



SLANT SYSTEM[®]

For Structured Language Training

Teaching Sequence Overview

Stage 1

- All single consonants
- Short vowels
- Digraphs
- -ss, -ll, -ff, -zz
- -ck
- 's' ending
- Compound words in CVC/CVC pattern ('hotdog')

Stage 2

- VC/CV syllable division
- Consonant blends (beginning & ending)
- Sticky Sounds (-ng, -nk)
- Suffixes -ing, -ed

Stage 3

- Open syllable vowels
- V/CV syllable division ('robot')
- VC/V syllable division ('robin')
- 'y' as a vowel
- Silent 'e' syllables

Stage 4

- Vowel teams
- -tch
- R-controlled vowels

Stage 5

- Diphthongs
- Softc&g
- Common suffixes
- Doubling rule for one-syllable words
- -dge

Stage 6

- Diphthongs, cont'd
- Closed syllable prefixes
- Open syllable prefixes
- Accent & Schwa
- -tion, -sion
- Schwa endings (-et, -en, -al)

Stage 7

- Consonant -le syllable
- Less common diphthongs
- Less common vowel teams
- V/V syllable division
- Silent letter combinations
- Silent 'e' spelling rule
- Less common suffixes
- 'y' spelling rule
- Doubling rule for multisyllabic words
- Advanced letter/sound relationships
- Unusual r-controlled vowel combinations
- Advanced prefixes
- Advanced suffixes
- Spelling guidelines for similarly sounding suffixes