

What is Word Study?

Word Study is taught through a multisensory approach to introduce sounds and patterns based on a developmental sequence.

Components of a Word Study Lesson

Word Study features instruction in decoding and spelling through various multisensory experiences such as:

- Tracing sounds and words
- Writing sounds in sand
- Tapping syllables
- Finger-spelling
- Using editing strategy - COPS
- Highlighting text
- Blending drill
- Phonemic Awareness

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Word Study Overview



Aspects of Word Study

- Direct Instruction
- Developmental Sequence
- Multisensory
- Rule-based

Staff Development

Teachers K-3: 30 hours of Orton-Gillingham Training from the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education

Home Connection

Parents can support their children's development at home:

Encourage your child to trace and say the sounds, or break off a familiar word parts, when reading

Support spelling by reminding your child to segment sounds or syllables on their fingers as they write

Practice reading and spelling of non-phonetic red words

When reading with your child, help them to find or discover new words with their weekly word study pattern(s) or red words