

Time-Saving Routines for TEACHING SPELLING

Spelling Connections can help you make the most of your instructional time with opportunities for whole-class, independent, and online practice.

New online games available on **My ZB Portal** offer students fun spelling practice and will inspire them to become great spellers!

Quick, Whole-Class Support

Introduce a spelling unit with a Letter-Pattern Video to help students understand the patterns they'll see in their spelling words that week. It's a quick, effective way to start a unit.

- Log in to MyZBPortal.com
- Select the Letter-Pattern Video you want and play it for the class on your whiteboard



Letter-Pattern Video

Easy-to-Use Online Tests

Students can independently take spelling pretests and posttests online, with scores sent automatically to the Reports page of MyZBPortal.com, saving you valuable classroom time.

The screenshot shows the My ZB Portal Reports page. The top navigation bar includes 'My Products', 'My Classes', 'Reports', and 'Help'. The main content area is titled 'Reports' and shows a dropdown menu for 'Miss Blinn's G3 Class'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Assignments' and 'Independent Work'. A table displays student performance data:

Date	Time	Product	Activity	Score
9/2/16	3:20 pm	Spelling Connections G3	Unit 4 Hangman - A	
9/2/16	12:45 pm	Spelling Connections G3	Unit 4 Post-Test - Ab	
9/2/16	10:13 am	Spelling Connections G3	Unit 4 Unscramble	
9/2/16	5:50 pm	Spelling Connections G3	Unit 4 Crack the Saf	
9/2/16	5:30 pm	Spelling Connections G3	Unit 4 Unscramble	
9/2/16	1:38 pm	Spelling Connections G3	Unit 4 Pre-Test	
9/1/16	9:07 am	Spelling Connections G3	Unit 3 Crack the Saf	
9/1/16	8:01 pm	Spelling Connections G3	Unit 3 Crack the Saf	

Below the table, there is a 'Spelling Pretest' interface with a keyboard and a list of words to be spelled: 1. fluid, 2. lead, 3. speed, 4. believe, 5. deal, 6. pin, 7. net, 8. bn, 9. sp, 10. og.



Logging in to My ZB Portal

1. Open the My ZB Portal e-mail sent by your administrator and follow the instructions to set up your account.
2. Log in to MyZBPortal.com using your e-mail address and password.
3. Navigate to My Products, then select *Spelling Connections* to access your online resources.

The screenshot shows the My ZB Portal Spelling Games page. The top navigation bar includes 'My Products', 'My Classes', 'Reports', and 'Help'. The main content area is titled 'Spelling Games' and shows a list of games:

- Unit 1 - Short a
- Unit 2 - Short e
- Unit 3 - Short i
- Unit 4 - Short o
- Unit 5 - Short u
- Unit 6 - Assessment and Review
- Unit 7 - Vowel Sound of
- Unit 8 - Consonant Blends
- Unit 9 - Blend ck, Digraph ng
- Unit 10 - Short Vowel Sounds
- Unit 11 - Vowel Consonant e
- Unit 12 - Assessment and Review

Each game has a small thumbnail image. The games shown include 'Honey Times', 'Crack the Safe', 'Save the Spaceship', and 'Tomb Explorer'.



Online Spelling Fun

Fun, engaging spelling games target the weekly spelling patterns and provide more practice with differentiated word lists.



Save the Spaceship

Protect the spaceship from being destroyed by meteors in this hangman-type game. If too many meteors hit the ship, it will have to go back home. Students must guess the letters in a mystery spelling word to keep the ship's shields up.

The Honey Times

Before the newspaper can be printed, students are tasked with finding all of the spelling errors in the front-page article.



Crack the Safe

Students are tasked with opening a variety of safes by spelling words from their word lists. What kinds of mystery objects will they find inside each safe? Also available in a timed version.



Encourage Spelling Practice at Home with the Digital Tutor

Students can scan the Digital Tutor QR code found below each word list in their student book to hear their spelling words read aloud and used in a sentence.



Digital Tutor
Spelling Practice
at Home



More Resources in Your ZB Portal!

Discover even more resources for teaching spelling on My ZB Portal, including

- Reports for pretests, posttests, and games
- Teacher Edition eBook
- Printable PDFs of Practice Masters
- Digital word sorts