Spelling Better for Teachers

Weekly Spelling Challenge Planner

Primary and middle school teachers, tutors and homeschoolers

How to use this planner

For practice, students can use the free word lists and online spelling test at spellingbetter.com.

1. Choose one spelling pattern or word family for the week, or one per day for older students.
2. Pick ten words that follow the pattern. Include a few words students already know and a few new ones.
3. Plan one short activity per day (10 to 15 minutes is enough).
4. End each day with a quick check: three to five words spoken aloud, written on mini whiteboards or paper.
5. Use Friday's check to see which words need more practice next week.

My week

Day	Focus pattern	10 words	Activity	Quick check
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				

Class and week of _____

Example week: long a spelled ai and ay

Day	Focus pattern	10 words	Activity	Quick check
Monday	ai in the middle of a word	rain, train, paint, wait, chain	Say each word, clap it, then underline ai.	Spell rain, wait and paint.
Tuesday	ay at the end of a word	day, play, stay, tray, away	Write each word in a short sentence.	Spell play, stay and away.
Wednesday	ai or ay?	All ten words	Sort word cards into an ai column and an ay column.	Which spelling usually ends a word? (ay)
Thursday	Review	All ten words	Spelling relay in teams.	Spell train, chain and tray.
Friday	Check	All ten words	Partner quiz, then a short dictation sentence.	Ten-word check; note words to revisit.

You may print and copy this sheet for classroom use.