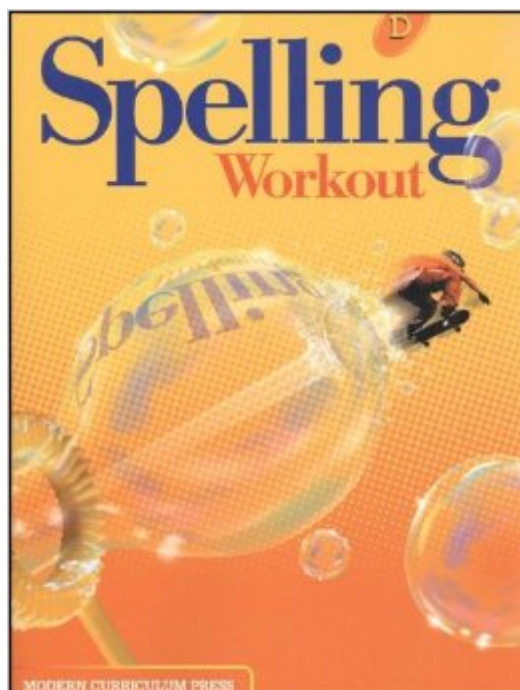


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SPELLING WORKOUT LEVEL D PUPIL EDITION



Synopsis

Learning to spell is a complex process, but the curriculum you choose can help. The Modern Curriculum Press (MCP) Spelling Workout: Grade 4 homeschool program is designed to make Spelling education easier on both you and your child. The curriculum features a step-by-step process that takes the guesswork out of education, an element you're sure to love. MCP Spelling Workout: Grade 4 takes a dynamic and hands-on approach to Spelling, giving your child plenty of puzzles and riddles to tackle. Each of these activities are designed to improve your child's understanding of how the English language is constructed, so he or she will become a skilled speller. This process begins with Grade 1 and moves through Grade 8. The Grade 4 content solidifies basic spelling knowledge, helping your child recognize symbols and their meaning. MCP Spelling Workout was designed to function independently or alongside MCP Plaid Phonics. This second curriculum for homeschooling focuses on the phonics side of Spelling education, making it the perfect companion for MCP Spelling Workout. Of course, even without it, your child will gain a solid understanding of Spelling. You'll love MCP Spelling Workout: Grade 4's adaptable format and your child will enjoy learning using hands-on activities. With cross-curricular reading selections and interesting writing assignments, your child will easily integrate Spelling into his or her knowledge base. These engaging assignments come complete with the Student Edition. You'll also have access to the Teacher Edition and Parent Guide. For more information on the specific materials included in MCP Spelling Workout: Grade 4, visit the Features and Benefits page.

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Customer Reviews

I homeschool and have been through many spelling programs that don't give much practice. This program is a wonderful find that incorporates a reading section with spelling words, practice activities, a written passage to correct (with proofreading marks taught along the way), and a writing prompt. I currently use this for my 3rd grader who is a bit advanced in spelling. She never complains about spelling lessons, and gets 100% on all 20 words each week. I can't praise this series enough!

We've been using Sequential Spelling with a (mildly) dyslexic child for about a year now. While I *do* think that's a good program, it is very repetitive (in a tiresome way) for both the parent and child, and my own experience is that it didn't foster any independent learning. Additionally, SS required a full 30 minutes for each lesson and with four children that would clearly be a prohibitive program. I read recommendations for this on the Well-Trained Mind forums, and absolutely love it. There are a range of activities to complete each week, and those vary so that the work doesn't become boring. My two children who will be using this program next year were excited upon reviewing the pages as there are crossword puzzles and other things that are appealing to a child. I did also purchase the Instructor's Guides and found them worthwhile, particularly with the scheduling and philosophy behind the program.

I was hoping for a more comprehensive spelling program. I did not realize when I purchased this that there was a separate teacher's edition, that I have yet to be able to find. The words in this volume are more 2nd and 3rd grade level.

I ordered this book because my daughter's school does not "officially" teach Spelling. While she is an average speller, she used to be much better, so I wanted to encourage growth in this area. I had no idea when I ordered this Spelling book for my daughter that she would struggle while attempting to read the spelling words because they are written in cursive. Modern Curriculum Press apparently does not know that cursive is NOT being taught by many public schools, and with an emphasis on technology and testing, there is little at-home time for me to teach this. Additionally, the exercises are, quite frankly, more tedious work than anything else; the directions are not always clear, and some answers are ambiguous. My child has not enjoyed this book. In fact, it has been set

aside for us to re-visit this summer.

We have used the Spelling workout series now for 2 years with our two daughters. For a subject that does not lend itself well to interesting work, this series isn't bad. My girls don't complain about the work. The book allows the work to be divided into very manageable daily sections that can be completed independently. There is enough repetition of the material that they learn the spelling without any outside studying of a list of words. We finish each unit Monday-Thursday then they have a test on Friday over the spelling list. Rarely do they score less than 100%. My fifth grader used Level F; my third grader, Level D. On Iowa Tests, they both have scored 99%ile for their respective grades in spelling, so I think it's working so far.

I absolutely hate this series. I began home schooling two years ago, and in my excitement I bought the entire series all at once (I have several children of all ages.) When I opened up the books and flipped through the pages, I saw that there was NO rhyme or reason to the lists. They didn't focus on groups of words, there were no themes, nothing. The lists were completely random! Not only that, but there were super easy words thrown together with much more difficult words, all in the same list. I tried to like this series. I tried to get my kids to do them, as "dutiful" home schoolers. But they hated them, I hated them, and they sat on my shelf for two years, nearly untouched. Yesterday, I threw away every single one of the books. I couldn't try to give these pathetic excuses for spelling books off on anyone else. Today a home schooling mother friend of mine was telling me how much their family hated their spelling workbooks, and they were the same series that I had thrown away the day before. I told her what I had done, but she can make her own decisions. WHAT I DO LIKE IS "Phonics Pathways: Clear Steps to Easy Reading and Perfect Spelling." This book starts out at the very beginning, and progresses through to advanced words. I first taught my 3rd grader how to read, and now I'm going back through the book and teaching him how to spell (I also use "spelling time" to perfect hand writing/penmanship). I also hated, "Teach your child to read in 100 easy lessons." This book, Phonics Pathways, is a perfect book to teach reading AND spelling for children, adults, and ESL students - all in one book. Just keep the length of the sessions appropriate to the attention span of the student.

This is a traditional spelling book. There is a list of words for the lesson and worksheets to reinforce the spelling rules. There's reviews so that past lessons aren't forgotten. I bought this book because I like the other levels in the series. This books fill the need for spelling. I'm still looking for spelling

books that are a little more challenging, but until then I'm happy with Spelling Workout.

I homeschool 3 children with different learning styles. 1 loves to read and explore, one likes to 'complete workbooks' and another is very tactile. This spelling program is great for the one who loves workbooks. There is a scheduled sequence to each spelling list, and she is able to predict each day, as well as a spelling 'test' at the end of each week. I don't ever recommend just one curriculum for every child, so always know your child's best learning style before purchasing. This would bore my oldest daughter to tears!

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