

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)
matched to *SPELL-Links to Reading & Writing*

DIBELS	<i>SPELL-Links to Reading & Writing</i>
Literacy Skill	Overview of Instruction
<p style="text-align: center;">Alphabetic Principle</p>	<p><i>SPELL-Links to Reading & Writing</i> engages students in systematic and explicit phonics and word analysis exercises to develop their understanding of the alphabetic principle, to teach the specific relationships between the sounds of spoken language and the letters of written language, and to develop knowledge of conventional letter patterns and spelling rules. Through explicit instruction in mapping sounds to letters, students grasp a solid understanding of the link between spoken and written language and begin to establish the critical letter-sound connections that link individual written words to their pronunciations and meanings in long-term memory. Through integrated spelling, reading, and writing activities, students learn to apply their knowledge of phonics and word-analysis strategies as they read and write.</p>
Measure of Alphabetic Principle	Correlated <i>SPELL-Links to Reading & Writing</i> Activities
<p>Nonsense Word Fluency</p> <p>The DIBELS Nonsense Word Fluency (NWF) measure assesses a child's knowledge of letter-sound correspondences as well their ability to blend letters together to form unfamiliar "nonsense" words.</p>	<p><i>SPELL-Links to Reading & Writing</i> features 103 research-based and proven effective alphabetic principle activities. Use <i>SPELL-Links Lesson Planner</i> to select the specific <i>SPELL-Links</i> lessons and activities matched to a student's DIBELS NWF score and grade level.</p>