

Fourth Grade Spelling-Expanded Skills Trace
Third Edition Teacher's Guide

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9-Taught in Writing (language rule)					X									X			X																	
10-Taught in Writing (language rule)				X	X												X			X					X		X							
11-Taught in Writing (language rule)		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		
12				X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X								X		
13					X									X			X	X				X							X					
14	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
15								X										X	X					X										
16		X	X								X			X					X		X							X				X		
17	X	X					X		X		X		X					X						X	X				X					
18										X	X																							
19			X	X	X			X			X																							
20			X	X		X							X		X		X		X	X			X	X						X				
21-Taught in Writing (language rule)			X																															
22-Taught in Writing (language rule)									X				X			X	X			X	X					X								
23				X	X																													
24-Taught in Writing (language rule)				X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X		
25	X	X		X			X								X																			
26-Taught in Writing (language rule)			X							X	X									X			X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
27-Introduced in 1st grade																																		
28-Taught in Writing (language rule)				X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X				X	X		
29	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spelling Dictation of High-Frequency Vocabulary																																		
Section Q (127 words)	X																																	
Section R (125 words)		X																																
Section S (125 words)						X																												
Section T (125 words)										X																								
Section U (125 words)													X																					
Section V (125 words)																	X																	
Section W (125 words)																						X												
Section X (120 words)																												X						

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Verbs																																		
Action verbs	X									X			X			X				X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X				
Linking verbs	X			X				X						X							X													
Helping verbs	X							X						X																				
Helping/auxillary					X									X		X																		
Helping verbs-future tense			X	X			X						X				X	X					X											
Compound verbs (and)	X	X																																
Past tense verbs (suffix ed)	X	X							X								X														X	X		
Irregular past tense verbs	X							X									X	X	X												X			
Regular past tense verbs	X	X	X	X			X		X				X				X					X									X			
Verbs changing time (Progressive Tense)			X	X			X						X						X	X			X								X			
Infinitives (verb + preposition)															X	X	X							X										
Adjectives																																		
Adjectives: a, an, the	X																																	
Adjectives: how many, which one, what kind	X								X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Adjectives: 2 or more w/commas					X																													
Comparative adjectives: er, est					X																													
More and most + adjective																			X															
Compound adjectives with hyphens															X								X							X				
Proper Adjectives																														X				
Adverbs																																		
Adverbs (when, where, how)	X									X	X														X	X		X	X	X	X			
Adverbs (excessive degree-too)							X																											
Adverbs (to what extent)									X	X														X	X		X	X	X	X				
Adverbs (in what manner)							X		X	X														X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Conjunctions																																		
Conjunctions (and/2 nouns/verbs)	X	X																																
Subordinating conjunctions:																																		
if, after, when, because			X																	X											X			
when, unless, that																			X							X				X				
though, since, although																																X		
Correlative Conjunctions (either-or...)																														X				
Prepositions																																		
Prepositions/phrases	X									X	X														X									
COMPOSITION																																		
Opinion/Persuasive/Argument				X				X										X												X				
Compare/Contrast (Similar/Different)				X			X			X	X			X						X				X	X			X		X				
Cause/effect relationships																										X			X					

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COMPOSITIONS																																			
Related Sentences	X																																		
Compound Sentences		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Complex Sentences			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Informal friendly letter					X																														
Formal business letter																	X																		
1st-person Narrative		X												X	X																				
3rd-person Narrative							X			X																					X				
3rd-person Informative						X	X					X		X	X					X		X			X			X							
1st-person Informative-Narrative			X																																
Informative Report/Research											X	X																							
Thesis Statement												X		X	X								X												
Theme																						X		X	X	X		X	X						
Character parts/plays																																	X		
Summary																	X	X										X							
Literary Devices																																			
Similes															X																X			X	
Metaphor																X																X			X
Personification																	X															X			X
Imagery																		X														X			X
Idiom																				X															
Hyperbole																				X	X														
Onomatopoeia																							X								X				X
Poetry																															X				X

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TEXT STRUCTURE: Elements																																		
Narratives	X	X																																
Informatives	X	X																																
Informative-Narratives	X	X																																
COMPREHENSION: Mental Actions, Strategies																																		
Mental Actions																																		
Monitor Comprehension				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Make Connections				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Make Predictions				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Reformat								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mentally Summarize								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Strategies																																		
Compare and Contrast	X								X		X													X			X		X					
Chronology			X																															
Fact or Opinion						X							X	X																				
Analogies						X							X											X	X				X					
Cause and Effect									X	X						X				X				X	X		X	X	X		X			
Description												X	X																					
LITERARY APPRECIATION: Attributes, Expanded Narrative Elements, Literary Devices, Fluent/Expressive Reading																																		
Attributes																																		
Precise Language	X										X	X				X	X	X		X					X	X			X	X	X			
Emotional Appeal	X				X						X					X	X	X		X				X					X	X	X			
Insight	X										X					X	X			X	X			X	X			X	X	X				
Universality	X				X						X					X	X			X				X	X			X	X	X				
Content							X						X																					
Expanded Narrative Elements																																		
Character																																		
Character Development	X			X							X						X					X				X				X				
Types of Characters	X			X							X						X					X			X				X					
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Setting																																		
Backdrop					X						X																							
Integral																		X					X				X							
Plot																																		
Types of Narrative Order				X	X						X					X	X					X	X									X		
Types of Conflict																								X	X				X	X	X	X		
Patterns of Action																														X	X	X		
Theme		X			X						X							X					X	X			X						X	

