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PhOrMeS

A Free, Powerful F-6 Decoding & Spelling Curriculum

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Showcasing the work of Shane Pearson





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- Facebook Group: PhOrMeS
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The screenshot shows the PhOrMeS website. At the top left is the PhOrMeS logo, which includes a line drawing of a hand holding a pencil and the text 'PhOrMeS Word Reading, Spelling & Learning'. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links: 'Teaching PhOrMeS', 'About PhOrMeS', 'SoR & SoL Links', 'Acknowledgements', and 'Contact PhOrMeS'. There are also social media icons for Twitter and Facebook. A red arrow points to a blue button labeled 'Access the Curriculum'. Below the navigation is a hero section with a background image of children in a classroom. The text in the hero section reads: 'The **Free** Primary Word Reading, Spelling and Learning Curriculum', 'Empowering **Teachers**', 'Enabling **Schools**', and 'Engaging **Students**'.

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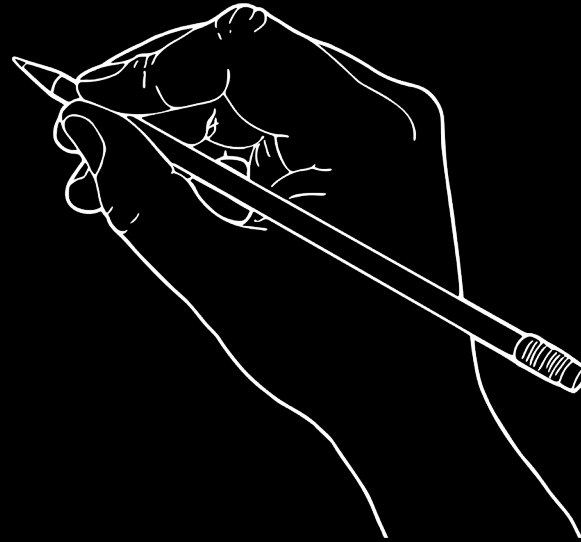


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Component	Task	Time (mins)	Cumulative Time (mins)
Phonemic Awareness	Phonemic Awareness Tasks	3	3
Handwriting	Fortnightly Cycle of Handwriting Slides	10	13
Decoding and Spelling Review	Review of Decoding and Spelling Units from past: Week, Month, Term Daily 'Weird Words'	10	23
Decoding and Spelling	Current Spelling Unit	17	40
Reading Fluency	Paired Fluency	10	50
Vocabulary- combination of: 1. from reading texts 2. Tier II Vocab 3. prefix/suffix	Vocabulary Slides	10	60

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Examples





DECODING AND SPELLING DAILY REVIEW

ar 1

ur 2

ew



DECODING AND SPELLING

ou (1st) 1



Learning Goal

Learning Goal

I will read and spell words with the ou code's first sound.



Code Reading

ou

a

ui

oy

ew

o

oi

ear

oo

u

j

ow



Decoding- use our reading tools

out

mouth

ouch

pouch

loud

south

noun

bound

shout

count

couch

round

1. Sound it/Chunk it
(Keep our voice on)
2. Blend it

Spelling Demonstration- use our spelling tools



1. Say it
2. Sound it/Chunk it
3. Sound and Write it
4. Rule Check it
5. Read it



Spelling- use our spelling tools

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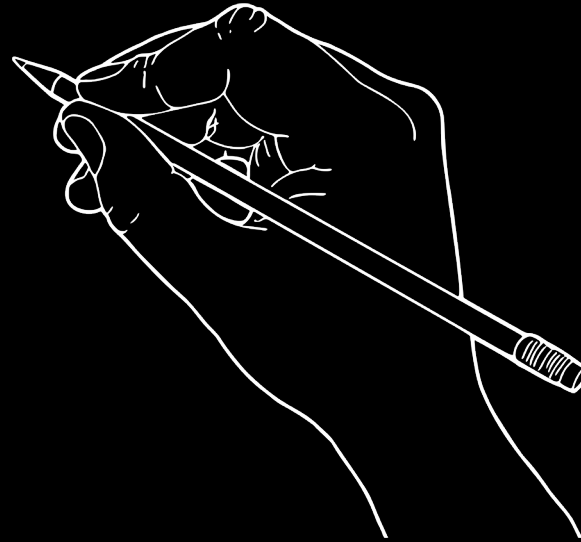
ow & ou

- ow & ou say 'OU'
- When do we use ou?

	ou
start	<u>ou</u> t
middle	pr <u>ou</u> d
end	-

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Weird Words
Year 1





NEW WEIRD WORDS INTRODUCTION



New Weird Words- Read

walk

talk

walk

talk

talk

walk



New Weird Words- Spell

walk

talk



Weird Words- Review- Reading

talk

walk

talk

walk

fall

tall

almost

always

Mr.

Mrs.



Weird Words- Review- Spelling

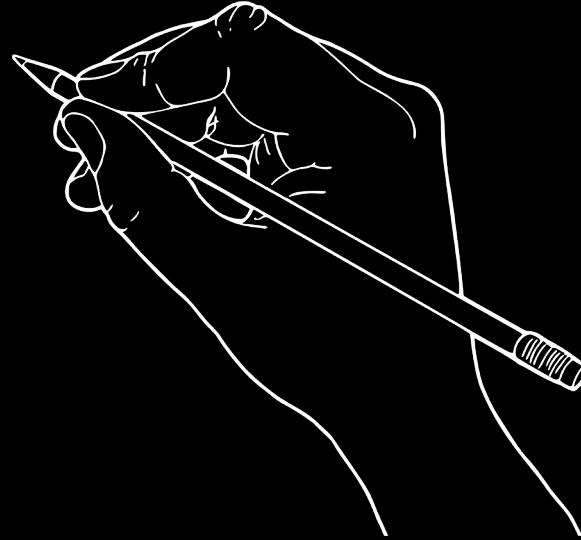
talk

walk

always

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Morphology & etymology
Year 4





DECODING AND SPELLING DAILY REVIEW



ge means EARTH



Decoding

geography

geographer

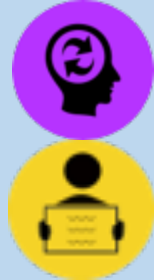
geographical

geology

geothermal

geometry

geometric



Spelling

geo	earth
logy	the study of
metr	measure
graph	write/record

I will say the word and its definition:

1. An area of mathematics about the measurement of shapes with lines, curves and/or points.

geometry

2. An expert who studies the physical features of the earth and/or the atmosphere.

geographer

1. Say it
2. Find the morphemes
3. Spell each morpheme
4. Read it

Latin Etymology





re -

prefix



rebuild

refill

replay



ir-

prefix



irregular

irrelevant

irrational



-ible

suffix

adjective



reversible

responsible

accessible





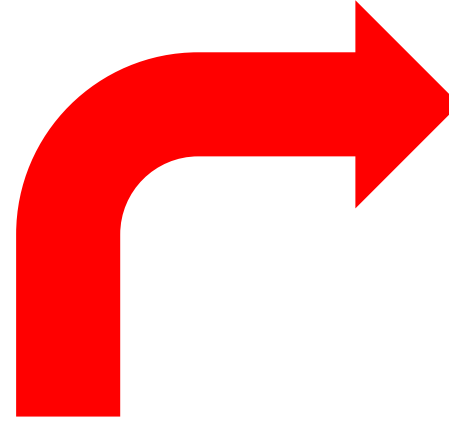
Learning Goal

I will:

- read and spell 'verse-vert' Latin base words
- identify and explain morphemes in 'verse-vert' Latin base words



verse-vert - turn



revert
reverse
converse
convert
universe
avert
averse

advertise
adverse
divert
diverse
extrovert
introvert



revert

re + vert = back again + turn (to turn back)

To revert means to go back to something from before (e.g. a system, a belief or a type of behaviour)

Although she had given up smoking for a week, her stressful day at work caused her to revert to the unwanted addiction.



STRESSFUL
DAY AT
WORK

revert

revert

reverts

reverted

reverting



reverse

re + verse = back again + turn (to turn backwards)

To reverse something means to turn it back to the opposite direction.

The referee decided to reverse her decision when the player spoke rudely to her.



note the
omission of
SFE in words
with:

vowel suffixes

reverse

reversal

reverses

reversed

reversing

reversible

irreversible



Spelling words

1. revert
2. reverse
3. reverted
4. irreversible

1. Say it
2. Find the morphemes
3. Spell each morpheme
4. Read it



Instructions:

1. Circle the morphemes
2. Explain the meaning of the word in the sentence below



irreversible

The small boy cried with despair as he realised that he had made an **irreversible** decision to let go of his helium balloon.



Answers:

ir re vers ible:

not able to be reversed (not able to be turned back the opposite way into its original form)

The boy made a decision to let go of his helium balloon and it floated off into the air. He could not change this decision or fix the problem. He couldn't turn back, so he became very upset.



Closure

- verse-vert = Latin base
- verse-vert means turn
- revert has two morphemes- revert means to 'go back to' or 'return to' something from before (like an old belief, an old habit or an old behaviour)
- If you start a new version of a video game but it's not as good as the original game, you might revert to the old game
- reverse has two morphemes- reverse means to turn back(wards)
- Name one thing that is irreversible.
- One thing that is irreversible is ___.
- One thing that is irreversible is **time**.

How to teach PhOrMeS – use EDI + Participation Symbols

Creating Academic STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- **Pronounce With Me**
- **Track With Me**
- **Read With Me**
- **Gesture With Me**
- **Pair-Share**
A→B, B→A
- **Attention Signal**
Eyes Front, Back Straight
- **Whiteboards**
Chin-it
- **Complete Sentences**
Public Voice, Academic Vocabulary

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Teach with EDI
Engagement Norms

Teaching Symbols



Time Allocation



New Learning
Concept OR Skill
Development



Review

Student Participation Symbols



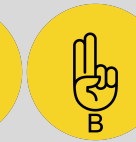
Choral Read



Pair Share



On Whiteboards



Multiple
Choice



In Your Book



Pick a stick / Cold
Call from teacher



Listen to Teacher

Reading tools

1. Sound it/Chunk it
(Keep your voice on)
2. Blend it

Spelling tools

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Is PhOrMeS working at BPPS?

What's our evidence thus far?



Best Evidence Thus Far

- NAPLAN Data

2019- Best spelling scores on record
Yr 3 and 5 (sig. ahead)

2021- Best spelling scores on record
Yr 3 and 5 & high growth in literacy
areas (sig. ahead)

2022- Best spelling scores on record
Yr 5 but Yr 3- same as 2019

- Phonics Screening Check

Year 1: 73 → 78* → 86** → 90* PhOrMeS

Year 2: → 92* → 99** → N/A

- NMM CJ Aust. Trial (2022)

Year 4 Cohort (3rd/4th)

Year 3 Cohort (1st)

- Children with highest learning needs

NAPLAN

Class Participation

Improvements on prog. points

Children leaving intervention

Still have struggling students

What is PhOrMeS Word Reading & Spelling?

- Free, Comprehensive F-6 Word Reading & Spelling Curriculum
- Ready to teach
- Adaptable
- Acronym
 - **Ph**onology
 - **Or**thography
 - **M**orphology
 - **e**tymology
 - **S**emantics

Empowering **Teachers**

Enabling **Schools**

Engaging **Students**



How PhOrMeS follows the evidence-base in SoL

- Regular Formative Assessment
 - Regular CFUs & Unit-Level Spelling Assessments
- EDI as over-arching instructional approach (maximizing student engagement)
- F-6 S&S → comprehensive, structured, low variance, consistent
- Regular review with retrieval practice
 - daily, weekly, monthly, termly
 - interleaved review schedule

How PhOrMeS follows the evidence-base in SoR

- Word reading & spelling together
- Triple Word Form Theory
 - Phonological
 - Orthographic
 - Morphological
- Phonics via SSP (with constant modelling and practice of blending & segmenting)
- Orthographic Conventions
 - spelling 'rules'
 - 'irregular' patterns
 - 'irregular' words (Weird Words)
- Explicit Morphology incorporating Latin & Greek Etymology



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