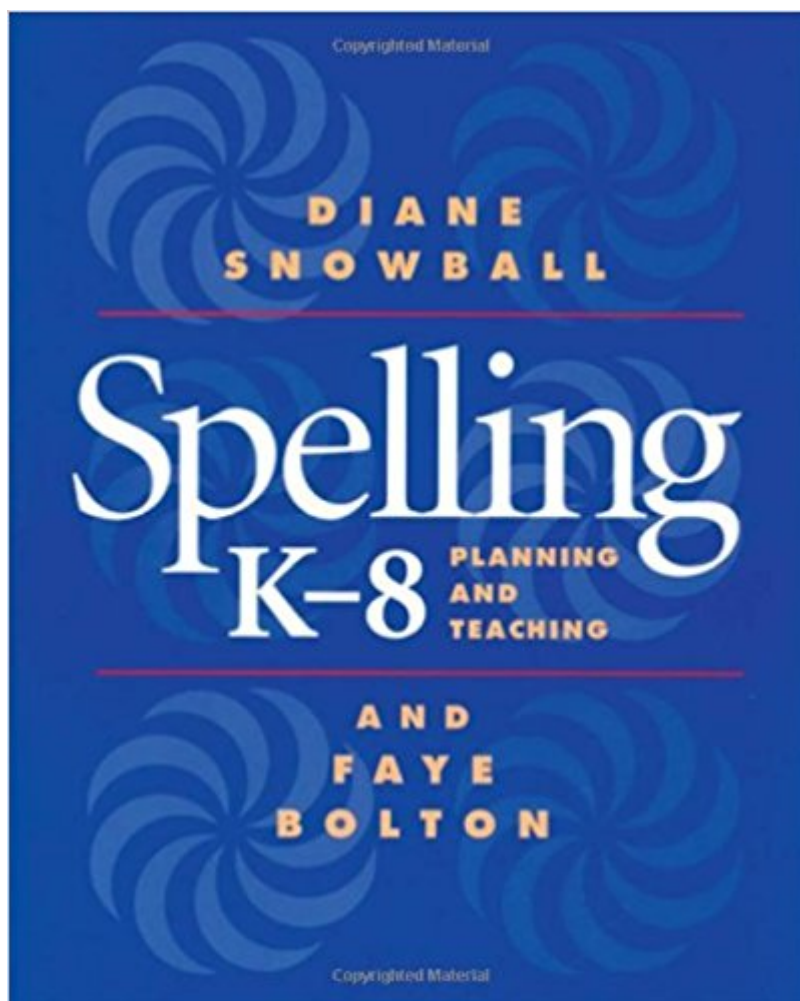


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# Spelling K-8: Planning And Teaching



## Synopsis

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- understanding current beliefs about teaching and learning and means of translating these into classroom practice;
- implementing specific types of spelling investigations, such as sounds, spelling patterns or suffixes, by clearly outlining the general process involved in spelling explorations;
- identifying the possible spelling focuses for children in each grade level, taking into consideration their needs and the explorations they have been introduced to in previous years;
- relating the teaching of spelling to reading and writing experiences in a variety of curriculum areas;
- knowing the generalizations children need to learn to enable them to understand how written English works.

Spelling K-8 will help you plan the teaching of spelling at a whole-school level and at each grade level.

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Diane hails from Australia and travels a lot between her home and New York. In her long career, she's been a teacher of mathematics and science, teacher librarian, K-6 classroom teacher, assistant principal, and literacy consultant, among many other positions. She has been a literacy consultant throughout the United States and Canada for the past fifteen years and co-founded Australian United States Services in Education (A.U.S.S.I.E.), a company of approximately three hundred literacy and mathematics consultants providing professional development for K-12 administrators, teachers, and parents. She became a teacher because she was encouraged by her teachers in high school to do so. "We make a difference in children's lives, especially the neediest. It's a profession in which we always have much more to learn about, and the educational community is keen to learn collaboratively and to share ideas." Diane describes herself

as an avid learner who is very practical. "I enjoy learning about theory and understanding the implications for practice. When providing professional development for others, I prefer to give demonstrations of effective teaching and to combine this with explanations and discussion before and after teaching."As an author, Diane does a bulk of the planning and thinking about ideas before she begins to write. "I may make some notes as ideas come to mind, mostly to remind myself about what I want included, but I've never kept a writer's notebook. Once I have decided what to write, I like to finish quickly and I like feedback for revision."Faye is a native of Melbourne, Australia and she currently conducts onsite, ongoing professional development in schools in New York City and Australia. She has worked as an elementary school teacher and literacy consultant in Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. She believes that professional development should be onsite and ongoing in order to be effective. Faye thoroughly enjoys working with teachers who are excited by the profession they work in and want to become more effective teachers so that their students become active, successful learners. Her areas of specialty are literacy and integrated curriculum. She enjoys movies, theater, dining out, traveling, and playing tennis.

I teach a mixed year group with 1st and 2nd graders and I've been feeling like my spelling lessons weren't as effective as I would like. This book has been incredibly helpful with differentiating my spelling lessons and improving their quality. I'm VERY glad I bought it - I wish I had found it sooner.

I am using this book in an online class and found it to be very insightful.

Just as described.

A great, resourceful book!

Just what I expected, thanks!

This is a fantastic resource to have for planning your spelling curriculum and also for teacher knowledge. This book, along with a few others, form the basis of my spelling program and I refer back to it weekly. A must for classroom teachers.

After seeing these two ladies at the International Reading Association convention in May 2000, I immediately bought the book. I took it back to my school district where I am a language arts

consultant. We have used the book as the basis for a year long pilot program in improving spelling in our school. Our current curriculum is based on the 4 block model. The methodology in this book expands and enriches the basic model by Pat Cunningham...especially in grades 3-5+. We are already very excited by the results, and will most likely adopt the new strategies and techniques into our existing curriculum for next year. It even has an appendix that has ways to respond to parents about the change in how you teach! I highly recommend it to any teacher that wants to improve word work in their classroom. You will be amazed at how well this integrates into all areas of your language arts instruction.

This book is excellent for planning a comprehensive spelling programme. It is full of ideas and theory to help teachers understand the best ways to structure spelling all the way up to 14 year olds. It is easily the best resource I have come across in my 20 + years of teaching spelling to 10-14 yr olds.

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