

Talking to Families About Word Study
To Teach Phonics, Vocabulary and Spelling
Do you want to learn about word study?
How are families involved in word study?
I am Donald Bear, a co-author of a series of books on word study. You can find the materials by looking for Words Their Way core books.

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## Talking to Families About Word Study To Teach Phonics, Vocabulary and Spelling

Children involved in a word study program
4-part video talk on word study
Chose the videos that match your interests.
Part I. What is word study and why is it important?
Overview of family involvement
Part II Development word study in the Emergent and Letter Name-Alphabetic stages

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| Part III. Within Word Pattern stage word |
| study |
| Part IV. Upper Level word study in the |
| Syllables \& Affixes and Derivational |
| Relations stages |
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## What is word study?

## Word study =

 phonics + spelling + vocabulary instruction| WE IMPLEMENT THE ESSENTIAL LITERACY |
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| COMPONENTS IN TERMS OF |
| RRWWWT |
| Essential Literacy Activities |
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## RRWWT

Essential Literacy Activities
Read To
Read With*
Write With
Word Study*
Talk With



- Read With includes extensive support reading, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary instruction.
- Ranges and Levels of Reading and New Looks at Readability
- From Easy Instructional to Difficult Instructional


Part I. What is word study and why is it important? Overview of family involvement

## TOPICS OF INTEREST PART I:

- Word study equation
- Lesson plan format
- Sorting
- Layers of writing and stages of development
- Word study activities
- Word study and deep spelling instruction
- Word study in the classroom
- What families do

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## Why word study?

- "Becoming literate depends on the fast, accurate recognition of words in texts, and fast accurate production of words in writing so that readers can focus their attention on making meaning."

Words Their Way

## What is word study?

- "Word study explicitly teaches students with hands-on activities the vital skills necessary to excel at word recognition, spelling and vocabulary."

Words Their Way


| Word Study Lesson Plan Format |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| demonstrate | introduce sort, use key <br> words or pictures |
| sort \& check | individually or with a partner <br> reflect <br> extenddeclare, compare, \& contrast <br> activities to complete at <br> seats, in centers, or at home: <br> sorts, games, cut and paste, <br> expand word study notebook, <br> make word charts |






| 1. praise slay cab | praise | slay | mail |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| gain | tail | brain | grain |
| cab | has | strap | drag |
| glad | as | stay | pay |
| nail | train | jay | stray |
| claim | day | paint | faint |





## Developmental Word Study Observation Tool Items Gehsmann, Millwood \& Bear, 2014

Ten Indicators to Observe in Effective Word Study

1. Grouping for Differentiation
2. Preparation and Organization of Materials
3. Teacher Talk
4. Facilitating Student-to-Student Talk
5. Extension and Transference
6. Instructional Routines
7. Student Reflection
8. Notebook Use
9. Engagement
10. Teacher Knowledge and Classroom Management


| made | Writing Sort <br> say | $\underline{\text { train }}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |


| made | Writing Sort <br> say |
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| train |  |
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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{\text { made }}$ | Writing Sort |  |
| cave | $\underline{\text { say }}$ | $\underline{\text { train }}$ |
| rage | way | paint |
| rate | sway | mail |
| cage | spray | faint |
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| Word Study and Deep |
| :---: |
| Spelling Instruction in a |
| Comprehensive Literacy |
| Program |
| Donald Bear |
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## Spelling Instruction

- Spelling is a part of literacy instruction.
- (Reconceptualize the role of spelling instruction.)
- Spelling teaches students about phonics, vocabulary, and morphology.
- Students learn more about reading from spelling than they do about spelling from reading. (See references.)
 Spelling Activities in Word Study
- Look for generalizability. Incorporate transfer to writing in grading.
- Have students sort words at home with parents: refrigerator sorts, easy games.



| FIGURE 3.23 Word Study Homework Checklist From Words Their Way |
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| Word Study at Home <br> Name $\qquad$ <br> Check off the activities you complete and return this to your teacher. $\qquad$ Sort the words into the same categories you did in school. $\qquad$ Write the words into categories. $\qquad$ Blind sort with someone at home. $\qquad$ Write the words into categories as someone calls them aloud. $\qquad$ Hunt for more words that fit the categories and write them here: $\qquad$ |


| FIGURE 3.22 |
| :--- | Parent Letter $\quad$ From Words Their Way

## What Families Do At Home

- Can your student read the words and sort accurately?
- Does sorting fluency improve with practice?
- Can your student talk about the sort?
- Watch your student sort into categories
- Do you understand the categories?
- Ask your student to explain the reason for sorting each column or category
- Speed sort to see who sorts fastest
- Say the words as you sort
- Play a game like Concentration with the words in the sort
- Go on word hunts for words that have similar patterns, or sounds

| Word Study At Home <br> - Play games: Speed sorts, simple board games (copies of the games at school), concentration, go fish $\cdots$. <br> - Writing Sort <br> - Take an interest in words <br> - Interesting Word Activity: Look for interesting words as you read. Use reference materials like online dictionaries, etymologies and paper dictionaries <br> - Make the meaning connection: Think of related words <br> - Wide reading <br> - Do more than spelling the word back and writing the words in sentences <br> - See if students are generalizing to their writing <br> - In a traditional spelling format look for your student to start with at 40 $-60 \%$, and finish at $90 \%$ accuracy |
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## Materials and References

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Johnston, F. (2016). Words their way: Word study for phonics, vocabulary, and spelling instruction (6 $6^{\text {th }} \mathrm{Ed}$.). Boston: Pearson.

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## Word Study At Home

## Vocabulary

- Have students choose their own words from what they are reading
- Look for the concepts that underlie the vocabulary
- Be generative: Look for related words and make the meaning connection
- territory, terrain, terra, .
- define, definition, definitive, defining, definite, finite
- Think of words in other languages
- Work with phrases
- Tie vocabulary to notetaking




The Literacy Diet for the Emergent Stage

1. Oral language, concepts, and vocabulary
2. Phonological awareness (PA)
3. Alphabet knowledge
4. Letter-sound knowledge
5. Concepts about print (CAP)
6. Concept of word in text (COW)



## Perceiving Rhythmic Structures

1. Holistic, natural activities
2. Movement activities
3. Creative dramatics, characterization
4. Dancing
5. Singing
6. Drumming, tapping
7.Begin in PreK
8.Coordinate word study with speech and language services

## Concept of Word in Text

- A few children experience serious delays acquiring a COW.
- They may have been delayed in acquiring language skills earlier.

Concept of Word in Print "The Miracle of Reading"

Developing COW
Rudimentary COW Full COW

Henderson




Beginning Literacy





Part III. Within Word Pattern stage word study


## TOPICS OF INTEREST PART III:

- Within word pattern word study
- Transitional reading
- Word study at this stage
- Concept sorts


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## TRANSITIONAL READING

- Approach fluency: The Wright Brothers of literacy development.
- $60-100 \mathrm{wpm}$
- Read 1-3 syllable words in context; begin to read in phrases with some expression.
- Stop finger pointing
- Read easy chapter books
- Instructional reading level of $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade
- Move from oral/silent to silent
- Prefer to read silently in instructional level materials
- Begin to read faster silently than orally
- Grade level texts $(4-12)$ are at frustration level disfluent and inaccurate reading



## Within-Word Pattern

Ages: 6-12
Grades:1 to mid-4
flote
Float
spoal
Spoil
Chapter 7




| gain | pay | cab |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| nail | day | glad |
| claim | slay | has |
| tail | stay | as |
| train | jay | strap |
| paint | stay | drag |
| mail |  |  |
| praise |  |  |
| grain |  |  |
| faint |  |  |


| CVVC | CVV | CVC |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| gain | pay | cab | 1 |
| nail | day | glad |  |
| claim | slay | has |  |
| tail | stay | as |  |
| train | jay | strap |  |
| paint | stay | drag |  |
| mail |  |  |  |
| praise |  |  |  |
| grain |  |  |  |
| faint |  |  |  |




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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{\text { made }}$ | Writing Sort <br> cave | $\underline{\text { say }}$ |$\quad$| train |
| :--- |
| rage |
| rate |
| cage |



BASIC TYPES OF SORTS
Concept sort
Guess my category
Picture sorts
Partner sound sorts
Word sorts
Word hunts
Closed sorts
Writing sorts
Open sorts
Speed sorts
Collecting word bank words
Studying interesting words
Word study notebooks





Pre-Revolutionary War Concept Sort $5^{\text {th }}$ grade
Closed Sort Categories:
British Americans

| Pre-Revolutionary War Concept Sort |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\underline{\text { British }}$ | ruled by king |
| $\underline{\text { Americans }}$ | no taxes without |
| representation |  |
| prime minister | elected officials |
| 13 colonies | self-government |
| King George III | against revolution |
| for taxation | loyalists |
| Britain | against taxation |
| Virginia | America |


| Pre-Revolutionary War Concept Sort |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| British | Americans |
| ruled by king | governed by king |
| Parliament | no representation |
| prime minister | 13 colonies |
| against revolution | no taxes without |
| King George III | representation |
| for taxation | Patrick Henry |
| Britain | "Join or die" |
| Monarchy loyalists ? | against being ruled by king elected officials |
|  | self-government |
|  | Virginia against taxation |



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| Part IV. Upper Level |
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| word study in the |
| Syllables \& Affixes and |
| Derivational Relations |
| stages |




Morphology the structure of words * Inflected morphology -ed, -ing, -ies, -y
*Derivational morphology roots

| Upper Level Word |
| :---: |
| Knowledge |
| Generative Morphology |
| in Vocabulary |
| Instruction |
|  |


| Generative Vocabulary |
| :---: |
| Instruction |
| "When we learn one |
| word we learn ten." |
| Tamara Baren |
| Introduce a root and |
| learning is exponential. |



## Talking about Words is Talking about Ideas

Show students how to use vocabulary to think.
"No one ever talked to me about words the way you did."

| Ways to Study |
| :---: |
| Morphology and Vocabulary |
| - Take Apart |
| -Delete Suffixes and Prefixes |
| -Add Syllables |
| - Think of Related Words |
| - Make Meaning Connections |
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Generative Vocabulary

## Domain Specific Academic Vocabulary

## General Academic

General Academic Vocabulary and Morphology

- Morphological knowledge is related to word knowledge and reading comprehension
(Carlisle, 2007; Nagy, Berninger, \& Abbott, 2006, Nagy, 2007).
- Morphological knowledge of academic words may be particularly important for academic achievement, given:
- the morphological complexity of many academic words (Corson, 1997)
- the Greek or Latin origins of $82 \%$ of the words in the Academic Word List (Coxhead, 2000)
- Academic vocabulary can be taught.
- Omnipresent in academic contexts.
- Related to academic achievement.
- Consider "word families."
General Academic Vocabulary

| Sublist 1 of the Academic Word List (Coxhead, 2000) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| analysis <br> approach <br> area <br> assessment <br> assume <br> authority <br> available <br> benefit <br> concept <br> consistent <br> constitutional <br> context <br> contract <br> create <br> environment | data definition derived distribution economic established estimate evidence export factors financial formula function identified income | indicate individual interpretation involved issues labor legal legislation major method occur percent period policy nrincinle | procedure <br> process <br> required <br> research <br> response <br> role <br> section <br> sector <br> significant <br> similar <br> source <br> specific <br> structure <br> theory <br> variables |

## Domain-Specific Vocabulary



|  | Science <br> anthropology <br> biology <br> zoology <br> geothermal <br> genetics |
| :--- | :--- |
| optical <br> metamorphosis <br> vertebrate/invertebrate |  |



| ENGLISH | SPANISH |
| :--- | :--- |
| civil | civil |
| civics | civica |
| compromise | compromise |
| company | compañia |
| companion | compañero |
| compact | compacto |
| common | comité |
| republic | común |
| democracy | república |
| abolitionist | democracia |
|  | abolicionista |

> What words and phrases do we choose for deep study?
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that
all men are created equal, that they are
endowed by their Creator with certain
unalienable Rights, that among these are Life,
Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.-

## Teaching Academic Vocabulary

- Deep Vocabulary Study
- Word Sorts for Families and Nuances
- Chart Related Words
- Vocabulary Notebooks
- Word Hunts
- Matching Games With Extension Activities
- Buddy Checks, Think-pair-share
- Writing To Learn Activities
- Growing Concept Maps




## A Few Favorite Websites

www.onelook.com
www.etymonline.com
www.myetymology.com
www.visuwords.com
www.visualthesaurus.com

| 1. syn | 26. synagog | 51. synaloephas | 76. synaphymenitis |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. syn-aps | 27. synagoga | 52. synamap | 77. synapomorphy |
| 3. syn-aud-con | 28. synagogal | 53. synan | 78. synaposematism |
| 4. syn aps | 1) are | 5 | 79. synapse |
| 5. syn aud con | i). ymenes | 5 s smincornos | 80. synapse - nerve |
| 6. syn cookies | 31. synagogue | 56. synanceja | 81. synapse nerve |
| 7. syn flood | 32. | 57. | 82. synapsed |
| 8. synac | synagogue the great | synanceja verrucosa | 83. synapses |
| 9. synacme | 33. synagogue united | 58. synandrium | 84. synapsid |
| 10. synacmy | 34. synagogues | 59. synandrogenic | 85. synapsid reptile |
| 11. synacort | 35. synagris | 60. synangia | 86. synapsida |
| 12. synactic | 36. synagrops | 61. synangial | 87. synapsids |
| 13. synadelphus | 37. synagrops bellus | 62. synangium | 88. synapsin i |
| 14. synadena | 38. synakowski | 63. synanon healing | 89. synapsing |
| 15. synaecious | 39. synalar | 64. | 90. synapsins |
| 16. synaereses | 40. synalbumin | synanthedon | 91. synapsis |
| 17. synaeresis | 41. synalepha | myopaeformis | 92. synapta |
| 18. | 42. synalephas | 65. | 93. synaptase |
| synaeresis or syneresis | 43. synalgia | synanthedon | 94. synapte |
| 19. synaesthesia | 44. synalgic | tipuliformis | 95. synaptene |
| 20. synaesthesias | 45. synalgos | 66. synanthem | 96. synaptic |
| 21. synaesthesis | 46. synallagmatic | 67. synantherous | 97. synaptic antenna |
| 22. synaesthete | 47. | 68. synanthesis | 98. synaptic bouton |
| 23. synaesthetic | synallagmatic contract | 69. synanthous | 99. synaptic boutons |
| 24. svnaetion | 48. svnallaxine | 70 svnanthrin | 100 svnantic cleft |



Chronus - the god of time chronology chronic


| Common Words from Mythology |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| iris | nocturnal |
| nectar | psychology |
| cosmetics | phobia |
| chaos | terrain |
| solar | amnesia |
| geography | tantalize |
| oceanic | hygiene |
| titanic | mercury |
| romance | marathon |
| geometry |  |




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