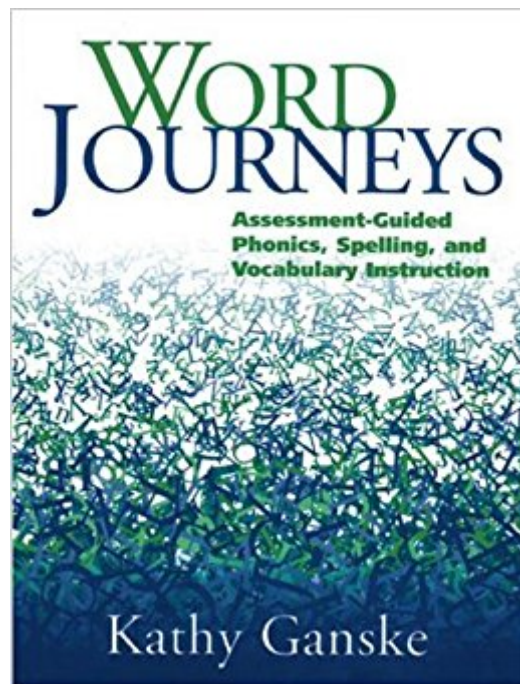




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Word Journeys: Assessment-Guided Phonics, Spelling, And Vocabulary Instruction



Synopsis

This book presents a highly practical approach to assessing children's spelling and word knowledge abilities and offering effective, appropriate instruction. Included is the Developmental Spelling Analysis (DSA), a dictated word inventory that enables teachers to quickly and easily evaluate students' stages of spelling development and their knowledge of important orthographic features. Detailed guidelines are set forth for engaging students in hands-on word study that is tailored to their specific strengths and weaknesses. Validated and field-tested, the instructional techniques described here reflect the author's many years of classroom experience. Particularly useful features of the book include narrative "snapshots" of children at different stages of spelling development; numerous examples of student work; suggested word sort activities for each orthographic feature; lists of recommended books and poems; and a focus on fostering a love of words through word play and language appreciation. Provided in the appendices are reproducible forms for administering the DSA, plus a list of over 12,000 words arranged by sound, pattern, and meaning-related features.

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Customer Reviews

Word Journeys is a great supplementary resource to educators who are familiar with word study. Ganske includes a straightforward introduction to developmental word knowledge and assessment of same. Her years of classroom experience make this an authentic and highly usable text. Teachers will find the supplemental word lists in Appendix 1 to be a great source of words for

sorting activities and the reproducible forms in Appendix 2 easy to use and very practical. Those who are new to word study will find this text easier to follow than Words Their Way (Bear, Templeton, Invernizzi and Johnston). Word Journeys is a welcome addition to the field of spelling and word study.

I love this book! I do not use the methods of testing and wordlists as outlined in the book but instead use the section on phonics and vocabulary. This book has changed the way I teach my students how to spell, decode and analyze words in their reading and writing.

I have found this very helpful in guiding me to help students improve their confidence through improving their vocabulary and spelling skills. (I teach high school English and SAT Prep.)

This is a valuable resource that covers all of the different stages of spelling knowledge. The explanations and ideas are presented clearly and are extremely useful. I think it is one of the better 'manuals' out there for classroom teachers and would suit any year/grade level. The book includes the now 'obligatory' spelling inventory, but even if you choose not to administer this, the book is a highly valuable resource and it is not dependent on using the inventory.

If you are interested in this book, I would highly recommend reading it before using it. This is something you should be trained in as well. My school is trying to incorporate a new spelling program, and it has great potential, but training has to be involved.

Very helpful for determining spelling and morphology levels of children. Easy to implement in the classroom.

This is an okay book. I purchased it for a reading endorsement class. It has some good information on a specific assessments. Some parts are explained in details on how to perform assessments.

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