

# Weekly Spelling Plan

## Overview

This plan has you read a book passage aloud. Each student transcribes what they hear. The first 10 words that a student misses form a personalized list for practice.

## Details

### Giving the Assignment:

1) Choose an engaging book excerpt that will likely pose five to 10 spelling challenges. Read it aloud and have your student(s) transcribe as you read. Say each sentence twice, then give time for writing. Finish by reading the whole selection at once.

2) Have each student check spelling by referring to the original text. A person's first errors, up to 10, will comprise a personalized spelling list.

3) Assign spelling practice with a choice of exercises (included here) to complete as nightly homework over a week. For example, give a list of six ways to practice spelling. Let each student choose four to use as homework assignments.

### Assessment:

Assess by reading the passage aloud for transcription again. Each student may stop transcribing at the point determined by their own pretest.

Sample transcription of "Esperanza Rising," a novel by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Pretest: Esperanza Rising Spelling

"Our land is alive, Esperanza," said Papa, taking her small hand as they walked through the gentill slopes of the vinyard. Leavy green vines draped the arbors and the grapes were ready to drop. Esperanza was six and loved to walk with her papa through the winding rows, gayzing up at him and watching his eyes dance with love for the land.

"This whole vally breethes and lives," he said, sweeping his arm toward the distant mountians that garded them. "It gives us the grapes and then they welcome us." He gently touched a wild tendril that reached into the row, as if it had been waiting to shake his hand. He picked up a handfull of earth and studied it. "Did you know that when you lie down on the land, you can feel it breethe? That you can feel its heart beating?"

My Words

1. gentle

6. breathes

2. vineyard

7. mountains

3. leafy

8. guarded

4. gazing

9. handful

5. valley

10. breathe

Student-generated spelling list