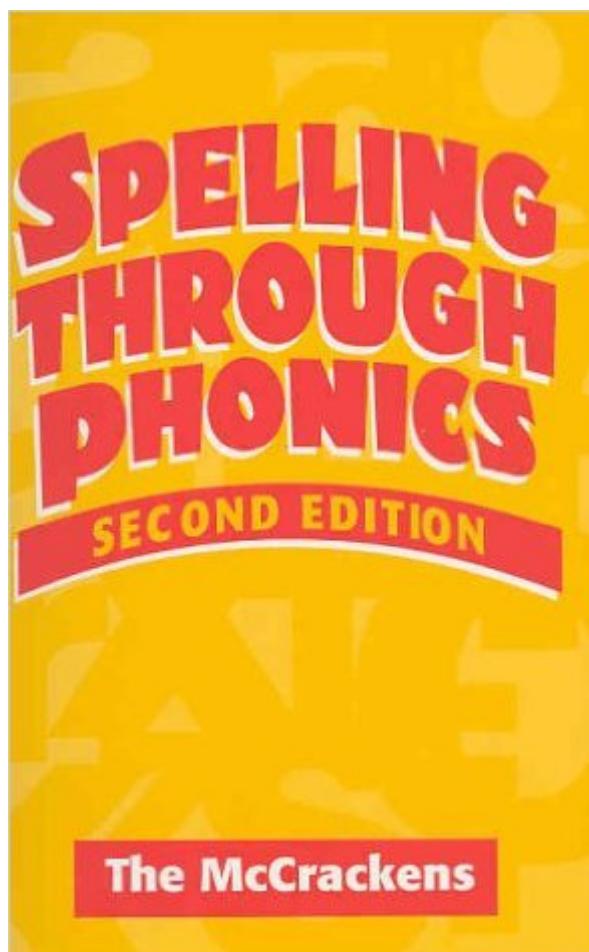


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# Spelling Through Phonics



## **Synopsis**

This bestselling guide provides teachers of grades 1â “3 with a simple and effective spelling program. Spelling Through Phonics is a skills program designed to help children understand how print works in the English alphabetic system. Children come to understand how the letters of the alphabet are constructed to form words and how words are constructed to become text. Essentially, Spelling Through Phonics describes a practical, easy-to-use, and timeless method of teaching children how to spell. Includes: an explanation of phonemic awareness detailed instructions on how to teach spellingâ “easily, quickly, and efficiently methods to organize childrenâ ™s spelling practice within the school day reproducible spelling checklists for grades 1â “3

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book, by the McCrackens has been used by my colleagues and I for about three years. The results of these simple word activities are truly wonderful. My classroom of first graders is able to attack one, two, three and four syllable words using the sounds they hear and the strategies they have learned. More to the point, I find them attempting more difficult words during writer's workshop. Instead of "good", I get "wonderful" because they can hear and spell the sounds. They don't only work at these words during "McCracken time", there is carryover! I hear them saying things like, "this doesn't look right to me" -- not something usually heard at this grade level. I highly recommend this book to all kindergarten through third grade teachers. It is very adaptable and a good review tool. It's one of those few books you'll find in my bookbag at all times.

I'm a retired first grade teacher (27 years in K-1) and was always heavy with phonics when teaching reading. I didn't discover this book until close to my retirement and so much wish I'd found it sooner. It is pure phonics, but done in such a way that my children had a lot of fun with the program. With a half an hour a day of Spelling Through Phonics, by the end of the year they were spelling beautifully and more importantly, mostly reading on level. An example: My last year, out of 21 students, 7 did not speak English. But I made sure we did the spelling lesson before any of them left for their ESL classes. They worked every day with the McCracken spelling program along with all the other students. By the time they'd finished first grade all had some reading skills and were conversing in English with great understanding. ... By using the phonics attack skills they'd learned, they'd tell me how a word should be spelled as I wrote it on a transparency. Confidence in their own reading skills grew by leaps and bounds because I'd remind them every day that if they could spell a word, they could certainly read it..... and most other words by attacking them in the same way. I highly recommend this book for any teacher!

WOW! When I first read "Spelling Through Phonics," my whole attitude towards teaching spelling was radically changed. The McCrackens clearly and concisely lay out a spelling program that can work for anyone in any school-- no matter what! I have used it from the inner city school, to the county school, to the private "college prep" type school. It works. Rather than teach a child to "hear" the sounds for spelling, the McCrackens advocate using how a sound "feels" to write. We can actually feel more sounds than we hear. But not only does the book lay our a plan, but it also gives you everything you need to run the plan-- including word lists, sample lessons, and hand outs to go with the lessons! What an incredible program!

I have used this book in the classroom, tutoring, and homeschool settings for more than 10 years. There have been no children left behind. This is truely the best way to teach both reading and spelling! It is simple, fun and quick!

I used this book in my first grade class and found the students to be very excited about this learning style.

McCracken materials are excellent! I used this book a number of years ago, when I taught 1st grade. The students wrote on a white board and used a white board marker. I am now working as a

Teacher Assistant for a Reading Specialist and she uses the book with her students. The students learn to listen, sound out, & spell using phonics. What a way to teach or improve reading skills.

Thanks, Marlene and Bob, for giving us this how-to...kids catch on so quickly, and they love the power of learning and succeeding. I especially like basing their learning on their own language and interests. I feel like this book gets to what we knew was right, but just couldn't seem to pull together. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BE BETTER TEACHERS!** But most of all, thank you for giving children the power to learn well. They really enjoy themselves!

I work with many ELL students and our first graders really do struggle with writing! What a great way to get them going. Classroom spelling lists help some but not enough! Our kiddos love McCracken spelling!

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