

COMPARISON OF THE
ADVANCED DECODING SKILLS AND
WORDS THEIR WAY SPELLING STAGES

Typically Mastered	Advanced Decoding Skills	Spelling Inventory Skills	Spelling Stages
2 nd	Six Syllable Types Closed Open (#20 on the Phonics Continuum)	Syllable Junctures/Easy Prefixes and Suffixes	Syllable and Affixes
3rd-8th	R-Controlled Vowel Team Vowel-silent e Consonant -le	Syllable Junctures/Easy Prefixes and Suffixes Harder Prefixes and Suffixes/Unaccented Final Syllable	Early/Middle Syllable and Affixes Late Syllable and Affixes
3rd-8th	Morphemic Analysis Prefixes Suffixes	Syllable Junctures/Easy Prefixes and Suffixes Harder Prefixes and Suffixes	Early/Middle Syllable and Affixes Late Syllable and Affixes & Early Derivational Relations
3rd-8th	Morphemic Analysis Base Words Word Roots	Bases, Roots, and Derivations	Derivational Relations

Grade Level Ranges For Spelling Stages

Emergent (Pre-K- Mid 1st)

Letter Name/Alphabetic (K- Early 3rd)

Within Word (1st- Mid 4th)

Syllable & Affixes (3rd - 8th)

Derivational Relations (5th-12th)