

Components of Spelling Test and Instructional Program

CoST Teacher Dashboard Years 3 to 6

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An innovative and comprehensive suite of research-based activities directly mapped from the Components of Spelling Test: Years 3 to 6 (CoST) error analysis data for your class. This program is informed by extensive research including a randomised control trial (Daffern & Fleet, 2021).

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Explicit and differentiated teaching activities suitable for Tier 1, Tier 2 AND Tier 3 instruction.

Provide your students with engaging activities that are designed to target the learning needs of each student systematically and directly in your class. Activities explicitly target the phonological, orthographic and morphological components of spelling.

Flexibly print and use the activities on demand.

The activities can be used to help your students build and/or consolidate their knowledge of spelling conventions and strategies. Print and use each activity for your students as needed.

Learning experiences for students that connect spelling with reading and writing.

Connect spelling knowledge to reading, writing and other key learning areas through activities that make use of a range of texts and sentence-level writing.

Confidently implement curriculum-aligned learning experiences for your students.

Each activity is aligned with the latest Australian Curriculum: English and the NSW English Syllabus. Instructional notes such as learning intentions and answers for activities are also included.

Use valid and reliable assessment to inform instructional priorities.

It is crucial that teachers use spelling assessments that have undergone scientific research to adequately test their validity and reliability. The CoST is a robust, empirically researched assessment. It is a valid and reliable measure of spelling ability using spelling error analysis, informed by Triple Word Form Theory. The CoST can be used for diagnostic purposes and for longitudinal tracking. The Australian norms included with the CoST also allow for comparative judgments to be made.

Includes access to FREE coaching sessions with Dr Tessa Daffern.

How's the health of your spelling instruction? The CoST Teacher Dashboard includes 3 FREE Spell Check Appointments with Dr Tessa Daffern in 2024. These are live open Q & A coaching sessions, available to all CoST Teacher Dashboard members. In a collaborative setting, meet with Dr Tessa Daffern via Zoom for a health check on your spelling instruction. You can ask her questions about:

- Teaching spelling and using metalanguage
- Scope and sequencing
- Monitoring progress
- Differentiation
- Syllabus/curriculum alignment

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