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The following chart shows the skills presented at each stage in Words Their Way: Word Study in Action Developmental Model ©2012. This scope and sequence reflects input from the Words Their Way authors as well as classroom teachers and is aligned with accepted best practices including the Common Core State Standards.

Early-Emergent Letter Name

Sort I	Concept Sort Fruit/Not a Fruit
Sort 2	Concept Sort Animal/Not an Animal
Sort 3	Concept Sort Shapes
Sort 4	Concept Sort Food, Clothes, Toys
Sort 5	Concept Sort Clothes
Sort 6	Concept Sort Food
Sort 7	Rhyming Sort Nose, Knees, Hair, Head
Sort 8	Rhyming Sort Clock, Fly, Pan
Sort 9	Rhyming Sort Bug, Mop, Beet
Sort 10	Rhyming Sort Jar, Crate, Bell, Grape
Sort II	Rhyming Sort Pairs I
Sort 12	Rhyming Sort Pairs 2
Sort 13	Rhyming Sort Colors
Sort 14	Beginning Sounds b, m
Sort 15	Beginning Sounds r, s
Sort 16	Beginning Sounds b , m, r, s
Sort 17	Letter Recognition Bb, Mm, Aa
Sort 18	Letter Recognition Rr, Ss, Ee
Sort 19	Beginning Sounds t, g
Sort 20	Beginning Sounds n, p
Sort 21	Beginning Sounds t, g, n, p
Sort 22	Letter Recognition Tt, Gg, Ee
Sort 23	Letter Recognition Nn, Pp, li
Sort 24	Beginning Sounds c, h
Sort 25	Beginning Sounds f, d
Sort 26	Beginning Sounds c, h, f, d
Sort 27	Letter Recognition Cc, Hh, li
Sort 28	Letter Recognition Ff, Dd, Aa
Sort 29	Beginning Sounds I, k

Early-En	nergent Letter Name (continued)
Sort 30	Beginning Sounds j, w, q
Sort 31	Beginning Sounds I, k, j, w
Sort 32	Letter Recognition LI, Kk, Oo
Sort 33	Letter Recognition Jj, Ww, Qq
Sort 34	Beginning Sounds y, z, v
Sort 35	Ending Sounds t, x
Sort 36	Letter Recognition Yy, Zz, Vv
Sort 37	Letter Recognition Tt, Xx, Uu
Sort 38	Digraphs s, h, sh
Sort 39	Digraphs c, h, ch
Sort 40	Digraphs h, sh, ch
Sort 41	Digraphs th, wh
Sort 42	Digraphs sh, ch, wh, th

Early-Emergent Letter Name Spell Checks

Spell Check I	Rhyming Words
Spell Check 2	Beginning Consonants
Spell Check 3	Letter Recognition
Spell Check 4	Digraphs

Letter Name

Sort I	Beginning Consonants b, m, r, s
Sort 2	Beginning Consonants t, g, n, p
Sort 3	Beginning Consonants c, h, f, d
Sort 4	Beginning Consonants I, k, j, w
Sort 5	Beginning Consonants y, z, v
Sort 6	Word Families -at, -an
Sort 7	Word Families -ad, -an



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Letter Name (continued)

Sort 8	Word Families -ap, -ag
Sort 9	Word Families -ad, -ap, -ag
Sort 10	Word Families -op, -ot, -og
Sort II	Word Families -ip, -ig, -ill
Sort 12	Word Families -ug, -ut, -un
Sort 13	Word Families -et, -eg, -en
Sort 14	Word Families -ed, -et, -eg, -ell
Sort 15	Consonant Digraphs ch, sh
Sort 16	Consonant Digraphs th, wh
Sort 17	Consonant Digraphs sh, ch, wh, th
Sort 18	Beginning Consonants and Blends s, t, st
Sort 19	Consonant Blends sp, sk, sm
Sort 20	Consonant Blends sc, sn, sw
Sort 21	Consonant Blends pl, sl, bl, fl
Sort 22	Consonant Blends cr, cl, fr, gl, gr
Sort 23	Consonant Blends pr, tr, dr, br
Sort 24	Beginning Sounds k, wh, qu, tw
Sort 25	Mixed Vowel Word Families -at, -ot, -it
Sort 26	Mixed Vowel Word Families -an, -in, -en, -un
Sort 27	Mixed Vowel Word Families -ad, -ed, -ab, -ob
Sort 28	Mixed Vowel Word Families -ap, -ip, -op, -up
Sort 29	Mixed Vowel Word Families -ag, -eg, -ig, -og,
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Sort 30	Mixed Vowel Word Families -ill, -ell, -all
Sort 31	Mixed Vowel Word Families -ack, -ick, -ock,
	-uck
Sort 32	Mixed Vowel Word Families -ash, -ish, -ush
Sort 33	Mixed Vowel Word Families -ang, -ing, -ong,
	-ung
Sort 34	
Sort 34 Sort 35	-ung
	-ung Mixed Vowel Word Families -ank, -ink, -unk
Sort 35	-ung Mixed Vowel Word Families -ank, -ink, -unk Short Vowels a, o
Sort 35 Sort 36	-ung Mixed Vowel Word Families -ank, -ink, -unk Short Vowels a, o Short Vowels i, u Short Vowels e, i, o, u
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Letter Name Spell Checks

Spell Check I	Beginning Consonants
Spell Check 2	Same Vowel Word Families
Spell Check 3	Consonant Blends and Digraphs
Spell Check 4	Mixed Vowel Word Families
Spell Check 5	Short Vowel Words
Spell Check 6	Preconsonantal Nasals
Spell Check 7	r-Influenced Vowels

Within Word Pattern

Sort I	Short and Long a (Pictures)
Sort 2	Short a (CVC) and Long a (CVCe)
Sort 3	Short and Long i (Pictures)
Sort 4	Short i (CVC) and Long i (CVCe)
Sort 5	Short and Long o (Pictures)
Sort 6	Short o (CVC) and Long o (CVCe)
Sort 7	Short and Long u (Pictures)
Sort 8	Short u (CVC) and Long u (CVCe)
Sort 9	Short and Long e (Pictures)
Sort 10	Review Short Vowel (CVC) and Long Vowel (CVCe) Patterns
Sort	Short a (CVC) and Long a (CVCe and CVVC-ai)
Sort 12	Short a (CVC) and Long a (CVCe, CVVC- a i, and Open Syllable- a y)
Sort 13	Short o (CVC) and Long o (CVCe and CVVC- oa)
Sort 14	Short o (CVC) and Long o (CVCe, CVVC- o a, and CVV- ow)
Sort 15	Long o (CVCe, CVVC-oa, CVV-ow, VCC)
Sort 16	Short u (CVC) and Long u (CVCe and CVVC)
Sort 17	Short u (CVC) and Long u (Open Syllable - ew and - ue)
Sort 18	Short e (CVC) and Long e (CVVC)
Sort 19	More Short e (CVC and CVVC) and Long e (CVVC)
Sort 20	Review CVVC Patterns ai, oa, ee, ea
Sort 21	Short i (CVC) and Long i (CVCe, VCC-igh, and CV Open Syllable-y)
Sort 22	Long i (CVCe, VCC -igh, CV Open Syllable-y, iCC)
Sort 23	r-Influenced Vowel Patterns ar, ir, or, ur
Sort 24	r-Influenced Vowel Patterns ar, are, air
Sort 25	r-Influenced Vowel Patterns er, ear, eer
Sort 26	r-Influenced Vowel Patterns ir, ire, ier
Sort 27	r-Influenced Vowel Patterns or, ore, oar
Sort 28	r-Influenced Vowel Patterns ur, ure, ur-e
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Within Word Pattern (continued)

Sort 29	Review of ar, Schwa Plus r, and or
Sort 30	Diphthongs oi, oy
Sort 31	Vowel Digraph oo
Sort 32	Diphthongs ou, ow
Sort 33	Ambiguous Vowels aw, au
Sort 34	Ambiguous Vowels wa, al, ou
Sort 35	Final /k/ Sound Spelled ck, ke, k
Sort 36	Silent Beginning Consonants kn-, wr-, gn-
Sort 37	Consonant Digraphs Plus r-Blends and squ-
Sort 38	Triple r-blends scr-, str-, spr-
Sort 39	Hard and Soft c and g
Sort 40	Word Endings -dge, -ge
Sort 41	Word Endings -ce, -ve, -se
Sort 42	Word Endings -tch, -ch
Sort 43	Long a Homophones #1
Sort 44	Long a Homophones #2
Sort 45	Short and Long i Homophones

Within Word Pattern Spell Check

Spell Check I Short (CVC) and Long (CVCe) Vowels	
Spell Check 2 Other Common Long Vowel Patterns	
Spell Check 3 r-Influenced Vowels	
Spell Check 4 Ambiguous Vowels	
Spell Check 5 Complex Consonant Clusters	

Syllables and Affixes

Sort I	Compound Words
Sort 2	More Compound Words
Sort 3	Plural Endings -es, -s
Sort 4	Unusual Plurals
Sort 5	Adding -ing to Words With VC and VCC Patterns
Sort 6	Adding -ing to Words With VCe and VVC Patterns
Sort 7	Review of Inflected Ending -ing
Sort 8	Adding -ed (Double/No Change)
Sort 9	Adding -ed (Double/e-Drop/No Change)
Sort 10	Adding -ed to Words With VC, VCe, VVC, and VCC Patterns
Sort II	Unusual Past-Tense Words
Sort 12	Syllable Juncture in VCV and VCCV Patterns
Sort 13	More Syllable Junctures in VCV and VCCV Patterns
Sort 14	Open and Closed Syllables in VCV Patterns
Sort 15	Syllable Juncture in VCV and VVCV Patterns

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Sort 16 Sort 17	Syllable Juncture in VCCCV and VV Patterns
Sort 17	Open and Closed Syllables and Inflected Endings
Sort 18	Plural Endings: Final -y
Sort 19	Adding Inflected Endings -s, -ed, and -ing to Words With Final -y
Sort 20	Long a Patterns in Accented Syllables
Sort 21	Long i Patterns in Accented Syllables
Sort 22	Long o Patterns in Accented Syllables
Sort 23	Long u Patterns in Accented Syllables
Sort 24	Long and Short e Patterns in Accented Syllables
Sort 25	Review Long Vowel Patterns in Accented Syllables
Sort 26	Ambiguous Vowels oy/oi and ou/ow in Accented Syllables
Sort 27	Ambiguous Vowels au/aw/al in Accented Syllables
Sort 28	r-Influenced a in Accented Syllables
Sort 29	r-Influenced o in Accented Syllables
Sort 30	Words With ${f w}$ or /w/ before the Vowel
Sort 31	/ər/ Spelled er, ir, ur in First Syllables
Sort 32	/ər/ and r-Influenced e Spelled er, ear, ere, e in Accented Syllables
Sort 33	Unaccented Final Syllable -le
Sort 34	Unaccented Final Syllable /əl/ Spelled -le, -el -il, -al
Sort 35	Unaccented Final Syllable /ər/ Spelled -er, -a -or
Sort 36	Agents and Comparatives
Sort 37	Final Syllables /ər/ Spelled -cher, -ture, -sure - ure
Sort 38	Unaccented Final Syllable /ən/ Spelled -en, -on, -an, -ain
Sort 39	Unaccented Initial Syllables a-, de-, be-
Sort 40	Initial Hard and Soft c and g
Sort 41	Final -s and Soft c and g
Sort 42	More Words With g
Sort 43	/k/ Spelled -ck, -ic, -x
Sort 44	/qw/ and /k/ Spelled qu
Sort 45	Words With Silent Consonants
Sort 46	Words With gh and ph
Sort 47	Prefixes re-, un-
Sort 48	Prefixes dis-, mis-, pre-
Sort 49	Prefixes ex-, non-, in-, fore-
Sort 50	Prefixes uni-, bi-, tri-, and Other Numbers
Sort 51	Suffixes -y, -ly, -ily

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Syllables	and Affixes (continued)
Sort 52	Comparatives -er, -est
Sort 53	Suffixes -ness, -ful, -less
Sort 54	Homophones
Sort 55	Homographs

Syllables and Affixes Spell Check

Spell Check I Compound Words
 Spell Check 2 Inflected Endings
 Spell Check 3 Open and Closed Syllables
 Spell Check 4 Accented Syllables
Spell Check 5 Unaccented Syllables
 Spell Check 6 Consonants
 Spell Check 7 Prefixes and Suffixes

Derivational Relations

Sort I	Prefixes: pre-, fore-, post-, after-
Sort 2	Review Suffixes -ness, -ful, -less
Sort 3	Adding -ion (With No Spelling Change)
Sort 4	Adding -ion and -ian (With No Spelling Change)
Sort 5	Adding -ion (With e -Drop and Spelling Change)
Sort 6	Adding -ion (With Predictable Changes in Consonants)
Sort 7	Consonant Alternation: Silent and Sounded
Sort 8	Vowel Alternation: Long to Short
Sort 9	Vowel Alternation: Long to Short or /ə/
Sort 10	Adding Suffixes: Vowel Alternation (Accented to Unaccented)
Sort	Adding the Suffix -ity : Vowel Alternation (/ə/ to Short)
Sort 12	Adding Suffixes: Vowel Alternation (With Spelling Change)
Sort 13	Adding the Suffix -ation : Vowel Alternation (With Spelling Change)
Sort 14	Examining Multiple Alternations

Sort 15	Greek and Latin Number Prefixes mono-, bi-, tri-
Sort 16	Greek and Latin Prefixes inter-, sub-, over-
Sort 17	Number Prefixes quadr-, tetra-, quint-, pent-, dec-
Sort 18	Latin Word Roots spect, port
Sort 19	Latin Word Roots dic, aud
Sort 20	Latin Word Roots rupt, tract, mot
Sort 21	Latin Word Roots ject, man, cred
Sort 22	Latin Word Roots vid/vis, scrib/script
Sort 23	Latin Word Roots jud, leg, flu
Sort 24	Greek and Latin Elements -crat/-cracy, -arch/- archy
Sort 25	Latin Word Roots -spire, -sist, -sign
Sort 26	Greek and Latin Elements cap, ped, corp
Sort 27	Greek and Latin Word Roots sect, vert/vers, form
Sort 28	Greek and Latin Word Roots onym, gen
Sort 29	Greek and Latin Word Roots voc, ling, mem, psych
Sort 30	Prefixes intra-, inter-, intro-
Sort 31	Predictable Spelling Changes ceiv/cep, tain/ten nounce/nunc
Sort 32	Adding Suffixes -ent/-ence, -ant/-ance #1
Sort 33	Adding Suffixes -ent/-ence, -ant/-ance #2
Sort 34	Adding Suffixes -able, -ible
Sort 35	Adding the Suffix -able (With e -Drop and No Spelling Change)
Sort 36	Prefix Assimilation: Prefixes in-, im-, il-, ir-
Sort 37	Prefix Assimilation: Prefixes com-, col-, con-
Sort 38	Prefix Assimilation: Prefixes ob-, ex-, ad-, sub-
Derivati	onal Relations Spell Checks
Spell Chee	ck I Prefixes and Suffixes
	ck 2 Additional Prefixes and Suffixes

Spell Check 4 Assimilated Prefixes

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