

## Fourth Grade Spelling Practice Formula

1. Write the words on index cards. Stack the cards.
2. Pronounce each sound (phonogram) in a word aloud. Then say the word.
3. Underline any multi-letter phonograms and the syllable divisions with a highlighter.
4. Look at the word, close your eyes picturing the word in your head, and say each sound (phonogram) in the word.
5. Look at the card. Did you say the phonograms correctly? If not, do step 4 again.
6. Turn the card over. Write the word on a piece of paper, pronouncing each phonogram as you write it.
7. Compare what you wrote to the word on the card. If it is incorrect, repeat step 6. If it is correct, continue with the next word.

When beginning this practice formula, it is a good idea to do it with an adult. Once you have the steps down, it is possible for you to do this on your own. If you can't pronounce a word, please ask an adult for help. (Parents, you must decide if your child is diligent enough to work independently.)

It is helpful to divide the Spelling lists over several nights (10 words/cards a night works well). Another good idea is to keep the cut-up cards (after doing the above steps) in your car to practice orally. A review on the way to school the day of the test helps keep the spelling words fresh in your mind. Every time you practice a word, it gets you closer to putting the word in your permanent memory. Keep up that practice!