

Using Spellzone

- a typical spelling lesson plan

Some learners will need to work through the complete course while others will use it as a 'dip-in' resource to fill gaps in their knowledge. It will be particularly useful to check that all students are familiar with the terms in Unit 3: 'The Basic Building Bricks'. Also, Unit 5 'Spelling the Consonant Digraphs' contains some quite advanced work, for example: **ph** words, and **ch** saying /k/ as in **stomach**. To find a particular spelling rule, look on the Contents List and click + to expand each section. You can also type a word into the dictionary box on the side bar; the resulting page will tell you where to find that word and others with the same spelling pattern.

When working through a **typical unit** we suggest the **following progression**:

- If there is a sound example, click on it and read the teaching text.
- Read the word lists for all the different ways of spelling that sound; use the dictionary box on the sidebar to check meanings and hear words read aloud.
- Click on the word list on the sidebar to access games and tests for this page. These can be repeated as often as required:



- **Look, Cover, Write Check** practice – help in learning words

- **Listen and Spell** - testing knowledge

- **Games:** 1) Listen and Spell 'Against the Clock'

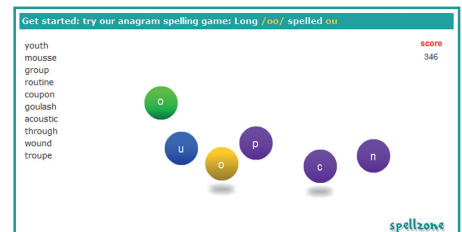
- 2) Word Search (different levels of difficulty)

- 3) Bouncing Balls Anagram – click the balls in the correct order

- 4) Which Witch – beat the witch by guessing the correct letters

- Return to the course unit and click the link at the bottom of the page to go to the course test. This takes various forms, for example: Enter the correct letters to complete a word in a sentence context.

- Complete the course test and check the score. Tests can be repeated as often as required; all scores will be recorded so progress can be monitored.



For further information on working through the **Spellzone** course units, please see the Student Guide, Unit 1 and the free demo units.

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