

# Spelling for Struggling Students

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## 1. Hand held device features for spell checker/talking dictionary

### Display

- Choice of Manuscript or Cursive display
- Cue misspelling
- Visual display only
- Corrections shown singularly
- Corrections shown in a list

### Speech

- auditory recognition/reading of entered word
- speech feedback for words in correction list
- speech feedback for a limited number of words in definition
- full speech feedback of definition

### Other

- Games
- Calculators
- Thesaurus
- Dictionaries
- Translation to other languages

## Speaking Language Master ([Franklin](#))

The Franklin Speaking Language Master uses state-of-the-art speech technology to pronounce words aloud. It also provides an expanded dictionary, an extensive thesaurus and spelling correction. A built-in guide and word games complete this ultimate language resource.



## Speaking Spelling and Handwriting Ace ([Franklin](#))

The Ace pronounces and correctly spells 80,000 words for auditory reinforcement. A keyboard echo lets the student hear each letter pronounced as the key is pressed.



## Speaking Homework Wiz™ ([Franklin](#))

The Wiz answers the question "How can I look it up if I don't know how to spell it?" It includes spell check and dictionary features. Moreover, it pronounces all words and provides definitions!



## 2. Word Processors

- MS Word (example open up a spelling file)
  - Correct a sample
  - Turn preferences off then type
- Talking spell checker from WOL

## 3. Co: Writer – use of topic dictionary

#### 4. Online resources for spelling

- a. [www.spellcheck.com](http://www.spellcheck.com)
- b. [www.merriamwebster.com](http://www.merriamwebster.com)
- c. <http://www.piggott.wokingham.sch.uk/en.spellaid.htm>

Practice Activities online

- d. [www.funbrain.com/spell](http://www.funbrain.com/spell)
- e. [www.everydayspelling.com](http://www.everydayspelling.com)
- f. [www.spelling.hemscott.net](http://www.spelling.hemscott.net)
- g. [www.enchantedlearning.com](http://www.enchantedlearning.com)
- h. [www.edhelper.com/spelling](http://www.edhelper.com/spelling)

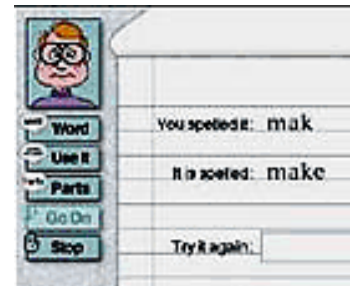
#### 5. Spelling Software

Software that focuses on developing or strengthening specific skills used in writing, including spelling, is also available.

##### Simon Spells ([Don Johnson, Inc.](#))

The friendly, on-screen tutor that guides students to spelling success geared towards elementary level students.

- Students learn to spell words with basic spelling patterns
- Students apply spelling strategies to writing
- Students practice spelling at their own pace



##### Simon Sounds it Out ([Don Johnson, Inc.](#))

Simon S.I.O. Stage 1 - 33 levels, 300 words

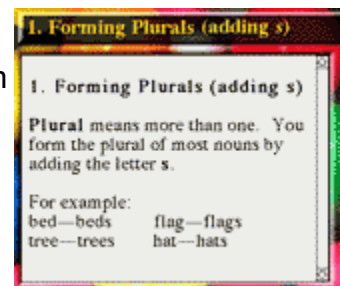
Single consonants and common blends

- Simon S.I.O. Stage 2 - 33 more levels  
More complex blends and diagraphs

- Compatible with both Macintosh and Windows
- 3 new activities for more practice:
  - Read - record and hear new words
  - Pick - discrimination skills
  - Reading Challenge - read words in passages
- Expanded teacher materials: assessment tools, activity extensions, complete lesson plans and more

### Spelling Rules ([Optimum Resources](#))

Students work with appropriate level words that follow common spelling patterns, as well as exceptions to the rules. The program allows students to improve their ability to spell correctly and accurately. The program is designed for use in grades 3 - 9 and has varied levels. You can use it in self-paced or test form. It provides valuable and much needed skills training in an engaging and visual manner.



### Spell a Word ([RJ Cooper](http://rjcooper.com/spell-a-word/index.html)) <http://rjcooper.com/spell-a-word/index.html>

Talking, large print software that lets you easily enter lists of spelling words/phrases for the learner to practice and be tested on. Free 7-time demo available at this site. It has built-in scanning, lots of speech and sound effects, the ability to use almost any pictures, a question & answer mode, with a selectable pace.