 23

A Mouse Called Wolf by Dick King-Smith

black

blame

blank

bleed

blend

blob

block

blood

Week 23

A Mouse Called Wolf by Dick King-Smith

bloom

blow

blue

music

piano

Week 24

A Mouse Called Wolf by Dick King-Smith

braid

brain

bread

brick

bright

broke

broom

brown

melody

compose

Week 25

The Random House Book of Poetry for Children by Jack Prelutsky & Arnold Lobel

clap

claw

clay

click

clock

cluck

poetry

orange

diagram

analyze

Week 26

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner

flat

flew

flight

float

flop

flock

aren't

didn't

doesn't

isn't

wasn't

weren't

Week 27

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner

frail

frame

free

fright

frog

can't

couldn't

hadn't

haven't

shouldn't

won't

wouldn't

Week 28

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner

chain

chat

cheek

chick

child

children

chin

chop

woman

Week 28

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner

women

person

people

mice

Week 29

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

dragon

drain

drape

dream

drill

drip

drop

I'm

you're

he's

she's

it's

Week 30

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

grade

grain

grape

grate

gray

grill

grin

groan

grow

island

Week 30

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

we're

you're

they're

Week 31

26 Fairmount Avenue by Tomie dePaola

plain

play

plop

plot

plow

plug

pluck

pray

pride

prize

proud

pry

Week 32

26 Fairmount Avenue by Tomie dePaola

scan

scar

scald

scout

scowl

skate

skill

skin

skirt

skit

sky

Week 33

The Random House Book of Poetry for Children
by Jack Prelutsky & Arnold Lobel

slow

sled

sleep

slice

slide

slick

sling

slot

slow

slug

Week 34

Mr. Popper's Penguins
by Florence and Richard Atwater

small

smell

smile

smog

space

speak

spell

spill

spin

sport

spot

Week 35

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Florence and Richard Atwater

stack

stall

stay

steam

stick

still

stone

Week 35

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Florence and Richard Atwater

stop

stuck

sway

sweep

swim

sweep

Week 36

Mr. Popper's Penguins
by Florence and Richard Atwater

trace

track

trail

trap

tray

tree

trick

Week 36

Mr. Popper's Penguins
by Florence and Richard Atwater

trot

truck

twice

twig

twin

twirl