

## Word Sorts for Within Word Pattern Spellers

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*Words Their Way* is a very popular series of books that is highly recommended by teachers to teach children how to read and learn spellings in English in the United States of America. *Word Sorts for Within Word Pattern Spellers* is a companion volume to the core text *Words Their Way: Word Study for Phonics, Vocabulary, and Spelling Instruction* which provides the theory and research that underlies the curriculum. This series is targeted for children from kindergarten to fifth grade who can correctly identify one-syllable words in context, but struggle to spell those words when they write them. This series helps children build reading, writing, spelling, fluency, comprehension and vocabulary skills.

*Words Their Way* follows an open-ended process of learning. The basic idea behind the series is that in order to enhance learning, words can be sorted based on their common attributes and spelling patterns. Students work individually and in groups on word-sorting, games, drawing, labelling, word hunts, etc., in order to understand these patterns. In this book, students learn to spell words with long vowels, diphthongs and r-influenced vowels.

The book consists of 50 word sorts. Sort 1-6 are picture sorts for short- and long-vowel sounds; sorts 7-12 are word sorts contrasting short- and long-vowel sounds and patterns (CVC and CVCe); sorts 13-18 are common long-vowel patterns (CVCe and CVVC); sorts 19-24 are less common long-vowel patterns; sorts 25-30 are *r*-influenced vowel patterns; sorts 31-35 are diphthongs and other ambiguous vowel sounds; sorts 43-44 are high-frequency words and contractions; sorts 45-46 are inflectional endings for plural and past tense; and sorts 47-50 are long vowel homophones.

Each set of word sorts is followed by an assessment. Each chapter is followed by notes for the teachers section that introduces each set of word sorts. This helps teachers pace their lessons based on the child's needs. Overall, this book is very beneficial for teachers trying to teach young learners how to spell in English in an easy and convenient way.

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